

# THEATRE

## Overview

From our rehearsal rooms to our stages, our spaces serve as a catalyst for your theatrical journey. Combined with our supportive environment and faculty and staff dedicated to your success, our department has what you need to be inspired and empowered on your journey toward artistic growth.

The emphasis on forging meaningful connections through theatrical storytelling sets us apart. Our accomplished faculty of working artists, dedicated staff and the wider arts community will become your collaborators and mentors. These connections are seamlessly woven into your education, providing you with a strong network of industry professionals.

Situated in Milwaukee, our department grants you access to Wisconsin's thriving creative economy. As a theatre student, you'll have exclusive opportunities to intern and collaborate with leading performing arts organizations. Outside of the classroom, our students are involved with all the city's professional theatre companies, including the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, First Stage, Skylight Music Theatre, Renaissance Theaterworks, MKE Black Theatre Festival and more.

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## Faculty and Staff

Our inspirational faculty and staff make sure students feel welcome and empowered to think outside the box and explore all possibilities of making art at UWM. Visit the Peck School of the Arts directory (<https://uwm.edu/arts/directory/>) to meet these artists, explore their biographies and engage with recent work.

## Scholarships and Aid

Financial constraints shouldn't hinder your artistic dreams. Our comprehensive range of scholarships and aid programs (<https://uwm.edu/arts/students/scholarships-aid/>) is designed to empower and support artists like you.

## Study Abroad

We believe that a complete education in the arts should take you beyond the classroom and the local community. By studying abroad, you'll gain more than a change of scenery. You'll embark on a transformative educational experience and bring a global perspective to your field of study. Explore upcoming trips (<https://uwmilwaukee.studioabroad.com/?>

FuseAction=Programs.AdvancedSearch) offered in partnership with the Center for International Education.

## Mission

The Theatre Department's mission is to educate students in the practice and study of theatre and encourage students' creative and critical development. The Department supports the application of theatre skills in lasting, strong, and meaningful ways throughout their lives.

Our urban setting provides access to a thriving professional arts community with opportunities to engage with the region's many cultural groups and institutions through service learning, internships, and fieldwork. These experiences support students interested in developing as artists, educators, and scholars and by actively encouraging them to be theatre makers.

## Programs

### Undergraduate Majors

- Theatre Practices, BA (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/theatre-ba/>)
- Theatre Practices, BA: Theatre Education (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/theatre-education-ba/>)
- Theatre, BFA: Performance (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/theatre-performance-bfa/>)
- Theatre, BFA: Production (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/theatre-production-bfa/>)

### Undergraduate Certificates

- Musical Theatre, Undergraduate Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/musical-theatre-undergraduate-certificate/>)

### Minors

- Theatre, Minor (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/theatre/theatre-minor/>)

## Undergraduate Advising

Academic advising is a collaborative process that empowers students to realize their maximum educational potential. Students are encouraged to visit the Peck School of the Arts Advising & Student Services page (<https://uwm.edu/arts/students/advising/>) to meet with your advisor prior to each semester's registration period. Advisors provide students with individualized appointments to assist with degree requirements, course selection, campus resources, college success strategies, graduation assessment, academic policies and more.

## Faculty

Name	Rank	Degree	School	Graduate Faculty	Emeritus Faculty
Jessica Berlin Krivsky	Teaching Faculty II	MA	Goucher College		
Steve Decker	Associate Professor in College of General Studies	MFA	Indiana University		
Christopher Guse	Associate Professor	BFA	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee		
Rebecca Holderness	Professor	MFA	Columbia University		✓
Ralph Janes	Teaching Faculty III	MFA	University of California-San Diego		
Christopher Kurtz	Teaching Faculty II	MFA	Wayne State University		

Jeffrey Lieder	Professor	MFA	Ohio State University	✓
Ana McHenry	Teaching Faculty II	BFA	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	
Raeleen McMillion	Teaching Faculty II	MFA	Ohio University	
Robin Mello	Professor	PhD	Lesley University	
Jason Orlenko	Assistant Professor	MFA	Indiana University	
Sheri Williams Pannell	Associate Professor	MFA	University of Wisconsin-Madison	
Alvaro Saar Rios	Associate Professor	MFA	Northwestern University	
Dana Rochester	Teaching Faculty II	MFA	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	
LeRoy Stoner	Associate Professor	MA	Indiana University	✓
Sandra J. Strawn	Professor	BSE	Emporia State University	✓
James Tasse	Teaching Faculty II	BFA	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	
William Watson	Professor	MFA	University of Washington	
Stephen White	Associate Professor	MFA	Northwestern University	

## Contact Information

### Advising & Student Services

Theatre Building, Room 120

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