

# Musical Theatre

at Coastal Carolina University

## What does a musical theatre major study?

The program is intended for students who are willing to commit to structured, intensive, studio-based training and are searching for a degree that prepares them to function in the professional theatre as actor-singers. The program defines the term “musical theatre” in a way that embraces the richness and diversity of this challenging interdisciplinary art form that includes musical comedy, the musical play, new and alternative music theatre, “Broadway opera,” cabaret, and revue. Students receive technique training in acting complemented by training in vocal technique, musicianship, dance, and the study of the repertoire of the musical theatre in print and recordings. Students also train through rehearsal and performance. The goal of the program is to cultivate working artists with a practical knowledge and competence that includes sensitivity to technique, artistry, and style, as well as an insight into the role of the theatre arts. The highly focused and demanding training is enhanced by appropriate courses in the liberal arts.

## Why study musical theatre at Coastal Carolina University?

- Instructors are also working professional artists with credits ranging from Broadway to numerous regional theatres throughout the country. Professors have experience in the theatre, film, and television industries.
- The department has an aggressive production schedule that includes five main stage productions (typically two musicals) each academic year. In addition, students produce at least two productions each year, and faculty members direct showcase productions for the Musical Theatre Company, Children’s Theatre Company, and Dance Company.
- Coastal Carolina University offers three state of the art theatres including the Edwards Theatre (flexible black box), the 79th Avenue Theatre (147-seat modified thrust), and Wheelwright Auditorium (720-seat proscenium).
- The University also possesses one of the largest and best equipped university scenic, costume and paint studios. More than 3,500 square feet of space allows the department to build and paint in a professional style studio situation.
- Students can take advantage of a close association with Atlantic Stage, a local professional theatre company. The association casts students in meaningful roles and hires students as interns, assistant stage managers, electricians, carpenters and stage hands.

## What are some career options for musical theatre majors?

- Actor
- Ticket sales
- Performer with regional theater company, revue, cruise ship, national touring group or musical theater venue
- Playwright
- Director/producer

## What kind of courses do musical theatre majors take?

Ballet I and II; Jazz I and II; Tap I and II; Dance Company; Acting I, II, III, IV; Movement for the Actor; Music Skills for Actors; Basic Musicianship I and II; Directing I; Musical Theatre Repertory; Theory and Criticism; and Musical Theatre Scene Study

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