

LAPA Group trip 2021: Junior Theater Festival West

Location: Sacramento, California

Projected Dates: Monday, February 1st to Monday, February 8th, 2021

What is it?

The iTheatrics Junior Theater Festival is the World's Largest Celebration of Young People and Musical Theater! Produced by the Junior Theater Group and under the educational and artistic supervision of iTheatrics, the iTheatrics Junior Theater Festival (JTF) brings students, teachers and Broadway professionals together to celebrate outstanding student musical theater productions. **For more information, please visit www.juniortheaterfestival.com ALL STUDENTS AGES 8-18, as outlined by festival (as of Feb. 5, 2021) are eligible to attend.**

What is the cost to attend?

\$1,500-\$1,600 per student (depends on airfare) covers their airfare, hotel, festival entry fee, ground transportation, and all of their meals. Students will need to bring their own additional spending money for souvenir type items.

We are looking for chaperones to help us, and cost per chaperone is **\$1,300-\$1,400 per person**. Chaperones will need to do meals on their own—everything else is covered. *Chaperones will be required to attend the Festival with kids and follow the group itinerary.*

Fundraising

LAPA will not be running any specific fundraisers that go towards JTF, as not all LAPA students will be attending. We do encourage students and families to try fundraising on their own to help bring down the cost of the trip. Past examples of successful fundraising include:

- GoFund Me/Crowdfunding websites
- Bake sales/, car washes
- Recycling
- Offering services

Deadlines

Suggested amounts per person are: (payments can be made by cash, check or credit card)

\$400 or more by March 26, 2020 (required in order to commit to the trip)**

\$400 or more by May 28, 2020

\$400 or more by September 3, 2020

\$300-\$400 (\$1500-\$1600 total) by December 3, 2020— ALL MONEY IS DUE

****We will be having a parent meeting in late February with more details, time/date to be announced**

_____ I am interested in my child attending JTF, but am not sure (Name: _____)

_____ My child will be attending JTF (Name: _____)

_____ I am NOT interested in my child attending JTF (Name: _____)

_____ I would like to be a chaperone on the trip (Name: _____)

Cost breakdown:

Plane: \$400-\$500 roundtrip **depends on available airfare

Festival: \$275 (\$250/person plus \$695 group fee divided)

Hotel rooms: \$450

Ground transportation/boat ticket: \$100

Show ticket: \$60 (show depends on availability)

Meals: \$220 (\$30/day)—student only (\$20 on travel days)

Total student cost estimate: **\$1500-\$1600 (depending on final airfare cost)**

Total chaperone cost estimate: **\$1300-\$1400 (depending on final airfare cost)**

Tentative itinerary:

Monday, February 1st: Take 2 PM boat to Maui, stay overnight at Maui Seaside/Maui Beach

Tuesday, February 2nd: Take 11:55 AM direct flight from Kahului-Sacramento, land at 7:05 P

Wednesday, February 3rd: Explore Sacramento, watch musical performance in evening

Thursday, February 4th: Free day to excursion with chaperone groups (San Francisco, Six Flags, Sacramento museums, etc.)

Friday, February 5th: Register at JTF, rehearsal, group picture, meet & greet with other groups

Saturday, February 6th: JTF begins, LAPA 15 minute performance, workshops in afternoon, attend evening performance

Sunday, February 7th: JTF day 2, awards, group dinner, concert in evening

Monday, February 8th: Take 7 AM direct flight from Sac-Kahului, land at 11 AM, take 3:15 boat

Rehearsals:

LAPA will be performing a 15 minute selection from a Broadway Junior show at the Junior Theater Festival. Rehearsals for JTF will start in late November and run through the end of January. **Students attending JTF must be able to commit to this schedule.** Rehearsals will be 2-3 times per week, with a busier schedule as the trip gets closer.

Quote from a parent chaperone who attended JTF West 2019 with LAPA:

“LAPA Festival participants had the opportunity to expand their circle of influence in meeting some of the 1,700 other students from 45 groups and 13 states across the USA, as well as a team from South Korea. They had the chance to be around other hard working, high achievers, who also love theater; this helped to affirm their choice of theater, and reinforced and inspired them. We started the trip as 19 children and 14 adults, We ended the trip as friends and family.”