Visiting Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre

The College of Creative Arts at West Virginia University invites nominations and applications for the position of Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre in the School of Theatre & Dance.

Job Description: A full-time, 9-month, non-tenure track, benefits eligible position. The appointment may be renewed, at the Dean’s discretion, on an annual basis. Primary duties include:

- Teaching undergraduate acting and musical theatre courses
- Audition preparation and showcase development with all performance area majors (BFAs in Acting and in Musical Theatre)
- May include teaching courses in the history of musical theatre, audition techniques, directing and/or select topics within the School’s MFA acting program
- Direct one production for the School of Theatre & Dance season
- Possible musical direction of productions with a proven record of experience
- Assist in managing auditions for musical productions at WVU including co-productions with the School of Music and West Virginia Public Theatre.

Participation in curriculum development, recruitment and retention activities, academic advising and involvement in University/School committee activities and faculty governance is required of all faculty members in the School of Theatre & Dance.

Required Qualifications: At the time of appointment, the successful candidate will have:

- 1-3 years teaching experience at the college/university level
- MA/MM/MS in Theatre, Music, or related arts discipline
- Professional musical theatre acting and/or directing experience required
- Enjoy working collaboratively and collegially in a fast-paced educational environment
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and a dedication to teaching

Desired Qualifications:

- Terminal degree (MFA/PhD/DMA) in Theatre, Music, or related arts discipline
- Ability to teach voice for musical theatre performance, piano competency, or some choreographic staging experience
- Affiliations with AEA, SAG-AFTRA, and/or SDC
Date of Appointment:  August 13, 2021

Application Deadline:  Review of applications will begin March 10, 2021 and continue until the position is filled.

Application:  For a complete application, interested candidates should submit the following:
- Letter of application
- Current curriculum vitae
- Philosophy of teaching statement
- Names of three (3) references including complete contact information (email, phone and mailing address)

For the full job posting and to apply, please visit: https://wvu.taleo.net/careersection/faculty/jobdetail.ftl?job=14347

Additional materials may be requested at a later date.

THE SCHOOL OF THEATRE & DANCE (theatre.wvu.edu):  The School of Theatre & Dance is a member of URTA and a NAST-accredited training program with an enrollment of approximately 200 undergraduate and graduate students. The School offers MFA degrees in acting, design & technology, and technical direction; BFA degrees in acting, musical theatre, design & technology, and puppetry; a BA degree in dance and a BA in theatre studies; and minors in theatre, dance, and technical production.

As part of its mission, the School educates students in the traditions and practices of the art of theatre and dance by challenging them to engage in the many processes used and valued by collaborative artists. The School employs 20 full-time and 2 part-time faculty and 3 professional staff to annually produce a vibrant season of theatre and dance productions in four theatres supported by well-equipped production facilities. The School is dedicated to providing an exceptional classroom and studio education supported by hands-on production experiences.

THE COLLEGE OF CREATIVE ARTS (ccarts.wvu.edu) is one of 15 colleges within the university, includes the Schools of Music, Theatre & Dance, and Art & Design, and offers the state’s premiere training in the visual and performing arts. Each of these units has a national profile of excellence and all programs are nationally accredited (NASM, NAST, and NASAD).

The College of Creative Arts is housed in WVU’s Canaday Creative Arts Center and has more than 70 full-time faculty and 20 professional staff whose mission is to educate succeeding generations of artists, teachers, and scholars through an experiential student-centered approach to learning. The College advocates the Arts as a medium through which the diversity of human experience is understood and valued. Exemplifying excellence and innovation in performance, exhibition, scholarship, and creative research, the College offers artistic and cultural opportunities for the citizens of West Virginia and the regional community.
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY (wvu.edu) is classified as an R1 or Highest Research Activity institution, and is the state’s only comprehensive doctoral-granting, land grant institution. WVU has a current enrollment of approximately 28,000 undergraduate and 5,500 graduate students enrolled in more than 184 graduate and undergraduate programs. The university community is committed to student-centered priorities, academic excellence, research, creative activity and service to the state.

The city of Morgantown has 55,000 residents and has been ranked as the “#1 Small City in America,” the “Best Small City in the East,” and the “3rd Best Small Town” in the nation. Boasting a strong economy and an unemployment rate well below the national average, the area also offers a wide variety of cultural and recreational activities.

West Virginia University is proud to be an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity. The University values diversity among its faculty, staff and students, and invites applications from all qualified applicants from all qualified applicants regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, nationality, genetics, disability, or Veteran status.