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# **American Academy of Dramatic Arts**

*New York, New York/ Los Angeles, California*

**Website:** [www.aada.edu](http://www.aada.edu)

**Representatives:** Linda Brennan, Theresa Hayes, Steven Hong

**Degrees offered:**

Associate of Arts in Acting

**Information about the Program:**

A degree-granting acting school with locations in each of the two most dynamic centers of theatre and film in the U.S., the Academy offers the aspiring actor a fertile ground for professional and personal growth. Founded in 1884, The American Academy of Dramatic Arts is the first conservatory for actors in the English-speaking world. Since then, its purpose has remained constant: To provide students with the tools needed to make acting their profession. We select our students from varied backgrounds and from all around the globe. Diversity, which gives our students exposure to many cultures, enriches the depth of the actor's work. Selectivity, which continues throughout our program, yields a pool of students who nourish each other's growth.

**Scholarships:**

Merit and Need-based. Can range from \$2,000 to a total combined \$14,000 per year.

# **The American Musical and Dramatic Academy Conservatory of Performing Arts**

*New York, New York/ Los Angeles, California*

**Website:** [www.amda.edu](http://www.amda.edu)

**Representatives:** Pam Berk, Kathy Morath, Jane Lanier

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Acting, Musical Theatre, Dance, Performing Arts

2 year intensive conservatory programs in same

**Information about the Program:**

AMDA has a campus in Los Angeles (Hollywood) and a campus in New York City (Upper West Side). AMDA holds auditions around the world. If accepted, a student can live and study at both campuses in New York City and Los Angeles. AMDA's training is intensive and designed to prepare students for a professional career in dance, musical theater, or acting.

**Scholarships:**

AMDA's financial aid programs include many institutional scholarships and government awards, which are given to students based on the results of the audition, application and/or FAFSA. Please see website for details, <http://www.amda.edu/scholarships-financial-aid/grants-scholarships/>

# University of the Arts

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

**Website:** [www.uarts.edu](http://www.uarts.edu)

**Representatives:** Amy Feinberg, Dan O'Neil, Nick Embree

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Acting, Musical Theatre, Directing/Playwriting and Production, Theatre Design and Technology, Dance, Visual Art, Film, design, and Creative Writing.

BM in Vocal or Instrumental Performance

BS in Music Business or Entrepreneurship and Technology

**Information about the Program:**

Majors in Acting, Musical Theatre, Theatre Design and Technology or Directing/Playwriting and Production (DPP). Studies in stage combat are also available. It is a rigorous, conservatory approach. Training in voice, movement, dance, speech, improvisation, mask, combat, music, mime, stage management, theatre management, directing, history and literature support work done in the acting studio, the heart of the curriculum. Students are exposed to the Meisner technique as well as a variety of methods and approaches to acting. One semester of stage combat is required. 10-12 main stage and studio productions per year. DPP will prepare students for collaborative careers in directing, stage management, dramaturgy, arts and theatre management. Design/Tech will focus on set, lighting, costume, and sound design. Facilities include classrooms for acting studio and stage combat. Large dance studios and music facilities are also used by theatre students. Performance spaces include: Black Box Studio Theatre; Merriam Theatre with 1668 seats; a studio theater: an exciting, flexible space with seating for 50-100; The Arts Bank: 239 seat, state of the art theater and rehearsal hall.

**Scholarships:**

Merit Scholarships are awarded to new students who give evidence of outstanding academic and artistic ability. The awards range in amount from \$6,000-\$17,000 for 4 years. Priority deadline is March 15. In addition, students are eligible for federal, state, and university financial aid.

# **CAP 21**

*New York, New York*

**Website:** [www.cap21.org](http://www.cap21.org)

**Representatives:** Vernon Goodman

**Degrees offered:**

Certificate of Musical Theatre Performance worth 72 transferrable college credits

**Information about the Program:**

CAP21 is dedicated to the creation of versatile actors with the ability to work in many different facets of the entertainment industry from Broadway to film and television. CAP21 accomplishes this by providing students with integrated training that gives equal focus to acting, singing, dance, and voice and speech. CAP21's goal has always been to remain connected to our alumni and to get them working as soon as possible for as long as possible. Graduates are invited to participate in the Musical Theatre Industry Practicum and Showcase. This program is an additional semester designed to help students forge relationships with NYC casting directors and agents through master classes and mock auditions.

**Scholarships:**

Cap 21 offers need-based/work study scholarships. Students applying for financial assistance must complete a separate scholarship application and provide CAP21 with a copy of their most recent 1040 tax forms, a scholarship essay, and two additional letters of recommendation. These funds are limited and are first come, first served. In exchange for scholarship dollars, students will be assigned a work study job that does not interfere with their training.

# University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music

*Cincinnati, Ohio*

**Website:** [www.uc.edu/ccm](http://www.uc.edu/ccm)

**Representatives:** Roger Hess, Aubrey Berg, Stirling Shelton

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Dramatic Performance (Acting), Musical Theatre, Theatre Design and Production

MFA Theatre Design and Production

**Information about the Program:**

The University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music offers professional, intensive, conservatory-style training in three distinct BFA programs: Drama, Musical theatre, and Theatre Design and Production. Students train with a faculty of active professionals in an arts complex that is one of the newest and thoroughly equipped in the U.S. Performance seniors showcase each spring in NYC or LA, while design and productions students have a wide variety of internship possibilities. The division produces a mixture of works each season ranging from the classics, to new works, to the avant-garde.

**Scholarships:**

UC offers a limited number of talent-based awards to entering undergraduates. These grants generally range from three-quarter tuition to one-quarter tuition. Few, if any full tuition waivers are available. Any student who completes an application to CCM and participates at an approved audition/interview location is immediately eligible for scholarship consideration. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year and students may request consideration for renewal. UC also offers academically based scholarships via its Cincinnati Scholarship Competition, which is by invitation only, along with others.



# **Columbia College Chicago**

*Chicago, Illinois*

**Website:** [www.colum.edu](http://www.colum.edu)

**Representatives:** Susan Padveen, Caroline Latta

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre, Playwriting

BFA Theatre

Concentrations in Acting, Directing, Musical Theatre, Technical Theatre, Theatre Design

**Information about the Program:**

The Theatre Department at Columbia College Chicago is the largest undergraduate department of its kind in the nation, offering a comprehensive education in the theory and practice of contemporary Western theatre and performance. Located in the heart of Chicago, which has over 200 producing theatres, the department provides the ideal environment for you to develop your artistic talents and apply them in production.

**Scholarships:**

Columbia College Chicago offers a variety of scholarships for both the incoming and continuing students. Scholarships are based on one or more of the following criteria: financial need, academic merit, area of study, creative samples, and accomplishments. For more information, please visit [www.colum.edu/scholarships](http://www.colum.edu/scholarships)

# Cornell College

*Mount Vernon, Iowa*

**Website:** [www.cornellcollege.edu/theatre](http://www.cornellcollege.edu/theatre)

**Representatives:** Scott Olinger

**Degrees offered:**

BA

BSS (Bachelor of Special Studies) student generated degree developed in consultation with faculty mentors that allows greater depth of focus than a traditional B.A.

