College of Creative Arts/School of Theatre & Dance

Position Announcement

Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre (tenure-track)

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: Nine-month, tenure-track appointment. Primary duties include:
- Teaching 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 acting program.
- Direct 1-2 productions for the School of Theatre & Dance per academic year.
- 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.
- Opportunities to direct for West Virginia Public Theatre are possible.

All faculty in the School of Theatre & Dance are expected to maintain an active creative-research agenda and professional development sufficient to meet the expectations of an R1 Doctoral Research, land-grant institution. Participation in curriculum development, attracting and maintaining students, academic advising and involvement in University/School committee activities and faculty governance is required of all faculty members.

Required Qualifications: At the time of appointment, the successful candidate will have:
- Terminal degree (MFA/PhD/DMA) in Theatre or related arts discipline
- 2-4 years teaching experience at the college/university level
- 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 skills include ability to teach voice for musical theatre performance, piano competency, or choreographic staging experience
- Affiliations with AEA, SAG-AFTRA and/or SDC is desirable

Date of Appointment: August 12, 2022
Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin December 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)

Apply online at https://careers.wvu.edu/career-opportunities

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 and design & technology, BFA degrees in acting, puppetry, design & technology, and musical theatre, BA degrees in dance and theatre studies. Minors in theatre, theatre production, and in dance are also offered.

As part of its mission, the School educates students in the traditions and practices of the arts of theatre and dance by challenging them to engage in the many processes used and valued by collaborative artists. To do so, the School employs 20 full-time and 2 part-time faculty and 3 professional staff, and annually produces 6-8 mainstage and 2-4 lab theatre productions in three theatres supported by well-equipped production facilities. The School of Theatre & Dance provides an exceptional classroom education supported by live 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 (NAST, NASM, and NASAD).

The College of Creative Arts is housed in WVU’s Creative Arts Center and has more than 90 full-time faculty and 32 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 global community.

West Virginia University (www.wvu.edu) is classified as a Doctoral/Research University—Extensive and is the state’s only comprehensive doctoral-granting, land grant institution. WVU has a current enrollment of approximately 29,000 students on the Morgantown campus 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.

WVU is located about 70 miles south of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in Morgantown, West Virginia which has received many national rankings, including “No. 1 Small City in America” by BizJournals.com for its quality of life. Other city rankings have included: One of the “Best Sports Cities” by Sporting News; 5th “Best Small Metro” by Forbes; 12th overall “Hottest Small City by Inc.; one of “50 Smartest Places to Live” by Kiplinger’s; one of the “Best Cities for Jobs” by MSN Careers; one of the 50 best places to launch a small business by CNNMoney.com; and the second-ranking “Best College Town for Jobs” by Forbes.

West Virginia Public Theatre (www.wvpublictheatre.org) is a professional theatre company located in Morgantown, WV, and is affiliated with West Virginia University’s College of Creative Arts. Founded in 1985, West Virginia Public Theatre (WVPT) yearly produces a three-show summer season, a holiday production and various showcase and special events. The theatre has full non-profit status and is governed by its Board of Directors along with its Artistic Director, Director of Operations, and permanent and seasonal staff. Currently using the Guest Artist Agreement with Actors’ Equity Association as well as recognizing all industry union affiliations, West Virginia Public Theatre serves a tri-fold mission of presenting Broadway-style musicals, family-friendly fare, and socially-conscience plays about issues affecting the local and global community.

West Virginia University is proud to be an Equal Opportunity employer and is 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 regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, nationality, genetics, disability, or Veteran status.