



## Onward and Upward

Executive Director Sarah Boone

More than a year has passed since our momentous 100th anniversary season was sadly cut short due to a worldwide pandemic. As the oldest continuously running community theater in Florida, we had already made history. Yet, little did we know that additional history of major significance would also be made with the severity of COVID-19 and everything that would accompany it.

It has been a whirlwind of a year, while at times seeming to last forever. We have collectively mourned losses of many kinds – people we love and cherish, physical togetherness, changing industries, canceled events, shuttered stores and venues. We have learned many valuable lessons about sacrifice, sticking together, helping our neighbors, appreciating the small things, and not taking anything for granted. Through it all, Theatre Jacksonville has pressed onward and upward, meeting our community exactly where it has been and continuing to provide valuable artistic outlets during these extraordinary times.

We held virtual summer camps and year-round classes for kids, started online acting sessions for adults, created our 101st season with live streamed and on-demand productions, and kept in touch with you via video updates. We made adjustments when necessary – adopting a nimble attitude as we hit roadblocks along the way. We utilized technological tools to our complete advantage and transformed distancing from an obstacle into an opportunity. A huge silver lining was that our audience was able to expand geographically, with ticket sales for virtual events coming from 27 states and as far away as two other countries. Our transition to a yearly membership model enabled flexibility in scheduling while allowing regular patrons to enjoy our offerings and continue their invaluable support.

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Now, we are beginning to emerge on the other side of this pandemic, with a renewed appreciation of our mission. All of us share great anticipation of opening again in person as we make plans to stage the remaining two shows of our interrupted 100th season and begin to craft a new one.

Registration for our annual highly anticipated summer camp for ages 7 to 14, which will thankfully be held in person beginning in June, is in full swing. This year’s summer camp will culminate with an on-demand recording to virtually reach the widest audience possible.

We are thrilled to finally have our spectacular Northeast Florida debuts of *Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner* and *Matilda - The Musical* back on the calendar, with productions in September and November, respectively. We anticipate the playhouse being back to full capacity, but we will also continue to do whatever is necessary to maintain the health and safety of cast, crew, and audience members.

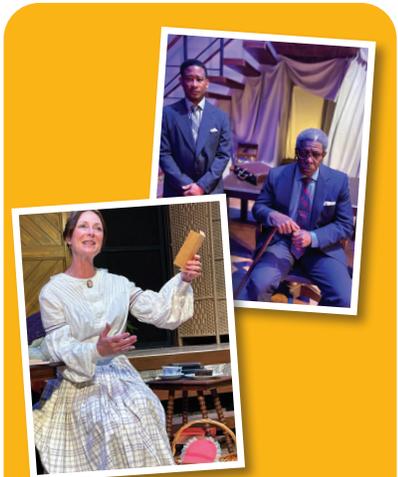
Our 102nd season will begin in January 2022 and will run through June, with four Mainstage productions and the possibility of additional special events along the way. The show lineup, along with a full seasonal calendar, will be announced in late summer. We will continue to offer All-Access seasonal memberships – which include tickets to all events – with early bird discounts available until September 30.

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And finally, none of what we were able to accomplish over the last year and are able to plan and execute for the future would have been possible without the extensive financial support we have received. From ongoing state and local funding to consistent foundation grants to federal emergency dollars to the exceptional generosity of our community donors across Northeast Florida, we have miraculously been able to keep going, keep inspiring, keep acting and directing, and keep serving in this important realm of theater arts. For that, we are unfathomably grateful. Thank you!

*Sarah*

Sarah Boone, Executive Director



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# Theatre Jacksonville's Summer Camp 2021 ENROLL TODAY!

for **KIDS!**

## When & Where:

Camps will take place at the Trotter Activities Center on Hendricks Avenue, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with each session running three weeks.

- Session A is June 7-25
- Session B is July 12-30

## Who:

Space is limited to only 45 students for each session – 15 from each age group – so prompt registration is encouraged. Summer camp is open to ages 7 to 14.

## Back In Person!

We are thrilled to announce that Theatre Jacksonville's Summer Camp 2021 will be in its traditional, time-honored format of rotating in-person instruction in acting, dance and musical theater, culminating in the production of an original show customized for, produced by and starring the students themselves. **Cost: \$600 per camp session.**

Campers will engage in acting, dance and musical theater. Each camper will have a role in the final production, which will be customized for each particular session once the staff has a chance to get to know the campers. Each session will culminate in a taped production to virtually reach the widest audience possible, with campers getting an exciting sneak-preview of the final creative product before it is released.