**Information about the Program:**

Nationally recognized and ranked theatre training within a solid liberal arts background, Cornell College provides a home to a company of young artists who study on the unique OCAAT calendar where students complete One Course at a Time. Theatre students complete the B.A. or the B.S.S., a unique degree that allows students to create their own program with the help of faculty mentors, combining multiple interests or delving into greater depths than a traditional B.A. Solid theater and studio education is bolstered by main stage experiences, including playwriting, design, and directing experiences for top students.

**Scholarships:**

Scholarships range from \$1,000 - \$17,500 per year, renewable for up to four years.

# DePaul University

*Chicago, Illinois*

**Website:** <http://theatre.depaul.edu>

**Representatives:** Jason Beck, Dean Corrin

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Acting, Costume Design, Costume Technology, Dramaturgy/Criticism, Lighting Design, Playwriting, Scenic Design, Sound Design, Stage Management, Theatre Arts, Theatre Management, and Theatre Technology  
MFA Acting, Arts Leadership, and Directing

**Information about the Program:**

The Theatre School at DePaul University is one of the nation's oldest and most respected theatre conservatories. A foundation of Chicago's world-class theatre community, The Theatre School produces more than 35 productions each academic year. With highly specialized programs, The Theatre School employs a learning-by-doing approach to training, featuring student work in all areas of production. Our diverse and talented faculty of working professionals and our award-winning alumni work worldwide in theatre film, television, and related fields. In fall 2013, The Theatre School will open a new state-of-the-art five story facility including two new theatre spaces.

**Scholarships:**

Applicants who apply and audition/interview are automatically considered for both talent and academic scholarships which range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per year and are renewable for up to four years. Academic scholarships require a minimum 3.5 GPA and either an ACT of 27 or higher or SAT score of 1830 or higher. Returning students can be awarded additional departmental merit scholarships ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 per year.

# **Drury University**

*Springfield, Missouri*

**Website:** [www.drury.edu/theatre](http://www.drury.edu/theatre)

**Representatives:** Madison Spencer

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre

**Information about the Program:**

Drury University is a four year undergraduate program with an emphasis on excellence and a pre-professional approach to the teaching of theatre within a liberal arts context. We have a strong, multi-faceted faculty with professional backgrounds and a low student/faculty ration. The Theatre Department is an ideal size, large enough to offer quality productions and a substantial opportunity to participate, not only in class and class projects, but in departmental productions. Freshmen become quickly active in areas of stage management and production design and technology. We provide numerous performance, technical, and design opportunities, including five main stage shows per year, performance touring programs, Student-Directed one-acts, and original skits.

**Scholarships:**

The Theatre Grants for incoming students are \$2,100, plus an additional \$700 for Theatre minors (minors then receiving a total of \$2,800) or an additional \$1,400 for Theatre majors (majors receiving a total of \$3,500). These grants can also be combined with other scholarship or grant monies received from other departments at Drury. The theatre grant becomes part of your package of financial aid. The grants are automatically each year and, if a student has worked significantly beyond expectations, the student may be offered the opportunity to increase the grant for the next year.

# University of Evansville

*Evansville, Indiana*

**Website:** <http://theatre.evansville.edu>

**Representatives:** John David Lutz, Sharla Cowden, Chuck Meacham

**Degrees:**

BFA Theatre Performance, Design and Technology

BS Theatre Performance, Design and Technology, Stage Management, Theatre Management, Theatre Education, Theatre Studies

**Information about the Program:**

As a department of theater within a liberal arts and science university, the program allows students to gain the broad base of knowledge they need as theatre artists. Students also receive extensive, individualized theater training through classroom and production experiences. The season includes four productions performed in a 482-seat thrust theatre and two in a black box studio theatre. Each semester, a classroom project is mounted to enhance the actor/director process. The first year class is limited to 40 students because we believe our program's success is due to the small size of the department as well as the university. We have found this selective recruitment provides us with an exceptional group of creative young people with serious attitudes toward education and theatre.

**Scholarships:**

All students accepted to the University of Evansville, Department of Theatre receive scholarships ranging from \$5,000 to \$21,000, based on academic achievement and talent. Additional scholarships may be available depending on the student's financial need. Scholarships may be renewed each academic year for four years upon recommendation by the faculty and the continuation of satisfactory academic progress.

# Fairleigh Dickinson University

*Madison, New Jersey*

**Website:** [www.fdu.edu](http://www.fdu.edu)

**Representatives:** Stacie Lents, Erin Stahl, Rosemary Glennon

**Degrees:**

BA Theater, concentrations: Acting, Musical Theater, Design and Technical Theater, Directing, Playwriting

Theatre Arts majors can also participate in the Teacher Preparation/QUEST program (5-year BA or BS/MAT)

**Information about the Program:**

Fairleigh Dickinson University's BA in Theater Arts features practical learning experiences, international theatre studies abroad and the opportunity to study with accomplished faculty and theatre professionals. New York City is only 35 miles from the college at the Florham campus, an invaluable asset to Theater students. Theater majors are required to study abroad for a semester at FDU's Wroxton College in England. Theater students also have an opportunity to work closely with the Playwright's Theater of New Jersey, a professional theater company in residency on our Florham campus. With class sizes of 12-15 students and a 12:1 student to faculty ratio, Theater students receive a very personalized learning experience.

**Scholarships:**

Theater scholarships are renewable each year. Students who file a complete FDU application for admission and complete the required audition or interview are automatically considered for a theater scholarship, which ranges up to \$5,000 and is renewable each year.

# Gustavus Adolphus College

*St. Peter, Minnesota*

**Website:** [www.gustavus.edu/theatre-dance](http://www.gustavus.edu/theatre-dance)

**Representatives:** Terena Wilkins

**Degrees:**

BA Theatre, Dance

**Information about the Program:**

The Department of Theatre and Dance at Gustavus Adolphus College broadly educates future theatre and dance artists and educators. The department also provides artistic experiences to the wider Gustavus community. Within a supportive liberal arts context, theatre majors acquire foundational skills in acting, design, and directing. Both theatre and dance students examine the history, theory, and literature of their disciplines and work to develop their own identities. The department produces four main stage plays, two dance concerts, and a variable number of student-directed plays and honors projects each year. There are also many opportunities for student designers, often culminating in main stage designs their junior or senior year.

**Scholarships:**

In support of our program, we offer the Evelyn Anderson Theatre and Dance Scholarship. The scholarship is \$500-\$2,000 (renewable each year). Recipients are expected to be involved in the Theatre and Dance Department each semester by working on a production, taking class or working in one of the design studios. Scholarships are available in the following areas: directing, acting, playwriting, technical theatre/design, social justice and dance.

**University of Hartford**  
**The Hartt School**  
*West Hartford, Connecticut*

**Website:** [www.hartford.edu/hartt](http://www.hartford.edu/hartt)

**Representatives:** David Watson

**Degrees offered:**

BFA

**Information about the Program:**

The Hartt School Theatre Division prides itself on its commitment to offering an actor training or musical theatre education of the highest quality for talented undergraduates pursuing a performance-oriented theatre experience. The division does not employ a particular acting method; throughout the four years of study students will find what works best for them through the exploration of the various schools of acting. Actor training students present ten plays annually, ranging from classic to contemporary. Part of Junior year is spent in England, studying Shakespeare in depth. Seniors have the opportunity to participate in activities with Hartford Stage. Music theatre students take 4 years of acting, 4 years of private voice lessons with a member of our music theatre voice faculty, and the equivalent of 6 years of dance, 2 years each of ballet, tap, and jazz. Seniors have the opportunity to participate in the development of new works at Goodspeed Musicals.

