



Theatre Arts

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Introduction

Theatre is an art form that combines the efforts and organization of many people (in many occupations) who contribute to the cultural enrichment of our society and the world. Theatre is not only the study of performance, play writing, script interpretation, stage design, costuming, music, stage movement, and design technology; it is also a business that includes the study of management (business production and directing), art administration, publicity, and graphics. Theatre is artistic expression, as much as it is a business that must budget money to bring production to completion.

What are some desirable personal qualities?

- An ability to work well under pressure
- An ability to work well with others
- Creativity and imagination
- An ability to memorize lines and movement
- An ability to interpret and follow directions
- An ability to concentrate with distractions
- Self confidence and a level head
- Determination and strong will
- Patience
- An ability to separate professional rejection from personal rejection

What are some potential occupations?

Announcer
Arts Manager
Choreographer
Chorus Performer
Comedian
Commercial Acting
Composer
Costume Designer
Dialect Coach
Film Director
Drama Critic
Drama Teacher - High School/College
Dramatic Reader
Fashion Coordinator
Film Actor/Actress

What are some of the job tasks?

- Producers select plays or scripts; hire directors, key production staff, and principle cast members; negotiate contracts; coordinate production activities; and arrange financing.
- Directors interpret plays or scripts; audition and select cast members; direct actors in role interpretation; and work with a management team on production, music interpretation, scenes, lighting, costumes, makeup, choreography, ticket sales, and advertising.
- Actors entertain and communicate with their audience; interpret and create (with the director) their roles; learn and memorize lines; and coordinate artistic presence with others on stage.
- Costume designers research historical costumes; design period costume collections for a production; oversee the construction shop production of the collection and dress all acting personnel.
- Lighting designers coordinate lighting and electrical equipment use; match artistic lighting needs to a script and draft lighting plots for productions.

What are some potential occupations? (con't.)

Fly person
Follow Spot Operator
Grip
House Electrician
Impersonator
Librettist
Magician
Makeup Artist
Musical Director
Musician
Playwright
Producer
Props Manager
Scene Manager
Set Carpenter
Set Designer
Sound Designer
Stage Manager
Stunt Performer
Theatre Technician
Voice Over
Wardrobe Manager
Wig Dressers

Who hires?

- Advertising Companies
- Amusement Parks
- Broadway Theatres
- Children's Theatres
- Circuses
- Community Organizations
- Convention Centers
- Dance and Acting Troupes
- Dinner Theatres
- Film Industry
- Local Theatres
- Magazines/Newspapers
- Performing Arts Centers
- Professional Performing Groups
- Public Relations Firms
- Radio/Television Industry
- Retail Firms
- Stock Companies
- Talent Agencies

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