

Designed to bring out the best in an individual, the B.F.A. in Musical Theatre was created within the context of a liberal arts education. Not only will a student receive superior training in performance technique and solid preparation for the business, but they will also be better prepared for life by fulfilling all of the general education requirements of a B.A. student in the College of Arts and Sciences. The program is limited to only 8–14 students per year, providing enormous individual attention throughout the student's career at Indiana University. We invite students whom we believe have the potential to successfully complete all four years of study and training. Our curriculum is thorough and produces graduates who are able to think globally with well honed skills that prepare them for success in creating their own careers within the entertainment industry.





# Greetings from Richard Roland

Dear Prospective Student,

Welcome! Thank you for having a look at the Indiana University Musical Theatre B.F.A. Program in the Department of Theatre, Drama, and Contemporary Dance. We are a small program offering a rigorous curriculum of performance and technique classes, taught by a faculty

of working professionals who encourage individuality and artistic exploration. This is not a "cut" program. While we hold individual evaluation and assessment sessions every semester, we do not decide whether or not a student is allowed to progress to the next academic year. We are also not a "cookie-cutter" program. We celebrate the individual. We don't "break you down" so that we can reshape you—however we work you hard and we challenge you while we recognize and encourage your unique gifts, and through highly disciplined training, nurture them to their full potential.

Solid techniques in acting, dance, and voice, and the integration of all three are at the core of what we provide, all while honoring and upholding the text of the musical theatre literature. These essential disciplines are augmented with opportunities to explore musical theatre writing, direction, choreography, and history through unique courses and independent projects that expand students' creative learning experiences. By cultivating an entrepreneurial approach in preparing for the performing arts industry, we empower our students to become valuable collaborators and successful professional musical theatre artists. Housed in a research-one university, our program will also challenge you to think critically, going beyond the performance aspect of Musical Theatre and exploring its roots, history, form, and function in American culture.

As experienced practitioners, we faculty members understand that musical theatre is a highly competitive field. In order to build students' professional networks and provide a pathway to their careers, we provide master classes with visiting guest artists, casting directors, and agents. The four-year B.F.A. degree culminates in New York City with our Senior Launch, a two-day event which includes Showcase and introductions to theatre professionals.

Our students are performing on Broadway, national and international tours, in prestigious regional and summer stock theatres, first-rate cruise ships and theme parks, and have appeared on television and in film. Some move beyond the footlights to become casting directors, directors, choreographers, artistic directors, writers, and agents. We understand that some students will move directly to New York while others will go to Chicago, Los Angeles, or any of the many cities hosting thriving theatre communities. We encourage and support each student's artistic path and assist them individually in finding employment.

As a professional faculty, our mentorship doesn't end on graduation day. We are available to our alums for advice, information, or just conversation. Professors Fellman, Gray, Haughton Gillis, LaBolt, Swaney, and I value our individual relationships with students and continue to nurture that bond well after that B.F.A. is earned.

Thanks again for having a look at us, and please feel free to contact us with any questions. We hope to hear from you!

Sincerely,

**RICHARD ROLAND** Head of Musical Theatre

### MUSIC THEATRE FACULTY



**DJ GRAY** Professor of Practice Musical Theatre Dance dg1@iu.edu

is a performer and choreographer. She performed on Broadway in *The* Producers. She was the Associate Choreographer with Tony Award winning The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, (On and Off-Broadway, and Non-Equity Tour), Associate Choreographer with Tony nominated Xanadu, and assistant staging with Sondheim on Sondheim (Broadway), as well as Merrily We Roll Along (Encores!). DJ has also staged TV appearances and events for Broadway, including Xanadu, The Early Show, Broadway in the Park, and the Tony Awards. Most recently, DJ directed and choreographed Maltby and Shire's Closer Than Ever for IU Summer Theatre. Previously, she directed and choreographed Candlelight Pavilion's *Singin' in the Rain.* Other experience includes: Florida Studio Theater (World Goes Round, I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, Pump Boys and Dinettes), Candlelight Theatre (A Chorus Line, 42nd Street, Phantom).



