THEATRE

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A THEATRE DEGREE?

Acting students develop performance skills for theatre, film, television, radio, voiceover, cruise ship, and gaming industries while also preparing to be directors, playwrights, and producers.

Design and Technology students design costumes, makeup, scenery, lights, projections, and sound for theatre, film, and television. Students gain skills in technical direction, carpentry, sewing, props, painting/dyeing, crafts, shop management, sound technology, and special effects.

Theatre Arts Management students gain skills in stage management, theatre administration, audience development, publicity, community outreach, and arts advocacy while gaining experience through internships with cultural agencies, arts organizations, and performing arts institutions.

Theatre Studies students prepare for unique career paths by combining Theatre with another major or minor, including Education, Communication, Art, Psychology, or Music.

THEATRE AT SRU

Slippery Rock University's Theatre Department is committed to the practical and rigorous pre-professional preparation of students for careers in theatre. Through intensive, hands-on courses, stage production work, and the Professional Theatre Practice capstone course, faculty provide students with the tools they need for their futures. Tailored experiences provide skills, professional knowledge, and contacts for future opportunities. An SRU Theatre education prepares students for diverse opportunities as performers, designers, technicians, educators, administrators, and more.

WHY CHOOSE SRU THEATRE?

1. **Facilities:** The renovated Miller Theater features a 753-seat proscenium stage, 9,500-square-foot scene shop, and expanded front-of-house space. The Pearl Stoner Complex includes a 296-seat flexible black box theater, costume shop, and acting and design classrooms.
2. **Dedicated faculty:** Learn from full-time faculty who also provide academic advising throughout your program.
3. **Hands-on training:** Audition and assist with productions beginning your first semester, with opportunities on the main stage and in our experimental theater lab.
4. **Proven excellence:** SRU Theatre students and productions have a long tradition of earning honors and awards.
5. **Nationally accredited:** SRU is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre and is the only Pennsylvania State System institution with all four fine and performing arts accreditations: Theatre, Art, Music, and Dance.

MAJOR

Bachelor of Fine Arts: Acting (BFA) with concentrations in:
- Acting
- Musical Theatre

Bachelor of Arts: Theatre (BA) with concentrations in:
- Acting
- Design and Technology
- Theatre Arts Management
- Theatre Studies

MINOR

- Theatre

CERTIFICATE

- Theatre Arts Management

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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SRU Theatre students have completed internships at many locations including:

- City Theatre Company (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Hoyt Center for the Arts (New Castle, PA)
- Erie Philharmonic (Erie, PA)
- Pittsburgh Public Theater (Pittsburgh, PA)
- American Players Theatre (Spring Green, WI)
- Butler Symphony (Butler, PA)
- Pittsburgh Musical Theater (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Civic Light Opera (Pittsburgh, PA)

CAREER OUTCOMES

Acting graduates have secured employment as:

- Actor – Prime Stage Theatre, Pittsburgh
- Actor – Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera
- Associate company manager – *Hamilton*, North American tour
- Actor – *The Baristas,* comedy web series
- Performer – *Saturday Night Live*
- Show writer, producer, and imagineer – Walt Disney World
- Swing technician – *The Wiz*, national tour

Design and Technology graduates have secured employment as:

- Costume draper – Milwaukee Repertory Theater
- Assistant costume shop manager – American Players Theatre
- Scenic technician – Carnegie Mellon University
- Technical director – Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre Company
- Costume shop manager – University of Toledo

Theatre Arts Management graduates will find a wide variety of employment opportunities available to them:

- Associate company manager – *Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812,* Broadway production
- Assistant company manager – *Elf The Musical* on tour
- Assistant development manager – Harbor Playhouse, Corpus Christi, TX
- Assistant stage manager – Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theatre

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Honorary
- Improv Club
- Musical Theatre Dance Club
- Musical Theatre Society

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Lyric Beth Sessa – SRU class of 2016

Assistant Development Manager, Harbor Playhouse

"I learned so much both in and outside of the classroom. I had so much experience to pull from when I was going through my interview process before I accepted my job at the Harbor Playhouse, and that experience was, and still is, irreplaceable. I am using the knowledge that I obtained in and out of the classroom at SRU daily."

William Myers – SRU class of 2000

Sound Engineer, Sacramento Theatre Company

"The Theatre program at Slippery Rock University provided a solid and diverse background, making the leap into graduate school more of a small step onto a well-lit stage. More theaters, academics and professional alike, should be doing the dangerous and challenging sort of production that is common at SRU."

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