**Scholarships:**

All students are considered for Performing Arts Scholarships, which are based primarily on the audition, secondarily on GPA/test scores. Scholarships are awarded upon acceptance and are renewable for the length of the program. Scholarships range from \$7,000 to full tuition; 86% of incoming freshman receive scholarships.



**The University of Houston**  
**School of Theatre and Dance**  
*Houston, Texas*

**Website:** <http://www.uh.edu/theatre-and-dance/>

**Representatives:** Jackie deMontmollin

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Acting, Playwriting/Dramaturgy, Design/Technology, Stage Mgmt, Theatre Ed

BA Dance, Dance Education

MA Theatre for theatre educators

**Information about the Program:**

The UH School of Theatre and Dance produces plays, dance concerts and studio productions. Our mission is to educate and prepare students for successful and meaningful careers in theatre, dance, and related professions. The Houston Shakespeare Festival is a professional project of the school, which is produced each summer at Miller Outdoor Theatre. Faculty includes Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Edward Albee, Tony Award-winning playwright Mark Medoff, Tony Award-winning producer Stewart Ostrow, Tony-nominated designer Kevin Rigdon, and veteran dramaturg Mark Bly. Among the greats who have taught at the school in previous years are Lanford Wilson, Sir Peter Hall and Jose Quintero.

**Scholarships:**

Academic Scholarships available:

<http://www.uh.edu/financial/undergraduate/types-aid/scholarships/>

# Illinois Wesleyan University

*Bloomington, Illinois*

**Website:** [www.iwu.edu/theatre](http://www.iwu.edu/theatre)

**Representatives:** Scott Susong

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre

BFA Acting, Tech and Design, Musical Theatre

Minors in Dance, Theatre, Arts Management

**Information about the Program:**

Illinois Wesleyan's School of Theatre Arts gives individual attention to the development of each student as enrollment is intentionally selective. Conservatory training in a liberal arts setting.

**Scholarships:**

Academic and talent scholarships available. Four year awards range from \$32,000 to \$48,000.

**KD College**  
**Conservatory for Film and Dramatic Arts**  
*Dallas, Texas*

**Website:** [www.kdstudio.com](http://www.kdstudio.com)

**Representatives:** Carolyn McCormick, Caitlyn Baidas

**Degrees offered:**

Associate of Applied Arts in Motion Picture Production, Acting, or Musical Theatre

**Information about the Program:**

The objective of the conservatory is to promote the continued growth and development of beginning and advanced actors. Highly qualified professionals actively pursuing their own career as actors, directors, writers, producers and theatre scholars serve as faculty to keep students in constant contact with working artists who understand the dynamics of the entertainment industry.

**Scholarships:**

Financial aid is available to students enrolled in the 15-Month Conservatory Programs in Acting, Motion Picture Production, and Musical Theatre. It is the philosophy of KD Studio that responsibility for meeting financial obligations lies with the student. Full-time students in good standing may be eligible for federally insured loans and educational grants. Through the Financial Aid Office, students may apply for participation in one or more of the following programs: Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, Parent Plus Loans.

# Lindenwood University

*St. Charles, Missouri*

**Website:** [www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu)

**Representatives:** Emily Jones

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Acting, Directing, Technical Theater/Design, Musical Theater, Stage Management  
BA Theatre, Arts Management, Performing Arts, Dance, Vocal Performance, Arts  
Management-Dance

**Information about the Program:**

Lindenwood produces six main stage productions each year in addition to numerous student productions and one act plays. There are a plethora of opportunities for you to be involved in as a performer, director, and as a technician. We also have a professional series featuring national tours in which our students are able to work backstage one-on-one with professional actors and technicians. This not only looks great on your resume, but it helps students create connections to working professionals for future and summer employment. One of the wonderful things about all of our programs is that you will gain knowledge in all areas of theatre. We believe in having our students experience theatre as a whole so that they can make more informed decisions as to which area of theatre they like best and what is best suited to their specific talents.

**Scholarships:**

Competitive academic and talent based scholarships are available to incoming freshman, ranging between \$5,000 and \$14,000.

# Louisiana State University

*Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

**Website:** [www.theatre.lsu.edu](http://www.theatre.lsu.edu)

**Representatives:** Ken George

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre with concentrations in Performance, Design/Technology, Film/Television, Physical Theatre, Arts Administration, or Theatre Studies

**Information about the Program:**

LSU's Department of Theatre offers Ph.D., M.F.A., and B.A. degrees; creating a community of artists and scholars. In addition to a world-class faculty, LSU Theatre boasts newly renovated facilities in the Music and Dramatic Arts Building which includes state-of-the-art classrooms, lab spaces and venues including the Shaver Theatre, a traditional proscenium house and the Studio Theatre, a flexible black box space. A third performance venue, the historic Reilly Theatre, a former livestock pavilion, was renovated to maintain the architectural integrity of its earthy origins, making it an exceptionally unique theatre space. Students receive ample opportunities to hone their craft through production opportunities with our undergraduate-dedicated main stage season, the student driven Lab season and our professional equity company, Swine Palace. Each season we offer over 130 performances of 15-18 productions including a New Play Festival and newly inaugurated Summer Season. LSU remains one of the few universities in the country with an affiliated professional theatre on campus, allowing our students to work alongside some of the best professional talent in the business. LSU Theatre is National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST) accredited.

**Scholarships:**

Academic and talent scholarships available. Four year awards range from \$32,000 to \$48,000.

# Loyola University New Orleans

*New Orleans, Louisiana*

**Website:** [www.loyno.edu/theatrearts](http://www.loyno.edu/theatrearts)

**Representatives:** Georgia Gresham, C. Patrick Gendusa, Mary Petro

**Degrees offered:**

Students have the opportunity to choose among three degree programs: Theatre Arts, a combined Theatre Arts/Communications Major, and Theatre Arts with a minor in Business Administration.

**Information about the Program:**

As a student in the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance, you will find the role of a lifetime. Whether it is on stage or behind the scenes, the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance offers a broad curriculum in Dramatic Arts. From classical to contemporary to original student plays, you have the opportunity to participate in several productions each year and find the role of a life time.

The Theatre Arts major is designed to help you develop a sense of artistic and personal discipline, responsibility, and commitment to theatre. Students gain understanding of the social phenomena of theatre and how it imparts knowledge, values and insight through the dramatic experience. Our professionally directed main stage productions are supported entirely by our undergraduate cast and crew members.

**Scholarships:**

The Theatre Arts Scholarship is available for up to a total of 8 undergraduate semesters. For initial Theatre Arts awards and annual renewal these conditions are required: full-time student status, annual participation in departmental productions, and maintenance of a 3.0 GPA in Theatre Arts and a 2.5 overall GPA. The Theatre Arts Scholarship may be packaged with other scholarship awards and financial aid.