RAY FELLMAN Professor Vocal Instruction, Musical Director rfellman@indiana.edu

has conducted over 40 musicals Off Broadway, regionally, and internationally and over 100 cabaret shows in NYC. Credits include Stephen Schwartz's Captain Louie with a performance on The Today Show. Ray received the Backstage Magazine Bistro Award in 2007 for his music direction of The After Party at the Laurie Beechman Theatre on 42nd St. Ray has sung important roles with regional opera companies, and been a featured soloist with many symphony orchestras. Voice coaching credits: Tribeca and Toronto Film Festival selection Greetings from Tim Buckley (2013) starring Penn Badgley, and Twentieth Century Fox film Joy (2015) starring Jennifer Lawrence and Edgar Ramirez.



LAUREN HAUGHTON GILLIS Assistant Professor Musical Theatre Dance lagillis@iu.edu

holds an M.F.A. in Musical Theatre from San Diego State University and a B.F.A in Musical Theatre from Syracuse University. She appeared on Broadway in Wicked. Select directing and choreography credits include: Ship Show for Virgin Voyages International, The Magic Hummingbird at The Cutting Room in NYC, The Gardens of Anuncia at The Old Globe (w/ Graciela Daniele), PDA at La Jolla Playhouse, She Loves Me at San Diego Musical Theatre, Matilda and Godspell at Festival 56, Bright Star and The Marvelous Wonderettes: Dream On at Okoboji Summer Theatre, And the World Goes 'Round at Coronado Playhouse, A Year With Frog and Toad at Cardinal Stage, Carrie and Head Over Heels at Indiana University. She has directed and choreographed benefit concerts and cabarets for BCEFA across the US and Canada for the National Touring Companies of Hamilton, Beautiful: The Carol King Musical, The Book of Mormon, and Wicked.



**TERRY LABOLT** Professor of Practice Vocal Instruction, Musical Director tlabolt@indiana.edu

began his career as a Broadway conductor in the 1980s conducting 42nd Street, Hello, Dolly! (with Carol Channing), *George M.* (with Joel Grey) and Sugar Babies (with Ann Miller and Mickey Rooney). He is co-author of The Wonder Years—the Baby Boom Musical Revue, which enjoyed success Off-Broadway and in Los Angeles, winning 12 Drama-Logue Awards in 1987. As pianist: The Fantasticks (Sullivan Street Theatre), and tours of The Phantom of the Opera, Aida, Evita, Jesus Christ Superstar, Annie, Guys & Dolls, and Mamma Mia. Prior to joining the faculty of Indiana University in 2008, he was the music director of musical theatre at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, where he conducted shows and coached students for more than a decade. At IU he conducts most mainstage productions, teaches privately, and supervises the Broadway Cabaret ensemble.



RICHARD ROLAND Assistant Professor Director, B.F.A. Musical Theatre Program riroland@iu.edu

holds an M.F.A. in Directing from Penn State and a B.F.A. in Theatre from Denison University. He has appeared on Broadway and National Tours in Thoroughly Modern Millie, Follies (2021), Titanic, and The Scarlet Pimpernel and off-Broadway in The Fantasticks, Zombie Prom, The Cocoanuts, and Forever Plaid, TV: All My Children, As the World Turns, Six Degrees, lots of commercials. Select national and NYC directing credits: The Secret Garden. 110 in the Shade. Brigadoon, Forever Plaid, Barefoot in the Park, Souvenir, Urinetown, Avenue Q, God of Carnage, Hairspray, Ragtime, Dear Ruth, No Way to Treat a Lady, Grease, ...Millie, Chicago, Steel Magnolias, and Metamorphoses. His IU productions: City of Angels, Wonderful Town, Big Fish, ...Spelling Bee, Little Shop of Horrors, Twisted Tales of Poe, and ... Great Comet. Proud member of SDC. AEA. and SAG-AFTRA. He teaches Acting the Song, Audition Techniques, Musical Theatre History, and all levels of MT Studio Classes.



