

GEORGIA ENSEMBLE THEATRE

conservatory



Fall 2023

Book & Lyrics by Marcy Heisler, Music by Zina Goldrich
Adapted from the *Junie B. Jones* series of books by Barbara Park

Directed by Laurel Crowe
Music Director- Amy Duffy
Choreographer- Kendra Johnson
Assistant Choreographer- Tyler Kidd

Featuring:

Kari Twyman- Junie B. Jones
Alec Beard- Daddy, Mr. Scary, Gladys Gutzman
Jahi Bogard- Herb, Chenille
Hope Clayborne- Mommy, May, That Grace
Josh Hudson- Sheldon, Lenny, Camille
Golbanoo Setayesh- Lucille, Joe
Phillip Aaron Brasher- Swing/Understudy
Dorey Casey- Swing/Understudy

*Especially for Grades K-5

(NOTE: Standards listed below include those for reading “*Junie B, First Grader (At Last!)*,” “*Junie B, Boss of Lunch*,” “*Junie B, One Man Band*,” and “*Top Secret Personal Beeswax: A Journal by Junie B (And Me!)*,” seeing a performance of the play, and completing the study guide.)

Georgia Standards of Excellence:

- CCKRL4, CCKRL7, CCKRF3, CCKRF4
- ELACCKRL4, ELACCKRL7, ELACCKL4, ELAGSEKSL4,
- ELACC1RF4,
- ELACC2RL5, ELACC2SL5,

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- ELACC3RL4, 3RL3, 3RL4, 3RL6, 3RL5, 3RL7, 3RL9
- 3W1, 3W2, 3W3, 3W4, 3W5, 3SL4
- ELACC4RL7

About Georgia Ensemble Theatre

The Georgia Ensemble Theatre (GET) in Roswell is a professional theatre company founded in 1992 under the direction of Artistic Director Robert J. Farley and partner Anita Allen-Farley. Bob came to Atlanta with an experience that spanned from Alaska to Broadway. He was first introduced to Atlanta theatre through the Alliance Theatre Company. While at the Alliance, Bob became interested in taking theatre to outlying communities. GET's first full season of plays began in 1993 and the 2023-2024 Season includes a 3-play main stage series, two musicals and two beloved Theatre for Young Audiences shows: *Junie B. Jones the Musical* and, now in its 27th year touring to metro-Atlanta schools, *And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank*. The GET Conservatory studio provides theatrical training to adults and young people in acting, movement, vocal technique, and more. Please visit us at www.get.org.



About Theatre Etiquette

It is helpful to review the rules of theater etiquette before seeing a show, especially since this may be the first live theater experience for some of your students.
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please stay seated during the performance. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show respect to the performers and other people in the audience by not talking during the performance. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate responses such as applause or laughter are always welcome. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of cell phones (including text messaging) and cameras are not allowed during the performance at any time! Please turn them off. |

Setting

Various locations in the world of Junie B. Jones, including her home and classroom.

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Characters in the Show

Junie B. Jones – a rambunctious first grader

Lucille – Junie B.'s rich, snobby, former best friend

Herb – Junie B.'s new friend



May – Junie B.'s classmate, very bossy

Sheldon – Junie B.'s classmate, allergic

Camille – Lucille's new friend

Chenille – Lucille's new friend, Camille's twin



Grace – Junie B.'s former bus friend

Bobbi Jean Piper – Grace's new bus friend

Jose – Junie B.'s classmate

Lennie – Junie B.'s classmate

Mr. Scary – Junie B.'s schoolteacher

Mother – Junie B.'s mother

Daddy – Junie B.'s father

Mrs. Gutzman – the school cafeteria lady

Note: Cast Size and Doubling of Actors

This production of *Junie B. Jones the Musical* features only six actors, with most actors playing more than one role. Doubling of actors requires distinction between characters. In this production, characters will be distinguished by costume, voice, and other physical character traits.