Evaluation is based on a combination of demonstrated talent, academic standing and leadership ability. The Audition: 2 minutes in length. The Portfolio Presentation: for students interested in design and technical theatre. The Interview: consists of a brief discussion with a Theatre Arts Scholarship Committee Member.

# Marquette University

*Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

**Website:** [www.marquette.edu/theatre](http://www.marquette.edu/theatre)

**Representatives:** Stephen Hudson-Mairet, Madelyn Yee, Kelly Dillon, Armando Ronconi, Brittany Green

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre

Double Majors and Interdisciplinary degrees from Liberal Arts University

**Information about the Program:**

The Theatre Arts Program at Marquette University offers professional training in acting, directing, theatre management, scenic, lighting, sound and costume design and production. Our program provides additional opportunities with television, film, and media performance. Students get their bachelor's degree in a strong liberal arts environment. Small class sizes provide personalized instruction. Students become active in our program from their first day on campus. Performance, production, design and management internships are available with professional theatre companies in the Milwaukee and Chicago area. Marquette is proud to be accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST).

**Scholarships:**

Scholarships are available in performance and technical theatre:

Theatre Performance Scholarship- 2 x \$5,000 (\$1,250 per year over 4 years)

Elle and Guido Brink Scholarship- \$10,000 (2,500 per year over 4 years)

Drama Scholarship \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year over 4 years)

Association of Marquette University Women- two 2,000 scholarships (\$500 per year over 4 years)

# Miami University

*Oxford, Ohio*

**Website:** [arts.muohio.edu/theatre](https://arts.muohio.edu/theatre)

**Representatives:** Gion DeFrancesco, Julia Guichard

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre

Minors in Theatre or Music Theatre available to students majoring in Music or Theatre

**Information about the Program:**

Miami is a small liberal arts program with a community of around 100 majors. While all majors share a common core of classes, our degree is structured to give majors the opportunity to choose a focus of study that is uniquely their own. Majors can concentrate on one area of theatre, or sample from different areas. There is enough flexibility to allow study abroad, a minor in other fields, or a double major. All students take part in an audition/interview as part of the admission process.

**Scholarships:**

We offer several scholarships for incoming majors, based on academic and/or creative potential. Creative work shown at the audition/interview, GPA and standardized test scores, and information provided on the application to the Miami University Department of Theatre will all play a part of making scholarship decisions.



# University of Miami

*Coral Gables, Florida*

**Website:** [www.as.miami.edu/theatrearts](http://www.as.miami.edu/theatrearts)

**Representatives:** April Soroko, Pablo Souki

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Theatre Management, Stage Management, Design (set, costume, lighting), Production

**Information about the Program:**

We are here specifically to look at prospective students in the area of Technical Theatre/Design. We will only be attending Tech auditions at the Thespian Festival.

For information about Acting/Musical Theatre auditions please visit:

[www.as.miami.edu/theatrearts/prospective.html](http://www.as.miami.edu/theatrearts/prospective.html)

**Scholarships:**

Partial scholarships are available through our department, but other scholarships are available through the university.

# University of Minnesota/ Guthrie Theater

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

**Website:** [www.theatre.umn.edu](http://www.theatre.umn.edu) / [www.guthrietheater.org](http://www.guthrietheater.org)

**Representatives:** Kenneth Washington

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Actor Training Program – U of MN and Guthrie joint program

Also available through the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance:

BA Theatre

BA, BFA Dance

**Information about the Program:**

Two critically acclaimed performing arts organizations, The Department of Theatre Arts and Dance at the University of Minnesota and The Guthrie Theater have combined forces to create an exciting Bachelor of Fine Arts Actor Training Program. This program is unique in many ways as it combines a core of theatre courses with a liberal arts curriculum, merging the University of Minnesota's outstanding academics with the world of professional theater under the auspices of the acclaimed Guthrie Theater.

Each year twenty students are selected to join the program based on the audition and admission to the college of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota.

**Scholarships:**

Scholarships are available from the BFA Program to students who are invited to apply at Call Back Weekend. Others are available through the University of Minnesota by searching online at [onestop.umn.edu](http://onestop.umn.edu). Students are evaluated on the basis of a written essay, audition, scholastic ability and need. Scholarships are primarily annually renewable provided defined criteria (both academic and artistic) are met. They usually range from \$1,000 to \$6,000 per year.

# Murray State University

*Murray, Kentucky*

**Website:** [www.murraystate.edu/theatre](http://www.murraystate.edu/theatre)

**Representatives:** David Balthrop

**Degrees offered:**

BA, BS Liberal Arts Program

**Information about the Program:**

Murray state offers a small program with one-on-one attention. Students must begin production work during their freshman year. The Department of Theatre at Murray State is National Schools of Theatre accredited (NAST). In our program you will earn from cully credentialed professors, not grad students or teaching assistants. Our campus is located in a safe, rural area where students can grow in a community environment.

**Scholarships:**

Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$6,000 for qualified students. Some scholarships are renewable over 4 years. Audition and interview required for scholarships.

**University of Nebraska, Lincoln**  
**Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film**  
*Lincoln, Nebraska*

**Website:** [www.carsonschool.unl.edu/](http://www.carsonschool.unl.edu/)

**Representatives:** Paul Steger

**Degrees offered:**

BA Acting/Performance or Directing/Management

BFA Design/Technical or Film and New Media Production

**Information about the Program:**

The Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film has a rich tradition in theatre training since 1898. With recent renovations and endowment funds, the School is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and technology, providing students with exceptional professional training for the theatre and film industries. The School works closely with a number of industry professionals and supplements training with numerous production opportunities in both media. In addition to 4 fully mounted productions annually, the School supports 4-6 student-produced works and 12-14 films annually. The Nebraska Repertory Theatre, the professional wing of the School, operates under a Small Professional Theatre contract with Actor's Equity Association, using professional actors, designers and directors working with student actors and managers. Every three years, the Carson School produces a professional-quality short film, matching industry professionals with the talents of faculty and students, enhancing the curricular offerings and production activities.

**Scholarships:**

Carson School Scholarships: Hixson-Lied Undergraduate Scholarships

Out-of-State Scholarships: Aarons Douglas, Ruth Leverton, George Beadle, Nebraska Traditions, Nebraska Legacy, Midwest Student Exchange Program.

# Nebraska Wesleyan

*Lincoln, Nebraska*

**Website:** [theatre.nebrwesleyan.edu](http://theatre.nebrwesleyan.edu)

**Representatives:** Jack Parkhurst, Joan Korte, Mike Reese

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Acting, Theatre Design and Technology, Directing, Musical Theatre, Theatre Studies  
BA Theatre or BA Theatre with secondary teaching endorsement

**Information about the Program:**

Theatre Arts at Nebraska Wesleyan offers opportunity and excellence. We work to bring experiences from the coursework to the performance laboratory of the stage where we make connections, perfect our skills, and expand our understanding of what it is to be human.

**Scholarships:**

We offer renewable department scholarships ranging from \$500-\$3,000. NWU also offers scholarships for academic achievement.