**DR. SUE SWANEY** Adjunct Professor Vocal Instruction sswaney@indiana.edu

teaches studio voice for the B.F.A. program. Swaney has music-directed Les Misèrables, West Side Story, and My Fair Lady for Cardinal Stage, as well as vocal-directing Next to Normal and Wizard of Oz. She conducted IU Ballet's production of Twyla Tharp's Sweet Fields and Pirates of Penzance for IU Theatre (with Elizabeth Stanley as Mabel): and she was vocal coach for the midwest tour of John Mellencamp and Stephen King's musical, Ghost Brothers of Darkland County. She has sung leads in Candide, Ghosts of Versailles, Nixon in China, Fiddler on the Roof, and others and performed in NYC, Washington, DC, Israel, and Mexico. She can be heard singing backup on Mellencamp's "Thank You," and she played Florence Foster Jenkins (opposite Ray Fellman) in Cardinal's Souvenir. Dr. Swaney holds degrees in Music History, Voice, and Conducting from University of Michigan and IU.

# 2022/23 Season

### **Everybody**

Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde

Natasha, Pierre, & the Great Comet of 1812

Journeys of Joy: Winter Dance Concert

# Agamemnon The Winter's Tale At First Sight: A Festival of New Plays Something Rotten! New Moves/New Directions: Senior Capstone Projects



Performance opportunities are abundant. Led by a professional faculty recognized on Broadway, national tours, regional theatres, and internationally, the Department's main stage season of theatrical productions and dance concerts includes two musicals, one in the fall and one in the spring. The **Department's professional** Summer Theatre season includes musicals as well. Students have ample opportunity to produce, direct and act with University Players, a student run performing organization, as well as independent projects performed in our Studio Theatre. In addition, Bloomington boasts Constellation Stage and Screen, a professional community theatre which regularly employ our students.

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# **INIVERSITY PLAYER**

is a student-run theatre organization at Indiana University dedicated to providing further opportunities in the areas of theatrical performance, production, management, and educational outreach to undergraduate students of all majors and backgrounds. "Theatre of the students, for the students, by the students, University Players is a source of community building within the Department of Theatre, Drama, and Contemporary Dance."

Students are also encouraged to produce independent projects, which provide even more chances to be cast from the moment you arrive on campus!

# ALUMNI BROADWAY, NATIONAL TOURS, FILM & TELEVISION CREDITS

NOAH MARCUS ('22) DISNEY CRUISE LINES

LARKIN REILLY ('21) MUSIC THEATRE WICHITA: A Chorus Line OGONQUIT PLAYHOUSE: The Nutty Professor (world premiere)

COLE WINSTON ('21) CARNEGIE HALL, NYC: Great American Songbook Concert with Michael Feinstein

**BRODERICK O'NEAL ('20) NORWEGIAN CRUISE:** *Kinky Boots* 

DANIELLE MCKNIGHT ('20) DISNEY CRUISE LINES

NINAKO (NINA) DONVILLE (\*20) OFF-BROADWAY: A Beautiful Noise: the Neil Diamond Musical (Dec \*22)

SAM SANDERSON ('20) DISNEY CRUISE LINES

MAX FOWLER ('19) OLNEY THEATRE, WASHINGTON, D.C.: Singin' in the Rain

MICHELLE ZINK-MUÑOZ ('19) WEATHERVANE PLAYHOUSE: Spring Awakening GREEN ROOM 42, NYC: Revelation: Manhattan

COLIN LEMOINE ('18) NATIONAL TOUR: Hello, Dolly!

MILES DAVIS TILLMAN ('18) NATIONAL TOURS: The SpongeBob Musical; Spamilton, an American Parody

CAROLINE (HUERTA) KENNEDY ('17) SEACOAST REP: In the Heights

ANDREW MINKIN ('17) ASSISTANT TO HEAD OF THEATRE AT UNITED TALENT AGENCY MEADOW NGUY ('17) ALABAMA SHAKESPEARE: Annie TV: The Blacklist, Madam Secretary, Law & Order: SVU

TODD AULWURM ('17) NATIONAL TOUR: Once

BRIAN BANDURA ('16) MARRIOTT LINCOLNSHIRE: Something Rotten!, Newsies

ELAINE COTTER ('16) NATIONAL TOUR: The Sound of Music OFF-BROADWAY: Young Charles Dickens

KAYLA EILERS ('16) DISNEY CRUISE LINES: Cinderella, The Little Mermaid

MEGHAN FADDIS ('16) NATIONAL TOUR: Hamilton THE MUNY: Gypsy

MIA FITZGIBBON ('16) NATIONAL TOUR: Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, Annie

