

# PERFORMING ARTS-MUSICAL THEATRE

## Wichita State is a great place for you to prepare for a career in Musical Theatre

Our award-winning Musical Theatre Program offers you a dynamic atmosphere for an in-depth education. Musical theatre at Wichita State will provide you with the interdisciplinary techniques needed for a successful career. You will join a diverse community of students participating in theatre performance, design and technology, and teacher education, as well as those in dance and opera. Your individual creativity will be nurtured by knowledgeable and caring faculty.

### Our Promise to You

- You will be involved in our active production season each year
- You will discover that our program will transport you from the classroom to the stage
- You will choose your learning path from a menu of courses in all areas of theatre practice:
  - Musical Theatre
  - Theatre Performance
  - Technology and Design
  - Teacher Preparation

### Musical Theatre Productions

Musical Theatre productions are developed under the guidance of our faculty and

staff, often with an exciting mix of professional guest artists.

### Our Students

Theatre and Musical Theatre students have a distinguished record of achievement in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Recent highlights among our actors, designers and technicians include:

- Alex Stoll, Outstanding Musical Theatre Performer in *The Wild Party*, Kennedy Center invited performance
- Miles Mattal, Finalist, Region V Irene Ryan Acting Competition, 2008
- Nick Smith, Best in Region V, Fellowship to the J.F. Kennedy Center 2008

Recent production honors include:

- The Wild Party 2008 KCACTF Region V honoree
- Pippin, 2005 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate to the National Festival at the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C

Many of our students work professionally during their college training, spending summers at Music Theatre of Wichita, Oklahoma City Lyric Theatre, Great Plains Theatre Festival, and Light Opera of Oklahoma.

Visit our web site at [www.wichita.edu/finearts](http://www.wichita.edu/finearts)

You can read the Student Guidebook, check out our courses, get the scoop on scholarships, and see photos of our recent School of Performing Arts productions.

### If You Major in Musical Theatre

You will receive personalized training to develop your own personal strengths, expand your creativity, use the best technology available, collaborate with other students and faculty, and embrace the challenges of independent thinking, global awareness, and artistic and scholarly passion.

**If the stage is your life, Wichita State is for you!**

### Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre

The Musical Theatre curriculum is designed for the student wishing to pursue a professional musical theatre career. The degree includes extensive training in singing, acting, and dance. In preparation for the demanding professional world, students also study audition techniques and develop business skills.

### **Admission to the Music Theatre Program**

Admission to the program is by competitive auditions held two times a year. For more information about the auditions, check the website or contact the Program Director of Musical Theatre. After your initial advising, you will be assigned a faculty adviser who will help you develop your course of study. If you are still deciding on a major when you start at Wichita State, the Liberal Arts & Sciences Advising Center can help you explore career options

### **Scholarships**

Once you are accepted into the program, you may qualify for a Musical Theatre scholarship. The School of Performing Arts awards approximately \$100,000 in scholarships annually.

### **Performances**

Interested in attending one of the many College of Fine Arts performances throughout the year? To view a calendar of events, visit [www.wichita.edu/finearts](http://www.wichita.edu/finearts) and click on "College of Fine Arts Box Office."

***Reservations may be made by calling the CFA Box Office at (316) 978-3233. Individual event tickets go on sale three weeks before opening night of each show***

### **Our Faculty & Staff Theatre:**

**Judith Babnich-** *Professor;* Voice and Diction, Dialects, Oral Interpretation, Expressive Voice

**Ed Baker-** *Associate Professor;* Technical Director: Stagecraft I and II, Stage Management

**Jason Flanders-** Scene Shop Manager; Stagecraft Practicum

**Bret Jones** –*Director of Theatre, Associate Professor;* Acting, Advanced Acting, Directing

**Rebecca Maholland-** Costume Shop Manager; Costume Practicum

**Betty Monroe-** *Professor;* Costuming, Costume Design, Costume History, Make-up

**David Neville-** *Associate Professor;* Scenery and Lighting Designer; Design I and II, Scene Painting, Stage Lighting

### **Musical Theatre:**

**Amy Baker-** *Assistant Professor;* Musical Theatre Dance, Jazz, Tap

**Marie Allyn King-** *Director of Opera;* Auditioning for Opera and Musical Theatre, Vocal Coaching, Directing

**Linda Starkey-** *Associate Professor and Director, School of Performing Arts, Director Musical Theatre;* Acting, Vocal Performance, Music Theatre History ([linda.starkey@wichita.edu](mailto:linda.starkey@wichita.edu))

### **Voice (School of Music):**

**Deborah Baxter**  
**Dorothy Crum**  
**Pina Mozzani**  
**Paul Brodene Smith**

### **For more information**

To receive more information, or to arrange a campus visit, contact: Office of Admissions  
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