# **The New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts**

*New York, New York*

**Website:** [www.sft.edu](http://www.sft.edu)

**Representatives:** Wesley Broulik, Alissa Roeder, Charlie Fersko

**Degrees offered:**

Certificate of Completion

**Information about the Program:**

This 2 or 3 year professional training program submerges students in the art and business of acting. During the Platform year of the program, students are exposed to courses in Meisner technique, speech, movement, and improvisation. Starting in the second year, students have the opportunity to study in the Film and Television program, which can be completed in two years, or the Theater, Film and Television Program, which can be completed in three. Instructors bring first-hand experience in the field to the classroom, which gives up-to-the-minute insights on industry trends. Students successfully completing the program will leave equipped for the challenges and exciting opportunities of career in the entertainment industry.

**Scholarships:**

Academic, Achievement and Talent Scholarship available (based on audition results).

# University of Northern Colorado

*Greeley, Colorado*

**Website:** [www.arts.unco.edu/theatredance/default.html](http://www.arts.unco.edu/theatredance/default.html)

**Representatives:** Dr. Mary Schuttler, Anne Toewe, John Leonard

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre, Theatre Education

MA Theatre Education

Disciplines: Acting, Design/Tech, Theatre Education, Musical Theatre, and Theatre Studies.

**Information about the Program:**

- Approximate Annual Cost: resident tuition, \$3,580 per semester with Colorado College Opportunity Fund; non-resident, \$9,000 per semester; room and board, \$5,095 per year
- Theatre Major Graduates, 2011: 56
- Percentage of Applicants Accepted: 35%
- School Admission Requirements: index of 94 or higher, based on high school performance and standardized test scores.
- Program Admission Requirements: auditions (videotapes accepted), interview, essay, and/or portfolio evaluation required for all programs.
- Application Deadlines: for university admission, apply at least 4 weeks prior to beginning of semester. Audition for School of Theatre Arts and Dance and apply for financial aid/scholarships by March 1, 2013.

**Scholarships:**

Merit Scholarship Information: renewable awards of \$200 to \$2000 are available in addition to numerous university wide scholarships, see [www.unco.edu/ofa/scholarships](http://www.unco.edu/ofa/scholarships)

Scholarship Means of Selection: audition or interview/portfolio evaluation; to renew awards, students must maintain a GPA of 3.0, participate in theatre productions, and remain theatre majors.

# Ohio Northern University

*Ada, Ohio*

**Website:** [www.onu.edu](http://www.onu.edu)

**Representatives:** Kathe DeVault, Isaac Steinhour, Jacob Novak, Kristen Dickerson

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre

BFA Musical Theatre, Theatre Production

Theatre is also offered as a minor, as is Dance and Arts Administration.

**Information about the Program:**

ONU is ranked second among Midwest regional colleges in the 2012 edition of *US News and World Report's America's Best Colleges* and placed in the top 10 among Midwest Schools in the "Great Schools, Great Prices" category. One of our strengths is our International program. Our students are exposed to different cultures by international guest artists-in-residence, studying overseas or touring aboard. We also bring in 30-40 professional guest artists annually to collaborate with our students: both National and International designers, directors, choreographers, playwrights, and actors. Recent guest artists include: John Bucchino, Joe Iconis, and Gavin Creel. Musical Theatre students' college career culminates in a New York Showcase.

The Freed Center for the Performing Arts is a modern fully-equipped theatre complex with offers an ideal combination of beauty, comfort, and technical capability. Its principal components are the main theatre, concert hall, studio theatre, performance support facilities, dance studio and an educational wing.

For further information, stop by our booth or check out our website [www.onu.edu](http://www.onu.edu)

**Scholarships:**

Approximately twenty-five students are accepted each year based on their theatre experience, their audition/portfolio interview, and their academic history. These auditions/portfolio interviews also allow each applicant to compete for a talent award, varying in amounts. All scholarships given through the department and those given for scholastic accomplishment are renewable as long as the requirements laid out in the award contract are maintained.



**University of Oklahoma**  
**Helmerich School of Drama**  
*Norman, Oklahoma*

**Website:** [www.ou.edu/finearts/drama](http://www.ou.edu/finearts/drama)

**Representatives:** Tom Huston Orr

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Acting, Design, Dramaturgy, Stage Management, Technical Production

**Information about the Program:**

The University of Oklahoma School Of Drama, the second oldest academic training institution in the nation, offers performance-centered, professional programs designed to prepare students to successfully move forward to the next level of their career development. All School of Drama undergraduate programs lead toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree (BFA) in Drama. Degree emphasis include: acting, design (scenic, lighting, or costume), dramaturgy, stage management, and technical production.

**Scholarships:**

Scholarships are available to qualified students and are awarded on a competitive basis. OU's general scholarship application should be submitted prior to March 1. All students planning to attend OU are eligible to apply. The School of Drama awards scholarships ranging from \$500.00 to \$6000.00. These scholarships are merit based and are awarded after the on campus audition/interview and upon acceptance into the school.

**University of Oklahoma**  
**School of Musical Theatre**  
*Norman, Oklahoma*

**Website:** <http://musicaltheatre.ou.edu/>

**Representatives:** Paul Christman, Phillip Johnson

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Musical Theatre Performance

**Information about the Program:**

A conservatory-style professional training program within a large university community. Enrollment is capped at fifty students. Admission requires an on-campus audition on scheduled dates for those invited.

**Scholarships:**

The School of Musical Theatre offers need and talent-based Musical Theatre scholarships along with university-wide academic and need-based awards.

# **Penn State Berks College**

*Reading, Pennsylvania*

**Website:** [www.bk.psu.edu/theatre](http://www.bk.psu.edu/theatre)

**Representatives:** Cleo House, Jr.

**Degrees offered:**

BA with emphasis in Acting, Directing, Technical, Playwriting, and Management

**Information about the Program:**

Students enjoy the resources of a Big Ten university, with an enrollment of 2,771 fulltime and part time students. Our program offers you the opportunity to be part of a small community of student artists who are responsible for main stage productions in multiple areas. The theatre supports student travel to theatrical productions on Broadway and at major regional theatres in Philadelphia and Washington D.C. Work study opportunities are available for students who qualify. Our students have received internship opportunities with professional equity theatre companies from Philadelphia to NYC.

**Scholarships:**

Students may apply for competitive scholarships within the theatre program after their first year. All incoming freshman have the opportunity for various financial aid such as work study and grants through our financial aid offices.

# Rockford College

*Rockford, Illinois*

**Website:** [www.rockford.edu](http://www.rockford.edu)

**Representatives:** Deborah Mogford, Jeff Hendry, Timm Adams, Beth Drog

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Musical Theatre, Acting/Directing, Design/Tech, Theater Management

BA Music, Theatre Arts

Minor in Music, Theatre Arts, Communication

**Information about the Program:**

The Performing Arts department offers all Rockford College students a unique opportunity to explore dance, music and theater as separate but interrelated art forms in an innovative, experimental environment where they can express themselves creatively, study the performing arts in their historical-cultural context, and participate in departmental programs and productions. Our faculty members believe in a hands-on approach of positive instruction and guidance to nurture creative and intellectual abilities. Classes are small for maximum student-teacher interactions. Some courses involve team-teaching to provide a full understanding of the interrelationships of dance, music and theatre. Students will have numerous opportunities to enhance their education in the performing arts. We stress to all our majors the importance of disciplining themselves to the rigors of academia within and outside the performing arts, attending artistic events and workshops with professional artists, and participating in student-produced as well as faculty-directed productions.