EMILY KELLY ('16) ENCORES, NYC: Grand Hotel GOODSPEED: Thoroughly Modern Millie WESTCHESTER BROADWAY: Gypsy

KAITLYN MAYSE ('16) NATIONAL TOUR: Bandstand, Cinderella

CAMERON MULLIN ('16) NATIONAL TOUR: RENT

KAITLYN LOUISE SMITH (\*16) NATIONAL TOUR: Mean Girls ROYAL CARIBBEAN: Hairspray

MADDIE SHEA BALDWIN ('15) BROADWAY AND NATIONAL TOUR: Bright Star

ABBY BARTISH ('15) NATIONAL TOUR: Something Rotten! SAMANTHA (MASON) RENTON

('15) Tokyo disney

NAT ZEGREE ('15) PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE, NJ: Million Dollar Quartet

EMILY SCHULTHEIS ('15) NATIONAL TOUR: Wicked, Bat Out of Hell OLD GLOBE: Almost Famous BROADWAY: Almost Famous

CJ PAWLIKOWSKI ('14) NATIONAL TOUR: Book of Mormon OFF-BROADWAY: Jersey Boys

HANNAH SLABAUGH ('14) NATIONAL TOUR: Annie

ZACHARY FRANCIS STEWART ('14) OFF-BROADWAY: The Bad Years

JULIAN RAMOS ('14) NATIONAL TOUR: Hamilton CARNEGIE HALL: West Side Story OLD GLOBE: Freaky Friday

CHARNETTE BATEY ('13) NATIONAL TOUR: Hamilton, Seussical, Book of Mormon

TAYLOR CROUSORE ('13) OFF BROADWAY: Forbidden Broadway, Newsical

ERICA EVANS ('13) DRURY LANE: 42nd Street, Chicago, Crazy For You MARRIOTT LINCOLNSHIRE: Mamma Mia

**EVAN MAYER ('13) NATIONAL TOUR:** *My Fair Lady, A Christmas Story, Annie* **GOODSPEED:** *Thoroughly Modern Millie* 

CHLOE WILLIAMSON ('13) OFF BROADWAY & INTERNATIONAL: 50 Shades of Gray the Musical FRANCESCA AROSTEGUI ('12) NATIONAL TOUR: Mamma Mia

WILLIAM HALTIWANGER ('12) AGENT AT THE ROSTER AGENCY, NYC

NATHAN MITTLEMAN ('12) DRURY LANE: Mary Poppins PARAMOUNT THEATRE: The Producers

HANA SLEVIN ('12) ROYAL CARIBBEAN: Grease THEATREWORKS USA: Dragons Love Tacos

WILLIAM CARLOS ANGULO ('11) PARAMOUNT: West Side Story MARRIOTT LINCOLNSHIRE: The Bridges of Madison County William is the head of dance and choreography at the Goodman Theatre's musical theatre program.

ANDREW BREWER ('11)

**BROADWAY:** Beautiful: The Carol King Musical MATT MARTIN ('11)

**NATIONAL TOUR:** *Lily's Crossing* **OFF-BROADWAY:** *We the People* 

MARK BANIK ('10) NATIONAL TOUR: Beautiful: The Carol King Musical, My Fair Lady

MANDY STRIPH ('10) NATIONAL TOUR: Beauty and the Beast, Memphis

MARC WINSKI ('10)

NATIONAL TOUR: Grease DISNEY CRUISE LINES

ERIC VAN TIELEN ('08)

**BROADWAY:** Tale of Two Cities **NATIONAL TOUR:** Fiddler on the Roof, Les Mis

QUINTO OTT ('08) NATIONAL TOUR: Phantom of the Opera

**ROBYN PAYNE ('06)** 

BROADWAY: The Lion King NATIONAL TOUR: Thoroughly Modern Millie TV: Lipstick Jungle



BROADWAY: Mamma Mia, Jersey Boys, Violet Anything Goes - Drama Desk Award NATIONAL TOUR: Wicked BROADWAY ENCORES: Follies, Merrily We Roll Along TV: Chicago Med, The Affair, Arrow

HEATH CALVERT ('01)

**BROADWAY:** Amelie, Hair, Good Vibrations

ELIZABETH STANLEY ('01)

