



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 13-15, 2023.

What show is Encore taking to JTF?

The 15 minute portion of a MTI junior show: James and the Giant Peach Jr.

When are JTF auditions?

Auditions are August 27 at 9:00 a.m. (one hour time slots are available) and callbacks will be August 28 at 1 p.m. Auditions are open to rising 6th grade-12th grade students. Please watch social media and your email for announcements concerning additional audition requirements.

What should my child prepare for this audition?

1. Prepare to sing 16-32 bars or 1-2 minutes of a musical theater song (NOT a pop song). You may bring sheet music (to be played by our accompanist) or a karaoke track on your electronic device...please no a cappella auditions. If you are using an electronic device, please bring a speaker.
2. A choreography/movement audition will be taught and performed, so you might want to wear comfortable clothes that you can move in for the choreography portion.
3. You will be participating in improvisation activities.

Who is the Production Team for JTF 2023?

Lisa Biery, Emma Andrews - Co Directors
Laura Ritter, Andrew Alder - Musical Director
James Templin - Choreographer
Toni Jill Cox - Stage Manager

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. A tentative schedule will be available at audition or shortly thereafter..

-OUR FIRST REHEARSAL WILL BE LATE OCTOBER.

-How much does it cost?-

- Ticket cost for the Junior Theater Festival January 13-15 2023: \$300 per person: *This includes access to the conference, workshops, special direct-from-Broadway performances, dance party, etc.*
- It is our hope that Encore can purchase cast members' tickets to JTF, however hotel, travel, food, etc will need to be taken care of by other means.
- We will provide many fundraising opportunities for cast members to off-set the cost.
- Any parent attending will need to purchase their own ticket, hotel fee, travel expense.
- Performance t-shirt: TBA
- Transportation, meals, hotels: TBA
- Accommodations will be booked soon - cost and room assignments will be covered in a parents meeting after the show is cast.

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 \$300.