

Annual Academic Assessment Report

Department of Theatre

2023

The Department of Theatre is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST). To maintain our accreditation status with this organization, the Department of Theatre aligns our program goals and outcomes according to NAST standards.

Degree Programs

Master of Fine Arts in Theatre - Acting

Master of Fine Arts in Theatre - Directing

Master of Fine Arts in Theatre - Playwriting

Master of Fine Arts in Theatre – Costume Design

Master of Fine Arts in Theatre – Lighting Design

Master of Fine Arts in Theatre – Scene Design

The purpose of the University of Arkansas Master of Fine of Arts Degree is to provide professional study and training to prepare candidates for professional careers in theatre.

Learning Outcomes

As of Spring 2023, The Department of Theatre graduated the first full cohort with an MFA in Theatre. It was decided in 2019 to align recruitment of all disciplines in the Theatre MFA. To that end, all incoming MFA Candidates matriculated through the program as a group.

MFA in Theatre – Acting

Gabriel Franco-Kull

Edwin Greene

Anna Miramontes

Riles Newsome

Leah Smith

Grace Taylor

Jordan Williams

MFA in Theatre – Directing

Huan Bui

Lacy Post

MFA in Theatre – Playwriting

Adrienne Dawes
Sarah Loucks

MFA in Theatre – Costume Design

Callie Lythgoe
Ripley DeCaluwe

MFA in Theatre – Lighting Design

Austin Bomkamp
Zack McJunkins

MFA in Theatre – Scene Design

Morgan Mcinnis

All Candidates in each discipline satisfactorily completed the requirements for the MFA in Theatre. Each candidate conducted an exit interview with the Chair of Theatre. Although it is early to track success, we know of some candidates current employment.

- Gabriel Franco-Kull is working in Northwest Arkansas with several theatre companies.
- Anna Miramontes is working as an actor in the Houston area.
- Riles Newsome is working in Northwest Arkansas with several theatre companies.
- Leah Smith has moved to Cleveland, Ohio to pursue acting opportunities.
- Grace Taylor just played Ariel in The Tempest at Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre.
- Jordan Williams was awarded a Performing Arts artist fellowship through the Arkansas Arts Council.
- Zack McJunkins is the new Lighting Supervisor for TheatreSquared in Fayetteville, AR
- Callie Lythgoe is teaching at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania.
- Adrienne Dawes has just written and filmed a short called Cry Time and she was awarded a Literary Arts artist fellowship through the Arkansas Arts Council.
- Sarah Loucks was awarded Literary Arts artist fellowship through the Arkansas Arts Council.

- Lacy Post has come onboard the Department of Theatre as the Marketing and Publicity specialist.