**Don't wait ... Space Is Limited!**



## THEATRE JACKSONVILLE'S Theatre for Babies

### NEW 2021 DATES:

All shows are at 10 a.m.

- June 6
- July 11
- August 8
- September 19

### LOCATION:

**DuBow Preschool**  
3662 Crown Point Rd., Jacksonville

**COST: \$15**

Our 60-minute show, *Everything's A Circle*, the first original play in Theatre Jacksonville's Theatre for Babies program, is a theatrical performance designed specifically for parents and caregivers with babies between the ages of 3 and 12 months. Seating is limited to (6) infants plus caregivers. No children over 1 year permitted.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to take off their shoes, sit on the floor, relax and observe as the littlest play-goers experience everyday household objects transform into fabulous, theatrical wonders! *Everything's A Circle* is a theatrical performance for babies, but it is also a demonstration for parents and caregivers of ways in which everyday household objects can become tools to help engage, stimulate and connect with babies while in their earliest stages of development.

Babies will sometimes be inspired to engage with the actors by moving and vocalizing as they perform. This is completely normal behavior and it is always welcome. As parents and caregivers, you will also sometimes need to take care of your babies during a performance. Comforting, feeding and changing your baby is allowed and encouraged throughout the show. It is always most important to tend to your babies needs first and foremost.

**REGISTER TODAY: [www.THEATREJAX.com](http://www.THEATREJAX.com)**

# JOIN NOW!

## GET YOUR MEMBERSHIPS FOR OUR UPCOMING SEASON

### All-Access for our 102<sup>nd</sup> Season Early Bird Membership Special Through Sept. 30th!

Once again, Theatre Jacksonville is offering All-Access Membership packages for individuals and families for the 102nd season, which will run January through June. Each membership will include All-Access Complimentary Passes to all Mainstage shows, as well as additional discounts for tickets, as available.

The season lineup will include four Mainstage productions and various other performances. This year, we are offering an **Early Bird discount for 102nd Season memberships purchased prior to September 30.** While we are anticipating that our playhouse will

be returned to full capacity, we strongly encourage the advance purchase of memberships in order to guarantee seat availability for what promises to be a truly exciting Mainstage season.

Your membership is an important part of your regular support and our ongoing fundraising efforts as we enter into our 102nd year.

Individual tickets for non-members to all our productions will still be available prior to each show – however, seat availability is not guaranteed.



## ON SALE NOW!

### INDIVIDUAL All-Access Memberships

#### Before September 30 Early Bird:

Individual Adult Member (18-59 years old) .....	\$90
Individual Senior/Military Member (60+ or military ID) .....	\$80

#### After September 30:

Individual Adult Member (18-59 years old) .....	\$110
Individual Senior/Military Member (60+ or military ID) .....	\$100

All individual memberships receive one complimentary All-Access Pass for Theatre Jacksonville Mainstage offerings. Additional show tickets will be available for \$26, as available.

### FAMILY All-Access Memberships

#### Before September 30 Early Bird:

Family Membership .....	\$265
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#### After September 30:

Family Membership .....	\$325
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All family memberships receive three complimentary All-Access Passes for Theatre Jacksonville Mainstage offerings. Additional show tickets will be offered for \$26, as available.

### INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

Non-member tickets (as available)..... \$28

All individual tickets for non-members to any Theatre Jacksonville production will be \$28 and will be offered on a show-by-show basis. Again, there is no guarantee that individual tickets will always be available.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM 2022

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Date Mld \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Become a Member of Theatre Jacksonville for the 102nd Season.

Benefits includes an All-Access Passes for the 102nd Mainstage offerings. Dates and Seating Charts will be released upon lifted restrictions.

QTY:		Early Bird*	Standard	
_____	Individual Adult Member (18-59 years old)	\$90	\$110	= \$ _____
_____	Individual Senior/Military Member**	\$80	\$100	= \$ _____
_____	Family Membership (3 memberships)	\$265	\$325	= \$ _____

\*Early Bird registrations must be mailed by Sept. 30, 2021 \*\*60+ or military ID

Additional Tax-deductible Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT to be charged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*For more information about how you can make a contribution or plan your legacy gift to the theatre, contact Theatre Jacksonville Executive Director Sarah Boone at (904) 396-4425 or [sboone@theatrejax.com](mailto:sboone@theatrejax.com).*



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MATILDA - THE MUSICAL OPEN THIS FALL!  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**



## Photo Gallery

Images from Theatre Jacksonville's  
2020-2021 virtual performances



**SHOWN, FROM TOP:**

*Thurgood, The Near Disaster of Jasper and Casper, The Belle of Amherst, A Socially Distanced Farce in One Act*

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