**Scholarships:**

Performing Arts Scholarship – The performing Arts department recommends awards based on talent and potential. Awards are computed as part of the student’s overall aid package. Prospective students must apply to the college and audition by May 1 to be considered for a performing arts scholarship.

Vocal Collective Scholarship- Up to \$2,500 for year long participation in the Vocal Collective, a select, mixed choral ensemble of 15 singers that serves as ambassadors for the college, performing at college functions and representing Rockford College at community events such as sports games, corporate events and city gatherings. Students from all four classes and from many disciplines make up the Vocal Collective. Auditions are held each fall during the first week of classes.

Hognander Endowed Scholarship- The Gertrude Lund Hognander Scholarship for Leadership in Music and the Performing Arts, established in 2004, is named for Alumna Gertrude Lund Hognander, class of 1937, and provides funds for a full-time student of any year who participates in music or the performing arts programs at Rockford College, demonstrates personal initiative, leadership and teamwork, and is an engaged and positive contributor to one’s school, community and/or performing arts group.

Margaret E. Everett Music Scholarship- Established in 1994 by the estate of Miss Everett, a 1919 graduate of Rockford College, to provide music scholarships for students demonstrating need.

**Roosevelt University**  
**Chicago College of Performing Arts**  
*Chicago, Illinois*

**Website:** [www.roosevelt.edu/CCPA](http://www.roosevelt.edu/CCPA)

**Representatives:** Sean Kelley

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Acting, Musical Theatre

**Information about the program:**

- About 150 students, all undergraduate
- Faculty comprised of full-time professors as well as active professionals from the Chicagoland theatre community
- All classes taught by faculty members- no grad students or TAs
- Guaranteed onstage performance credit every semester
- Coursework in Performance, technical theatre, circus arts, voice, dance, directing, on-camera technique, and theatre business
- Senior showcase for agents, casting directors, and artistic directors
- Located in the heart of downtown Chicago

**Scholarships:**

All students who apply to and audition for CCPA are automatically considered for scholarships based on their demonstrated talent. Awards can go as high as 2/3 tuition cost. The needs of the conservatory and an applicant's financial situation are also taken into consideration when assigning scholarships.

# Rowan University

*Chicago, Illinois*

**Website:** [www.rowan.edu/fpa](http://www.rowan.edu/fpa)

**Representatives:** Elizabeth Hostetter, Beth Dombkowski

**Degrees offered:**

BA with tracks in Acting/Directing, Design/Technical, Dance

**Information about the program:**

The Department of Theatre and Dance educates students in the contemporary practice of theatre and dance within a liberal arts curriculum. Accredited by the National Association of School of Theatre, the Department provides a broad-based education that integrates physical, vocal, and technical performance technique with the intellectual skill and training necessary for lifelong learning. The three Bachelor of Arts tracks share a core curriculum of theatre arts courses while allowing students to extend study in their specific field of interest. Undergraduate students from other majors may also share in our interdisciplinary activities by choosing to minor or concentrate in theatre or dance.

**Scholarships:**

Two half tuition waivers are offered each year. These scholarships are determined based upon audition and academics. Additional academic scholarships are available through the office of admission.

# **Saint Louis University**

*St. Louis, Missouri*

**Website:** [www.slu.edu/x14265.xml](http://www.slu.edu/x14265.xml)

**Representatives:** Gary Barker, Tom Martin, Nancy Bell

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre

The Theatre Program produces graduates who are prepared to enter MFA programs in theater and MA programs in Drama, or to enter the job market for actors, managers, educators, dramaturges, designers, and technicians for theatrical productions.

**Information about the Program:**

Goals are accomplished through a combination of theoretical classroom explorations and practical production of plays. The curriculum requires a balance and broad study of all aspects of theatre with historical, theoretical and skill-based components. The Theatre Program produces a series of plays that challenge students to consider diverse values, view points, and expressions of the creative imagination. The collaborative atmosphere among students and faculty members on both the theoretical challenges of classroom projects and the practical realization of our public performances, prepares students to present clearly and appropriately their imaginative ideas to others and to make adjustment to their work according to the constructive criticism of faculty mentors.

**Scholarships:**

Theatre talent awards are renewable awards to defray the cost of tuition for students majoring in theater. Awards range from \$1,000-\$3,000 per academic year. A student must audition or present a portfolio in order to be considered for this award, and must reapply each year for renewal of the award.

# **Saint Mary's University of Minnesota**

*Winona, Minnesota*

**Website:** [www.smumn.edu](http://www.smumn.edu)

**Representatives:** Dr. Gary Diomandes, Dr. Steven Bouler

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre Arts, focus in Performance Studies, Musical Theatre, Technical Theatre or Theatre Management

**Information about the Program:**

The undergraduate Theatre Arts program at St. Mary's provides students with the opportunity to develop pre-professional theatre skills in the areas of performance, design, production, and management. We expect our students to be able to attain entry level positions in theaters around the country as well as entrance to graduate level studies, if they choose. To achieve this, the department consistently and consciously promotes a nurturing, diverse, and innovative, artistic environment on the Winona Campus with a commitment to inspiring a life long pursuit of theater as a profession, a vocation, or simply as a source of delight or entertainment. Students are also required to participate in the London Theatre Semester during their Junior year of study.

**Scholarships:**

Thespian Festival Callback Scholarship: To students who are called back after their auditions at a national or state thespian festival.

Lillian Hogan Davis Theatre Scholarships for students who are declared Theatre Arts majors. Renewable for 8 semesters is scholarship qualifications are met.



# **Santa Fe University of Art and Design**

*Santa Fe, New Mexico*

**Website:** [www.santafeuniversity.edu](http://www.santafeuniversity.edu)

**Representatives:** John Weckesser

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre Performance, Theatre Design

BFA Theatre with specializations in Acting, Music Theatre, Design/Tech

**Information about the Program:**

The Performing Arts Department offers innovative theater education through professional artist mentoring, project-based learning models, access to artistic resources and instruction, and an overall practical hands-on experience that cultivates artistic independence.

Projects include professionally directed main stage plays and musicals, workshops performances in acting, music theater, voice and dance, student-generated studio shows, and mentoring in all areas of performance, technical, and design work.

**Scholarships:**

Talent, merit (academic) and need-based scholarships available.

# Savannah College of Art and Design

*Savannah, Georgia*

**Website:** [www.scad.edu](http://www.scad.edu)

**Representatives:** Fran Jones

**Degrees offered:**

SCAD offers BFA and MFA degrees in 41 visual, performing and writing arts majors. The School of Film, Digital Media and Performing Arts offers majors in performing, production design, dramatic writing, film and television and sound design.

**Information about the Program:**

Performing Arts, <http://www.scad.edu/performing-arts/index.cfm>

Performing artists work in multimedia entertainment, television, film, and stage and perform in a variety of roles associated with acting, playwriting, casting, directing, and management.