BROADWAY: Jagged Little Pill, On the Town, Company, Cry Baby, Million Dollar Quartet NATIONAL TOUR: The Bridges of Madison County, Cabaret, Xanadu BROADWAY ENCORES: Merrily We Roll Along TV: Fringe, Chappelle's Show

### NICOLE PARKER ('00)

BROADWAY: Wicked, The People in the Picture, Fame Becomes Me NATIONAL TOUR: Wicked TV: Mad TV FILM: Funny People



### **NEW YORK SHOWCASE**

Each spring, graduating seniors travel to New York City to perform their senior showcase for casting directors, talent agents, and other professionals in the business. In addition to the showcase, seniors spend the week participating in career building opportunities.

A typical showcase week includes performing at Joe's Pub, The Laurie Beechman Theatre (or a similar venue) sponsored by the IU Alumni Association, meeting supporters at a reception expressly for the showcase participants, attending open call auditions, seeing Broadway and off-Broadway productions, and, of course, performing the showcase for industry professionals.







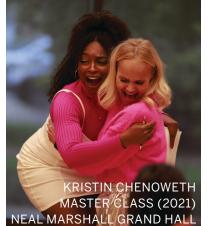
### CASTING DIRECTORS

Rachel Hoffman Merri Sugarman Liz Lewis Lindsay Levine Michael Cassara Pat McCorkle

### ACTORS

Ali Stroker (Tony Award winner for Oaklahoma!) Lilli Cooper (Tony Award nominee for Tootsie)

Telly Leung (Broadway's Aladdin, Allegience) Julius Thomas III Anaela Groveu Audra McDonald (Six-time Tony Award winner) Glenn Close Kristin Chenoweth Carol Burnett Meryl Streep Elizabeth Stanley (Tony Award nominee for Jagged Little Pill) Jessica Vosk Lana Gordon Hannah Laird Nicole Parker (Wicked, Fame Becomes Me)



# Pam Meyers Martin Sheen Ray Lee (Anything Goes,

Groundhog Day) Herman Sebek (Miss Saigon) Jordan Gelber (Avenue Q) Cindy Cheung (Lady in the Water) Waterwell Theatre Company Residency

### **COMPOSERS &** LYRICISTS

Stephen Sondheim Matte O'Brien Douglas Lyons Or Mathias Pete Mills Michael Heitzman Ilene Reid John Bucchino David Henry Hwang Sean Carner Derek Gregor

### **MUSIC DIRECTORS/** COACHES

Larry Yurman Chris Denny Michael Feinstein



WELLS-METZ THEATRE

### DIRECTORS

WORLD CLASS GUEST ARTISTS

Susan Stroman Susan H. Schulman Chloe Treat Chika Ike

**CHOREOGRAPHERS** 

William Carlos Angulo

**LECTURERS & GUEST** 

Dr. Julia Rademacher

Clinical Faculty, IU

Manhattan School

Department of Speech

Broadway Veteran, Voice

Theatre Artist & Educator

Camille A. Brown

Michael Lichtefeld

Daniel Smith

TEACHERS

Lormarev Jones

and Hearing

Andrea Green

Raymond Sage

Sylvia McNair

Grammy Award-

winning Singer

Teacher

### INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

Carey Anderson *Psychotherapist for the* Performing Artist Tom Viola Executive Director at Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS *Tim Pinckney* Producer Emeritus at The Actors Fund Jeremy Koch Artistic Director at Farmers Alley Theatre Harriet Levy Broadway Producer Carolina Garcia Netflix Director of **Original Series** Vishal Viaidya **Riffing Specialist** 

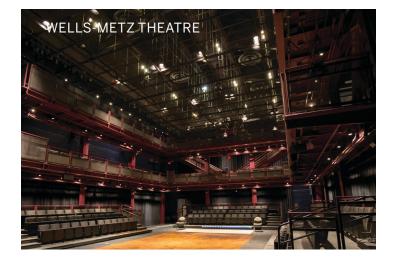
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AUDRA MCDONALD MASTER CLASS (2015) WELLS-METZ THEATRE

### LEE NORVELLE THEATRE & DRAMA CENTER



In January 2002, IU opened the Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center on the Bloomington campus. The building is beautifully designed and provides modern technology, expansive and well-planned workshops, spacious directing and acting studios, and two vital, new performance spaces. The second phase of the Norvelle Center opened in June 2011. The remodeling and renovation of the Theatre Building, which is adjacent to the new center opened in progressive stages. In June 2011 the completion of the final phase allowed the department to fully connect both spaces complete with new classrooms, studios and offices. The new studio theatre and movement studio are the centerpieces of this newest renovation to the facility.





