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

Musical Theatre Productions
WSU produces two musicals a year and students are also encouraged to audition for Opera, Theatre and Dance. Freshmen are eligible to be cast. Shows are developed under the guidance of our faculty and staff, often with an exciting mix of professional guest artists. Wayne Bryan, Artistic Director of Music Theatre Wichita and Stephen Kopel, Roundabout Theatre, have been two of our recent Guest Directors.

Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Honors:
Smokey Joe's Cafe was invited to perform at KCACTF Region V at Minneapolis in 2016. The musical, direction, choreography and individual actors received National Honors as did Da'Merius Ford who represented the region in the Musical Theatre Intensive in Washington D.C. In 2012, Jacob January was named Winner of the Irene Ryan Competition and was invited to the National KCACF. Other musicals that have been honored at KCACTF include: The Wild Party (2008) and Pippin (2005).

Our Alumni
Graduates of Wichita State University have appeared on Broadway in American Psycho, Book of Mormon, Evita, Mama Mia, Miss Saigon, Motown the Musical, Porgy and Bess, The Scottsboro Boys, West Side Story, among others. National and International tours include: Anything Goes, Beauty and the Beast, Cats, Cinderella, Disney Live, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Kiss Me Kate & Xanadu. Other grads have worked at Disney World, Branson and on Cruise Ships.

Our Current Students
Many of our students work professionally during their college training, spending summers at Music Theatre of Wichita, Oklahoma City Lyric Theatre, Oklahoma Light Opera and other regional theaters.

Senior Showcase
Opportunities to audition for professional agents are a part of the Senior Year either by bringing agents to campus or by taking selected students to NYC.

Visit our website at wichita.edu/finearts for more information or on Facebook and check out our WSU Performance updates with news about alums working in the business.
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
This curriculum is designed for students who wish 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. A Bachelor of Arts degree is also available. For more information, check our website.

Admission to Music Theatre
Admission into the program is by competitive auditions held two times a year. For more information about the auditions, check the website. Once admitted, you will be assigned a faculty advisor who will help you develop your course of study. If you are still deciding on a major when you start at Wichita State, WSU One Stop Advising Center can help you explore career options.

Scholarships
Your program audition also serves as an audition for a Musical Theatre scholarship. The School of Performing Arts awards approximately $100,000 in scholarships annually. You’re also encouraged to fill out the FAFSA form to qualify for University Scholarships.

Schedule a Campus Visit
To receive more information or to arrange a campus visit, contact:

Marcus Welcome Center          wichita.edu/admissions
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Theatre Faculty & Staff
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 - Program Director of Theatre, Professor; Acting, Advanced Acting, Directing
Jamie Urban - Costume Shop Manager; Costume Practicum
Catherine Wieck - Assistant 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 Faculty:
Amy Baker - Program Director of Music Theatre, Associate Professor; Musical Theatre, Dance, Tap
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