Production Design, <http://www.scad.edu/production-design/index.cfm>

Production designers provide visual and physical context and support to the storytelling function of all performance and presentation media, including film, televisions, video, live event, live performance and digital media. Productions designers are in the expanding fields of visual programming for video, cable outlets, and broadcast networks.

Dramatic Writing, <http://www.scad.edu/dramatic-writing/index.cfm>

Dramatic writing is storytelling at its most elemental. Writers learn the craft of playwriting and screenwriting and create scripts for performance, film, television, animation, and more. Before the rise of the first curtain, before the first fade in, a dramatic writer develops the characters, actions and dialogue that make stories worth watching.

Film and Television, <http://www.scad.edu/film-and-television/index.cfm>

Professionals in film and television combine excellent communication skills with an academic background in multimedia, art, design, broadcasting and film to create messages through various materials and media.

Sound Design, <http://www.scad.edu/sound-design/index.cfm>

In the professional field, sound designers, composers and mixers develop soundtracks for all types of media. Sound editors work specifically with dialog, sound effects and Foley. Composers, music editors and music supervisors develop legal scores. Re-record mixers prepare dialog, music SFX stems for a variety of release formats.

**Scholarships:**

Scholarships for entering students are administered through the office of admissions. Scholarships are available to both United States citizens and non-U.S. citizens and are awarded to entering students prior to first-quarter attendance. Students are eligible for academic and artistic scholarships.

# University of South Dakota

*Vermillion, South Dakota*

**Website:** [www.usd.edu/theatre](http://www.usd.edu/theatre)

**Representatives:** Eric Hagan, Pricilla Hagen, Matt Nesmith, Linda Scribner

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Theatre, Specializations: Acting, Musical Theatre, Theatre, Design/Technology with emphasis in Costume Design, Lighting and Sound Design, Scene Design, or Technical Theatre

**Information about the Program:**

USD offers the perfect balance of scholarship and training, with courses in acting, directing, design, technology, dramatic literature, theatre history, dance and musical theatre. Theatre facilities include our 450 seat proscenium theatre; flexible black box/arena theatre; dance studio; fully equipped scenic, costume, and properties studios; and a computer graphics lab. USD has a close association with the Black Hills Playhouse, a semi-professional summer theatre located in Custer State Park near Mount Rushmore. This association may provide summer internships where students may work with faculty, theatre professionals and other students from around the country.

**Scholarships:**

Incoming freshman with a minimum score of 24 ACT and a 3.0 GPA are automatically eligible for Coyote Commitment Scholarships. These \$1,000-\$3,000 scholarships are renewable for up to four years. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

# **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**

*Edwardsville, Illinois*

**Website:** [www.siu.edu/artsandsciences/theater](http://www.siu.edu/artsandsciences/theater)

**Representatives:** Peter Cocuzza, Lana Hagan

**Degrees offered:**

BA/BS Performance, Design/Tech, Theatre History/Literature/Criticism, Dance, Theatre Education

**Information about the Program:**

SIUE is a state-supported liberal arts university. The Department of Theater and Dance with a full time faculty of 15 offers various degrees to an average of 100 majors and minors. Performance opportunities abound because shows are produced during the summer as well as during the academic season. The proximity to St. Louis allows students the opportunity to experience professional theater while studying their craft. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is an affordable place to study all aspects of theatre and dance.

**Scholarships:**

GEO Award- Waives out of state tuition. Departmental scholarships awarded annually to entering freshman and returning students. Multiple academic scholarships awarded from the chancellor and other sources. Academic scholarships require early application.

**Southern Methodist University**  
**Meadows School of the Arts**  
*Dallas, Texas*

**Website:** [www.smu.edu/meadows](http://www.smu.edu/meadows)

**Representatives:** Jim Crawford

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Acting, Theatre Studies

**Information about the Program:**

The Theatre Division at Southern Methodist University has been in existence since the development of the Meadow's School of the Arts in the late 1960's. The Meadow's School is one of the leading comprehensive arts schools in the country and has nationally renowned programs in theater, music, dance, visual art and communications. The Theatre Division at SMU has outstanding facilities including three theaters: The Margo Jones black box, The Bob Hope proscenium theatre and the Greer Garson classical thrust stage theatre.

Our program is highly selective. We admit fewer than thirty first- year students each year. Both the acting and theatre studies programs focus on the same acting foundation in the first two years. In the junior year, theatre studies majors add a substantial second area of interest: directing, playwriting, stage management, design or theatre history and dramatic literature.

**Scholarships:**

The Theatre Division has substantial artistic scholarship resources and the University offers academic scholarships. In addition, you should not hesitate to apply to SMU if you have financial need.

# Southwestern College

*Winfield, Kansas*

**Website:** <http://sckans.edu/theatre>

**Representatives:** Roger Moon, Michelle Pentz, Lisa Prater, Aron Pfingsten

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre Arts, emphasis in Performance, Design/Technical Theatre, Musical Theatre  
Performance, General Theatre Studies (allows individual choices and multi-disciplinary design)  
BA Speech and Theatre Education

Theatre students may have double majors in other academic areas. Many highly talented theatre students have majors in the sciences, communication, education, and humanities.

**Information about the Program:**

Developing highest quality theatre processes, as well as knowledge and skills, prepares students for careers, graduate schools, and creative leadership in a world needing empathy and creativity. The SC theatre program provides quality theatre education for aspiring young professionals who are passionately dedicated to the arts, and who understand self-discipline, commitment, and professionalism. Full time faculty are complemented by guest artists, directors, and instructors in tech theatre, dance, and musical theater performance. Together they work in a liberal arts academic program with vigorous ensemble dynamics supported by an extensive production schedule in three performance venues.

**Scholarships:**

Performance, design/tech, musical theater, and leadership scholarships of \$4,000 per year, based on talent, experience, and recommendations. These are stacked on top of academic scholarships, middle-income grants, and liberal financial aid, and may be complemented by director's scholarships. Unlimited in number, these scholarships are for the 9 month program, and are renewable annually.

# **Texas Christian University**

*Fort Worth, Texas*

**Website:** [www.theatre.tcu.edu](http://www.theatre.tcu.edu)

**Representatives:** Alan Shorter, Michael Heil

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Theatre with emphasis in Musical Theater, Acting, Design, Production, and Theatre Studies

BA Theatre

**Informational about the Program:**

Our program offers many exciting features, including: an outstanding faculty of talented professionals who are highly accomplished teachers and artists; A wide variety of disciplines in which theatre students can specialize, including acting, musical theatre performance, film and television, scenic design, costume design, and lighting design.

**Scholarships:**

Nordan Fine Arts Scholarships: Amount: \$8,000 per year/ Number: Two for incoming freshman each year. Eligibility: Exceptional talent in theatre. Applicants must audition or present their design/production portfolios in person at TCU on a pre-arranged date.

Awards are renewable for a total of 4 years, subject to recipient fulfilling departmental expectations.