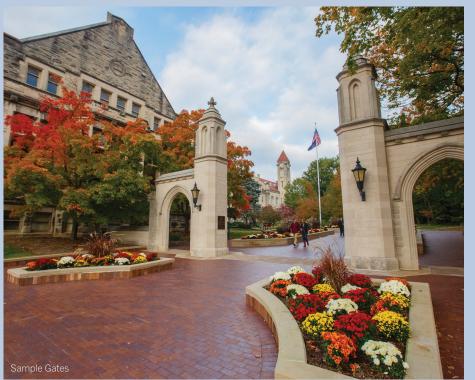


# **Performance Venues**

The Wells-Metz Theatre is a 236-seat flexible venue which is home to four mainstage productions each academic year. An intimate space with audience as close as 5 feet from the action, the Wells-Metz is an ideal venue for small cast shows, as well as musicals and large ensemble productions. With a full stage trap room and overhead suspension grid, the theatre has become known for its environmental productions with performers playing throughout the space from trap to grid.

The Ruth N. Halls Theatre is a beautiful 439seat proscenium space. In addition to four mainstage productions in the season, the Halls hosts guest lectures, presentations, and our annual department graduation celebration. With an orchestra pit that can seat 30, the Halls Theatre is an ideal venue for large musicals and theatrical pieces with expansive offstage wings providing plenty of space to store scenery.

The Studio Theatre is a true black box space. With a seating capacity of 40, this space has moveable audience risers and a lighting grid and plays host to dance concerts, University Players productions, independent projects, acting and movement classes, and several Musical Theatre studio classes including the weekly Master Class, at which the entire B.F.A. MT program meets every Wednesday, and, over the course of a semester, each student performs for peers, faculty, and the occasional guest.



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# You'll Love Being Here

IU blends a vibrant university community with a smalltown atmosphere to give you a quality of life that's hard to match. You'll quickly become part of the spirit and tradition of IU, an experience two centuries in the making. IU Bloomington attracts students from around the globe who want a classic college experience: great traditions, a gorgeous campus, international culture, Big Ten sports, and a progressive academic climate.







Bloomington (aka B-town) is the quintessential college town: a small city of just over 80,000 with cultural resources and opportunities that rival cities many times its size. From the diverse shops and restaurants of Kirkwood Avenue to the annual Lotus World Music and Arts Festival, it's easy to see why USA Today named Bloomington one of the top 10 cities for campus culture. For more information about things to do in B-town, check out VisitBloomington.com.





### COURSES

### **FOUNDATION COURSES (24 CREDITS)**

T100 Introduction to Theatre T116 Introduction to Musical Theatre T121 Acting I for Majors: Introduction to Acting T125 Performance as Art and Design T370 History of Theatre and Drama I T370 History of Theatre and Drama II Tech Classes (choose two)

T334 Costume Construction T335 Stage Lighting Design T347 Intro to Sound Design for Theatre T350 Entertainment Technology and Production

ACTING/STUDIO COURSES (22–26 CREDITS) T203 Broadway Cabaret: (4 semesters) T220 Acting II: Scene Study T325 Voice and Speech T319 Acting III: Advanced Scene Study T300 Musical Theatre Workshop A: Acting the Song T300 Musical Theatre Workshop B: Business of the Business T300 Musical Theatre Workshop D: Audition Songbook T300 Musical Theatre Workshop D: Audition Techniques

T401 Senior Showcase (2 semesters)

### DANCE COURSES (18 CREDITS)

T483/T117 Pilates for the Singer/Actor/Dancer T204 Musical Theatre Dance T301 Musical Theatre Dance Styles I T302 Musical Theatre Dance Styles II T304 Advanced Musical Theatre Dance Styles D254 Intermediate Tap 4 additional credits, as advised by the

