

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FINE, PERFORMING AND COMMUNICATION ARTS

Position Announcement Chair Department of Theatre and Dance

POSITION: The College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts of Wayne State University seeks a qualified candidate for appointment as Chair of the newly merged Department of Theatre and Dance. **Responsibilities** include leadership of the faculty in developing, maintaining, and enhancing the undergraduate and graduate curricula; implementation of departmental budget, personnel, and fund-raising policies and goals; participation in faculty, student, and community affairs; teaching in the area of expertise as appropriate; continuing personal scholarly/creative and professional activity; leading departmental efforts in recruitment, mentoring, and retention of faculty and students; and leadership in enhancing faculty productivity, creativity, and research. Rank and salary will be competitive and dependent on the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate.

Qualifications: The College seeks candidates who possess the following **required qualifications:** An appropriate terminal degree in Dance or Theatre, significant artistic and/or academic achievement, and teaching and professional activity to warrant appointment to a tenured rank. **Preferred qualifications** include a record of scholarly/creative work sufficient for appointment as Professor with tenure. Other preferred qualifications are experience in the administration of a combined dance and theatre department, leadership and organizational skills, budget and fund-raising experience, and experience with NASD and NAST accreditation policies and processes.

Department of Theatre and Dance: The combined Department offers NASD-accredited programs leading to the BS or BFA in Dance and NAST-accredited programs leading to the BA in Theatre; BFA with concentrations in Acting and Design/Technical Theatre; MA in Theatre; MFA with concentrations in Acting, Costume Design, Scenic Design, Lighting Design, Theatre Management, and Stage Management; and PhD for Scholar-Directors. The faculty of 26 and staff of 8 serve a student body of approximately 95 undergraduate dance majors, 175 undergraduate theatre majors, and 50 graduate theatre students. Summer theatre study abroad is offered through a partnership with the Moscow Art Theatre School. The Department annually produces 7 dance concerts and recitals and 15 plays in 4 theatres—a 1,150-seat Broadway-type house, a 525-seat open stage, the 100-seat Maggie Allesee Dance Studio, and a 110-seat studio theatre. The WSU Dance Company is a regular participant in the regional and national American College Dance Festival and the Hilberry Theatre Graduate Repertory Company is in its 49th year of continuous operation. The Department also hosts an annual American Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive. For further information about Theatre and Dance at WSU, please see <http://theatre.wayne.edu> and <http://dance.wayne.edu>.

The College and University: The Department of Theatre and Dance is one of four departments in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts; the other constituent units are the departments of Art and Art History, Communication, and Music. The College's faculty offer degrees ranging from the BA and various undergraduate professional degrees through MA, MMus, and MFA degrees to PhD programs in Communication and Theatre. Wayne State University is a research extensive, urban institution enrolling more than 32,000 students in 400 undergraduate and graduate programs offered through the university's 13 schools and colleges, including Law and Medicine. The campus is located in Detroit's Midtown Cultural Center, and recent campus construction includes three new undergraduate dormitories, the University Bookstore and Welcome Center, and the Danto Engineering Development Center. For further information about the University, please see <http://wayne.edu>; additional information about the College is available at <http://www.cfpc.wayne.edu>.

Wayne State's neighbors in the Midtown Cultural Center include the Detroit Public Library, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Science Center, Charles Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit Historical Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit (MOCAD), Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Michigan Opera Theatre. The nearby New Center and Downtown areas are also home to active theatres, galleries, professional sports stadiums and entertainment venues ranging from Hard Rock Café to Detroit Artist Market and the Fox and Fisher theatres.

Applications: All applicants must use the WSU Online Hiring System at <http://jobs.wayne.edu>, referring to posting #038119. Electronic applications must include a letter of application; curriculum vita; and names, addresses, and contact information for at least five references. Please do not submit supporting materials at this time; fax submissions will not be accepted. Applications remain open until the position is filled. The search committee will begin reviewing applications on December 1, 2011. Inquiries about the position may be directed to:

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