THEATRE ARTS B.F.A.

√ Major – Audition Required
√ Concentrations: Acting
Design & Technology
Physical Theatre

Description of the Major:

The goal of the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) program is to cultivate practitioners for the theatre and entertainment industry. The highly-focused and demanding training is enhanced by appropriate courses in the liberal arts. Students enrolled in the Theatre Arts program are expected to develop the knowledge, skills, concepts, and sensitivities essential to the life of the theatre professional. In all roles, the theatre professional must exhibit not only technical and artistic competence, but also a broad knowledge of theatre, sensitivity to artistic style, and an insight into the role of theatre in the life of humankind.

Concentrations in acting, design and technology, and physical theatre are available for students who are focused on developing specific skills and willing to commit to structured, intensive, studio-based training. The B.F.A. concentrates on developing the skills and professionalism of its students to prepare them for careers in the theatre and related fields or for advanced study in graduate or conservatory programs. Admission to the program is by audition and interview for acting and physical theatre and by portfolio review and interview for design and technology.

The Student Experience:

- 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 including 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.

Beyond the Classroom:

Career opportunities for Theatre Arts majors include: Actor, playwright, director/producer, ticket sales, performer with regional theatre company, revue, cruise ship, national touring group or musical theatre venue.

Areas of Study:

Acting I, II, III, IV; Acting Studio I, II, III, IV; Movement for the Actor I and II; Introduction to Physical Theatre; Voice and Diction; Vocal Production for the Actor; Scene Design; Lighting Design; Costume Design; Scene Painting; Computer Aided Design; and Drafting and Properties Construction.

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