# **Theatre of Arts**

*Hollywood, California*

**Website:** [www.toa.edu](http://www.toa.edu)

**Representatives:** James Warwick

**Degrees offered:**

Two-year Associate of Occupational Studies: Acting

**Information about the Program:**

Theatre of Arts, College for the Contemporary Actor, Hollywood, was founded in 1927 by the film actor Ben Bard and later developed by film and theatre director, Max Reinhart and actor Michael Chekov. Our mission today is to provide a stimulating, challenging and practical acting training, enabling our students to enjoy a fulfilling career in today's competitive entertainment industry. We are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre and licensed by the state of California, having recently been approved to offer a 2-year associate degree in acting. Our students are selected from around the world and from many different environments; our faculty are highly experienced working professionals. Our program is based on a wide spectrum of disciplines reflecting the diverse nature of the professional demands encountered in all aspects of television, film, and theatre today.

**Scholarships:**

Theatre of Arts offers every applying student a Merit Scholarship based on their audition, amounts up to \$5,000 per year.



# Viterbo University

*LaCrosse, Wisconsin*

**Website:** [www.viterbo.edu/theatre](http://www.viterbo.edu/theatre)

**Representatives:** Dana McConnell, Chad Kolbe, Jen Brown

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Music Theatre, Arts Administration, or Theatre with emphasis in Acting, Design and Production, or Stage Management  
BA, BS Theatre Studies, Theatre Education

**Information about the Program:**

With approximately ninety majors and nine fulltime faculty, plus visiting professional artists, students have the opportunities and attention they need to develop their craft. Our season includes six to eight productions, including two musicals. Other production and performance opportunities include a variety of student-produced work, musical theatre cabaret and studio performance projects.

The department is active in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and the United States Institute for Theatre Technology. Students benefit from connection at the Guthrie Theatre, Milwaukee Rep, American Players Theatre, Kentucky and Great River Shakespeare companies, and the Texas Shakespeare Festival.

**Scholarships:**

Admission is by audition and interview. Renewable scholarships of up to \$11,000 are awarded based on GPA and ACT/SAT scores. Theatre and music talent scholarships are awarded to select incoming students.

**Wake Forest University**  
**Department of Theatre and Dance**  
*Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

**Website:** [www.wfu.edu/theatre](http://www.wfu.edu/theatre)

**Representatives:** John Friedenber, Zac Piece-Messick, Chris Gonzalez La Corte,  
Alyssa Gera, Emily Nedvidek

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre

BA Music Performance or Music w/ concentration in History, Theory, or Composition

BA Art, Studio or History

Minors in Dance, Art, Music, Theatre

**Information about the Program:**

Highly competitive, academically rigorous, private 4 year arts university in North Carolina (2 hours from the mountains, 4 hours from the beach!) Small class size; individual attention; working faculty; unique studio, research, and rehearsal options for development of “creative intelligence” and “academic curiosity.” This program helps develop a firm foundation and understanding of skills needed to succeed as an artist regardless of prior training and ability. Strong advanced curricula for pursuing career in theatre or dance.

**Scholarships:**

Wake Forest has made a commitment to support talented arts students Presidential Merit Scholarships of \$16,000 per year, and Fine Arts Scholarships that meet 100% of need. Scholarship application deadline is December 1. Work study assignments within the department available in studio/shop areas.

# Webster University

*St. Louis, Missouri*

**Website:** [www.webster.edu](http://www.webster.edu)

**Representatives:** Peter Sargent, Bruce Longworth, John Wylie, Jeff Carter, Edward Coffield

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Acting, Musical Theatre, Stage Management, Scene Design, Costume Design, Lighting Design, Sound Design, and Wig & Make-up Design, Concert Design, Technical Direction, Scene Painting, Costume Construction

BA Directing, Theatre Studies, Dramaturgy

**Information about the Program:**

The CONSERVATORY of Theatre Arts at Webster University is a professional theatre training program operating in the framework of a strong liberal arts atmosphere. The undergraduate program offers only BFA degrees as mentioned above. Webster has in-residence on campus The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis and The Opera Theatre of St. Louis using the same production performance facilities in the Loretto-Hilton Center for the Performing Arts. Students have unique opportunities to work with and view the best talents in the theatre profession. The CONSERVATORY presents its own significant season of six major productions, 20 one-act plays, a dance concert and two dance workshops in three on-campus performance facilities. Excellent theatre, true opportunities to design, perform and stage manage major productions, a major regional theater on campus and the change to explore the best in liberal arts tradition add up to a remarkable and excitingly balanced education.

**Scholarships:**

Marita Woodruff Scholarship, Judy K. Meyer Scholarship, Robert Slowiak Scholarship, David Huffman Scholarship, Mary Alice Dwyer-Dobbin Scholarship, Peter E. Sargent Scholarship, Byron Grant Scholarship, Markus Trice Scholarship, Jerry Mitchell Scholarship, Michael Flanagan Scholarship. Academically based merit scholarships are available to qualified students.

# William Woods University

*Fulton, Missouri*

**Website:** [www.williamwoods.edu](http://www.williamwoods.edu)

**Representatives:** Joe Potter, Michael Dodson, Melissa Alpers-Springer

**Degrees offered:**

BA Theatre

Concentrations: Acting, Musical Theatre, or Technical Theatre

BS Theatre Education

**Information about the Program:**

A liberal arts university, offering immediate main stage experience for incoming freshman and transfer students where there is no seniority casting. Students have plenty of opportunities for performance and design outside the main stage experience with our student laboratory season (directed, designed, and produced by the students) Improv troupe and First Impression Show Choir. Seniors have optional opportunities for semester study in New York or Los Angeles. We encourage summer internships with students having gained valuable experiences in places like the Santa Fe Opera, Six Flags over St. Louis and Worlds of Fun in Kansas City to name a few.

**Scholarships:**

\$3,000-\$5,000 scholarships are available. Awarded on the basis of talent, GPA and test scores. Students must have at least a 2.8 GPA. The Scholarships are by audition and interview only. Renewable each year.

# University of Wyoming

*Laramie, Wyoming*

**Website:** <http://www.uwyo.edu/th&d/>

**Representatives:** Leigh Selting

**Degrees offered:**

BFA Theatre, Dance

Concentrations: Acting, Dance, Dance Science, Scenic Design, Costuming, Lighting, Playwriting

BFA Theatre/English

BA Theatre, Dance

BA “Self-Designed Major” (Musical Theatre, Composition, Choreography, etc.)

Minor in Theatre, Dance

**Information about the Program:**

The University of Wyoming, situated in the Rocky Mountains, two hours north of Denver, CO, offers undergraduates the opportunity to act, design, or dance early in their college career. Exclusively an undergraduate program, the opportunity to interact and learn from faculty in a one-on-one situation is unparalleled in the region. Boasting the newest “Acting for the Camera” studio classroom in the region, as well as nationally recognized acting and playwriting programs, the Department of Theatre and Dance at the University of Wyoming is well situated to offer the best undergraduate degree available. Offering both BFA and BA degrees, as well as a self-designed degree option in Musical Theatre, composition, choreography, etc., UW is an outstanding choice for today’s serious theatre student.

**Scholarships:**

The Theatre and Dance Department administers an outstanding scholarship program. With over 40 students on scholarship, numerous awards are available to qualified students who intend to major in theatre and dance. The scholarship provides resident or non-resident tuition waiver amount ranging up to full tuition for the academic year. All interested students are encouraged to apply.