

THEATRE ARTS

Real Opportunities

Our professional and unique “Theatre Company” approach to theatre education ensures that you get experience beyond the classroom and in productions. These experiences in a professional environment train our students for a variety of career options in the theatre and entertainment industry:

Acting	Costume Design & Technology
Directing	Lighting Design & Technology
Scenic Design	Sound Design & Technology
Scene Painting	Stage Management
Stage Properties	Technical Direction
Makeup Design	Scenery Fabrication



Learn and perform in the **\$35 million Rita Tallent Picken Regional Center for the Arts and Humanities**. Our facilities include an 850 seat proscenium theatre, 150 seat flexible black box, two acting and directing studios, dedicated design and technology classroom, and spacious, well-equipped scenery and costume studios.

Your Parkside Experience

- 29-year partnership with the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson. Students graduate with professional theatre credits and experience on their resume.
- 2-4 field trips per year to professional productions in Milwaukee and Chicago
- Active participation in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival [KCACTF] and the United States Institute for Theatre Technology [USITT]
- History of internship opportunities at over 80 professional theatres throughout the US, such as: Santa Fe Opera, American Players, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Skylight Music Theatre, Steppenwolf, Pacific Conservatory for the Performing Arts, and the Utah Shakespeare Festival



Amazing Results

Our graduates have a 92% placement rate into theatre companies or graduate schools. The Parkside Theatre program is the only arts program in the UW-System to win the coveted “Regents Award” for outstanding quality of education.

In the past three years our award-winning program has received:

- 26 KCACTF Irene Ryan Acting nominations
- 15 KCACTF Merit Awards of Excellence for students & faculty in Design, Directing, Technology, and Stage Management
- Two invited productions at the KCACTF Five-State Regional Festival
- The KCACTF Regional Golden Hand Truck Award for outstanding load-in and load-out
- Two publications of student/faculty research in the USITT Tech Expo and UW-System Posters in the Rotunda



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