Synopsis

Junie B. Jones is starting first grade and things are not going so well. Lucille, her best friend in kindergarten, dumped Junie B. for the twins Camille and Chenille. Grace, Junie B.'s bus-riding friend has decided to sit with Bobbi Jean Piper instead. And worst of all, Junie B. discovers she needs glasses! But all is not lost – her new friend Herb convinces her that she looks FANTASTIC in her new spectacles and her parents buy her a brand-new lunchbox! All this is written down in Junie B.'s Top Secret Personal Beeswax journal. The next day Junie B. hopes to show off her new lunchbox, but all the kids, except allergic Sheldon, are buying their lunches – lunches that come with cookies! Junie B. is distraught – no cookies for her. Mrs. Gutzman, the cafeteria lady, offers Junie B. a job working in the lunchroom in exchange for cookies, which Junie B. accepts. Unfortunately, disaster strikes when Junie B. complains about the smell of the tuna noodle casserole, convincing the other children not to eat it. She was fired after her first day. All the kids are mad at her, until Mrs. Gutzman shows up with a plate of sugar cookies for the whole class and explains to them all that Junie B. inspired her to bring them. All is well again! Then, while preparing for her upcoming kickball tournament, Junie B. takes a practice kick using her mother's watering can – which just happened to be full of water. Her toe was severely injured, and Junie B. was forced to sit out of the tournament. But her father teaches her to juggle, and she performs instead in the half-time show! Junie B. has learned the most valuable lesson of all – when life hands you lemons, make lemonade!

Biography of the Author – Barbara Park

Barbara Tidswell was born in Mount Holly, New Jersey, on April 21, 1947, and is beloved by millions as the author of the wildly popular *Junie B. Jones* series. She won over 40 children's book awards and has been featured in *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Time* magazine. Twenty years after the world's funniest kindergartner made her debut, Barbara said, "I've never been sure whether Junie B.'s fans love her in spite of her imperfections...or because of them. But either way, she's gone out into the world and made



more friends than I ever dreamed possible."

Barbara Park is also the author of award-winning middle grade novels and bestselling picture books.

Barbara Park died on November 15, 2013, after a lengthy battle with ovarian cancer. Her survivors include her husband, Richard A. Park, whom she married in 1969; two sons, Steven, and David; a brother; and two grandchildren.

Biography of Marcy Heisler (book & lyrics) and Zina Goldrich (music)

Book writer/Lyricist Marcy Heisler and Composer Zina Goldrich have been collaborating since 1993. They were the 2002 recipients of ASCAP's Richard Rodgers New Horizons Theatre Award. Besides *Junie B. Jones the Musical*, they are also the authors of *Dear Edwina* and *Dear Edwina Junior*, which have been performed around the world.

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Together and apart, they have provided original songs for various network television shows and have won several awards.

Vocabulary Words

Beeswax	Journal	Tournament
Adventure	Assignment	Cymbals
Fabulous	Allergic	Disappoint
Shenanigans	Lactose	Juggle
Crisis	Intolerant	Regulation
Polite	Permission	Sensational

Word Search

Find the following words below: Junie B. Jones, Lucille, juggling, cymbals, school bus, Barbara Park, personal beeswax, first grade, Herb, Sheldon, lunchbox, purple glasses, Grace, kickball, lemonade, Mr. Scary, Mrs. Gutzman, cafeteria

K I C K B A L L X Q Y S I J M B P
 R F I R S T G R A D E U R R A T
 A L K F I R J K W L N N O S R G
 P E U K A J A L S I M K E G T L
 A M N C H W U C E X X S G U E
 R O E I O C H B E O S S N T R L
 A N L I I O J V B A M L I Z T C H
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R D L L N O C G A N S B G A E
 A E B E D N E D N K C M G N A
 B U S L U L M G O Q A Y U H T
 S C E L P V U I S R R C J H R P
 E H F R B R E H R D Y N N Y E
 S R U A I R E T E F A C Y J K A
 S P C O F F T I P C K D M X M I

Color Junie!

