



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is JTF?

The Junior Theater Festival is a weekend long festival celebrating musical theater. There are workshops, performances, showcases, new releases announced and much more. It's an exciting weekend for students and parents alike, and the highlight of the fun is attending with a cast and presenting a 15-minute piece of a show to be adjudicated by a panel of judges. You can read more about JTF here:

<https://juniortheaterfestival.com/>

When and where is JTF?

The Junior Theater Festival is in Atlanta, GA at the Cobb Galleria and runs January 14-16, 2022.

What show is Encore taking to JTF?

Encore Theatrical Company will produce a 15-minute portion of the musical *Children of Eden, Jr* to be presented for adjudication at JTF in January 2022.

When are JTF auditions?

Auditions are August 22 from 2:00 - 8:00. This timeframe is divided into one-hour time slots in which 8-10 individuals will audition as a group. Auditions are open to rising 6th graders to high school seniors who are 18 years old. To schedule an audition appointment, **please fill out the form on our website at**

www.encoretheatricalcompany.com/junior-theatre-festival.

What will happen at the audition?

1. Prepare a song to sing, 16-32 bars or one verse of a musical theater piece (NOT a pop song). You must bring sheet music (an accompanist will be provided) or a karaoke track on your electronic device. **Please, NO a cappella auditions.**
2. A short, choreographed movement will be taught and performed, so be sure to wear comfortable clothes for this portion of the audition (and don't wear sandals or flip-flops).
3. Also, you will be participating in improvisational games and activities.

Who is the Production Team for JTF *Children of Eden, Jr.*?

Dennis Elkins - Director
Peyton Bennet - Musical Director
James Templin - Choreographer
Toni Jill Cox - Stage Manager
Lisa Biery - Encore Education Director

What will rehearsals look like?

Rehearsals are mandatory and can vary according to the needs and expectations of the Production Team. We have listened to our parents and tried to accommodate our students during the school year, other activities, and holiday practices. The rehearsal schedule will take into consideration students' conflicts as much as possible.

REHEARSALS WILL BEGIN MID-OCTOBER

How much does it cost?

- Individual registration fee for the Junior Theater Festival, Atlanta, January 14-16, 2022: \$260 per person: *This includes access to the conference, workshops, special direct-from-Broadway performances, dance party, etc.*
- Performance t-shirt: TBA
- Transportation, meals, hotels: TBA. We will update cast and parents as soon as accommodations are made.

It seems like a lot of money and a lot of work... Is it worth it?

YES!!! Just ask anyone who's ever been to JTF...they'll tell you it's an amazing experience and this year will be no exception. It IS a lot of work and it IS a lot of expense, but it IS an unforgettable weekend that the kids (and parents!) will remember for a lifetime.

Can parents attend?

YES! Parents who want to attend the festival and see the performances **must** purchase a JTF ticket at \$260.

Will there be a touring show?

We are considering all safe options to do a full run of the touring show. We do not yet know what that will look like but we are doing our best to put together something safe and fun for our actors.