Musical Theatre Faculty May incude Pilates Certification Course, third or fourth year

### MUSIC COURSES (20 CREDITS)

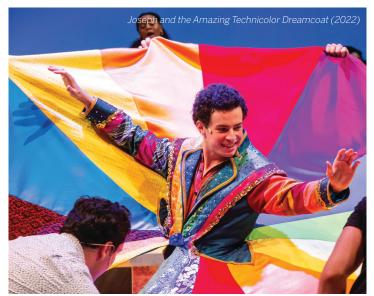
T305 Voice for Musical Theatre (8 semesters) MUS-Z111 Introduction to Music Theory (or MUS-Z211 Music Theory II) MUS-Z112 Introduction to Music Skills T312 History of American Musical Theatre; or MUS-Z373 The American Musical Cultural Studies in Music - options include: AAAD-A110 African American Choral Ensemble\* AAAD-A112 Black Music of Two Worlds AAAD-A120 Soul Revue\* AAAD-A290 Socio-Cultural Perspectives of African American Music AAAD-A388 Motown HIST-A383 Rock, Hip-Hop, and Revolution MUS-Z201 History of Rock and Roll Music I MUS-Z202 Hist, of Rock and Roll Music II MUS-Z385 History of the Blues MUS-Z393 History of Jazz MUS-Z394 Survey of African American Music MUS-Z395 Contemporary Jazz and Soul Music

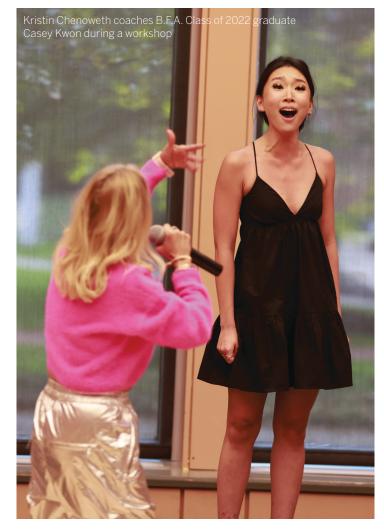
### THE CAPSTONE PROJECT

Each B.F.A. Musical Theatre student is required to complete a Capstone Project before graduating. This is an independent project which the student will propose and execute with the guidance of a faculty advisor. The topic is completely at the discretion of the student, but the idea is that it should be a challenging and meaningful yet fun and rewarding project with realistic goals and expectations. Past projects have included self-produced one-person shows, self-produced large-cast shows, directing, choreographing, writing a musical, producing a holiday CD featuring the MT graduating class, and conceiving and writing short shows for children's hospitals, to name a few. Students have also taught master classes in acrobatics, stage combat, tap dancing, opera and MT singing, MT history, etc. The possibilities are endless, as long as there is some connection to the theatre with the project. Ideally, the Capstone Project is proposed sometime between the second and third years, and executed/presented within the third and fourth years.



### AUDITION AND APPLICATION PROCESS







An application and audition are required for admission to the Department of Theatre, Drama, and Contemporary Dance Musical Theatre B.F.A. major at Indiana University.

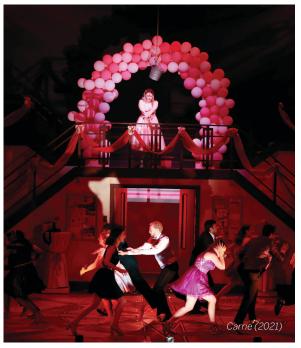
We are proud to announce that our program has joined the alliance of top tier university musical theatre programs utilizing the Tony Award winning Paper Mill Playhouse + Acceptd universal criteria for video submissions: the Musical Theatre Common Pre-Screen!

Until now, colleges and universities each created school-specific guidelines. Stephen Agosto, Senior Manager of Artistic Engagement at Paper Mill Playhouse describes: "these universal criteria are intended to streamline the digital pre-screen process while keeping with current industry standards for auditioning musical theatre performers."

For questions or more information, please contact:

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# **Audition Tip:**

Be yourself! Approach the audition as a chance to do what you love best: perform. Bring your passion, joy, and imagination and look upon the audition day as an adventure and opportunity to work with new people and learn new things.



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# Take your place