

Department of Theatre Arts

Mission Statement

The responsibilities that constitute the mission of the Department of Theatre Arts are congruent with the generally recognized mission of the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences in the University of Pittsburgh, which supports international scholarship and diversity. These encompass our BA, MA, MFA and PhD programs, faculty teaching development, creative research, and scholarship. We seek to provide the widest possible spectrum of educational opportunities to the theatre artists and scholars of the future. We pursue our mission through rigorous course work combined with direct practical experience in theatre scholarship, performance, design, and production, as occasions for self-development and artistic challenge. We expect our faculty to enrich human knowledge through disciplinary and cross-disciplinary research and creative activity issuing in scholarly and artistic projects accessible to the campus and the Pittsburgh community of citizens and scholars.

We work to create theatrical and scholarly leaders in the cultural life of the University. By presenting classic drama along with contemporary plays and musicals in productions, we strive to be inclusive of the campus student population. The University of Pittsburgh Theatre Arts Department makes diversity in our classrooms and productions a priority. We have structured the season selection process to ensure that our production choices are focused on the department's pedagogical goals of giving practice in the history of performance and drama as well as promoting our goals of diversity, inclusion, and principle of equal opportunity for all who study and work on departmental productions. We will support these choices within our curriculum to ensure that each student who majors in Theatre Arts graduates with a global perspective.