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New Stage Theatre Presents High School Musical, JR July 9 – 12, 2026!



JACKSON— New Stage Theatre will present the musical High School Musical, JR. July 9 - 12, 2026 as a part of the Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive for rising 6th – 12th grades. Performances will take place July 9 - 12 with two different youth casts alternating on performance dates. Curtain times and dates for performances are Thursday through Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are $22.00 for adults and $10.00 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3533, or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com. This production is sponsored by The Feild Cooperative and The Walker Foundation. Tickets will go on sale on June 26, 2026. Security will be provided at every performance. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Produced by New Stage's Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive, the Disney Channel's smash hit movie ***High School Musical*** comes to life on stage! It's the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations, and look forward to the New Year. Basketball team captain and resident jock Troy discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. They cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical, led by Ms. Darbus. Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well. Disney's ***High School Musical, JR.*** is fun for the whole family!

The New Stage Theatre Arts-in-Education department strives to bring professional, progressive acting instruction to youth throughout Mississippi with its summer camps, yearlong acting classes and touring workshops. The Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive provides a comprehensive theatrical learning experience for ages 11-18. Campers will receive daily theatrical instruction from experienced acting, dance, and voice teachers, as well as taking master classes in stage combat, voice/diction, directing, sound design, storytelling, and mask making.

"Education is an integral part of our organization's mission and the Broadway Junior camp is one of the most exciting times around the theatre," said artistic director Francine Thomas Reynolds. "It is awesome to witness eighty young people from both private and public schools; from so many of the Metro area communities, participating in dance, voice, acting, and stagecraft classes together. Not only are the students experiencing the best theatre education and training available in the state of Mississippi, they are learning important life-long skills such as problem-solving, self-confidence and teamwork."

Generous sponsorship for the summer program and the production is provided by The Walker Foundation, and the Field Co Operative, Inc.

Camp Instructors include: Xerron Mingo (Florida) as Camp Director, Angie Rawls (Pearl) as Music Director, and Chiquila Pearson (Jackson) as Choreographer.