School of Performing Arts Stage Management Certificate

Advancement in a theatre career requires powerful tools. This undergraduate certificate in Stage Management is one of those tools. The program’s goal is to help you recognize and fulfill your role as a passionate artistic collaborator and an effective organizational manager in the production process. Through this program, you will develop a deep commitment to the artistic process and a fundamental desire to serve the work of the theatre in an environment where you can take artistic risks. As student Stage Managers, you will utilize the full resources of WSU’s School of Performing Arts Production program to expand your professional managerial skills as well as deepen your artistic experiences.

Our student stage managers have frequently gone on to professional careers in the field. Much of the success these students have achieved is due to the unique experience they have in the SPA Production Program. The students work with a variety of professional directors and designers. They have opportunities to manage productions in Classical Theatre, Musical Theatre, Opera Theatre and Dance Theatre. They are also allowed significant responsibility and autonomy managing productions in their charge.

Class Progression:

Certificate students participate in a rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum that consists of a balanced combination of courses. Classes provide a range of knowledge and experience in Management, Sociology and Theatre, as well as practical training essential to the Stage Management professional. They will be assigned to stage management positions on school productions that reflect increasing responsibilities throughout the 15 credit hour plan of study.

- **THEA 180C** – Theatre Management Practicum
- **THEA 272** – Theatre Management
- **SOC 350** – Social Interaction (may also be used in GenEd area)
- **THEA 380C** – Theatre Practicum (Earned in conjunction with assignment as Assistant Stage Manager on Mainstage
- **MGMT 360** – Principles of Management

This certificate program is not eligible for Title IV (federal financial aid) funding unless it is a requirement of a degree program.

Please see the WSU Undergraduate Catalogue for a complete list of requirements and additional information.

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