- 1) Color the Picture.
- 2) Write three to five words or sentences that describe what you think is happening in this picture.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

True and

Write T if the
True and F if
is False.

1. ___ At
play,
about to
day of

2. ___
Junie B.'s

3. ___
Top-
Beeswax Journal.

4. ___ On the bus ride home from school, Junie B. sits next to Grace.

5. ___ Junie B.'s parents buy her a new toolbox for school.

6. ___ Junie B. broke her leg and could not play kickball.

7. ___ Herb becomes Junie B.'s new friend.

8. ___ For the halftime show, Junie B. performed a baton-twirling routine.

9. ___ Sheldon is not allowed to buy lunch at school because he has allergies.

10. ___ Junie B. hates Mrs. Gutzman's cookies.



False

statement is
the statement

the start of the
Junie B. Jones is
begin her first
college.

Lucille was
best friend in
kindergarten.

Junie B. keeps a
Secret Personal



Matching!

Draw a line connecting the name on the left with its description on the right:

Mr. Scary

Chenille's twin

Camille

Sits next to Grace on bus

May

Works in cafeteria

Mrs. Gutzman

First grade teacher

Bobbi Jean Piper

Junie B.'s bossy class mate

Questions/Activities

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1. Throughout the show, Junie B Jones keeps a “top-secret personal beeswax” journal, in which she writes about everything she says and does, and her feelings, drawing, and anything else she can imagine. Pretend you are Junie B. Jones and write a journal entry for what happened to you the day you saw this play and then draw a picture to illustrate it. Why is going to the theatre an adventure? Discuss.

2. How did the Junie B. Jones stories you read compare to the production you saw? Why do you think adult actors played children? Which episodes from the books were omitted from the play? Why do you think this was done? Who was your favorite character and why? Discuss.

3. Junie B. faced many changes in first grade: a new teacher, a new bus friend, and new glasses. What kind of changes have you experienced in your life? (I.e., new school, new baby in the family, moving to a new house or city) Is change good? Bad? Both at the same time? Discuss.

Compare and Contrast



Let's think about these three classmates of Junie B.'s

Pick two of them and write a paper comparing and contrasting their relationship with Junie B. Jones. Which would you pick as a best friend? Why?

4. Using the internet, research one of the following topics:
Using visual aids, make an oral presentation to your class.

The history of the lunchbox

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/arts-culture/the-history-of-the-lunch-box-98329938/?no-ist>

The history of eyeglasses

<http://www.museumofvision.org/exhibitions/?key=44&subkey=4&relkey=3>

The history of kickball

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<http://kickballstrategies.com/history-of-kickball>

Myopia (nearsightedness)

<http://www.allaboutvision.com/conditions/myopia.htm>

Allergies

<http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseasesconditions/allergies/basics/definition/con-20034030>

The history of juggling

<http://www.juggling.org/books/artists/history.html>

5. Define the vocabulary words found on the bottom of Pg. 4 then write sentences using them. Remember: anyone reading your sentence should be able to understand the word from the context in which it is used.

6. Write a letter to your favorite actors/characters from this production.

Tell them what you liked about the play, their performance, etc. Mail your letters to:

Georgia Ensemble Theatre

P.O. Box 607

Roswell, GA, 30077-0607

ATTN: Junie B. Jones the Musical

Suggested Further Reading/Links

Other stories by Barbara Park:

Skinnybones

Mick Harte Was Here

The Kid in the Red Jacket

The Graduation of Jake Moon

Ma! There's Nothing to Do Here

Operation: Dump the Chump

Don't Make Me Smile

For fun games and activities, check out this link!

<http://juniebjones.com/>

For more information about Georgia Ensemble Theatre and our upcoming Theatre for Young Audiences programming, please contact us at booking@get.org or (770) 641-1260.