

# Why a Theatre Arts Degree Is Always Useful

## *Theatre trains its students in skills any employer would want:*

- Communication - Speaking clearly, lucidly, and thoughtfully in both oral and written communication.
- Creative Problem Solving –think on their feet, identify problems, evaluate, and implement solutions.
- Commitment and Cooperation - committed to the task, work cooperatively, reliably do their part.
- Deadlines - budget your time to meet deadlines, task-oriented, practical ways to achieve goals.
- Initiative - "self-starters," do what needs done without waiting to be asked or told.
- Authority and Rules - work within the structure of a set of procedures and rules while understanding the chain of command.
- Ability to Learn - absorb a vast quantity of material quickly, accurately, ability to listen, and ask questions.
- Adaptability and Flexibility –willing to try new ideas, accept new challenges, and adapt to constantly changing situations and conditions.
- A Healthy Self-Image and Self Confidant - know who you are, how to project your individuality, accept feedback and keep trying.
- A Willingness to Accept Responsibility - opportunities to take on leadership roles for either short periods of time or in long-term careers.
- Enjoyment --Any job can be enjoyable.



TYRANE FITZGERALD IN *CRAZY FOR YOU*  
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## How Alumni Are Using the Skills We Teach

*"In the public library, I helped at our museum branch with displays and exhibits. (Costuming, construction, prop design, lighting). Also, as a children's librarian, performing for a crowd, storytelling, and artistic skills. Now during reference work, Theatre history and play knowledge. And of course working with a diverse group of people every day to get the job done."*

*"I am working in fundraising at non profit. I am frequently asked to collaborate with other departments or peer groups with a lean budget to accomplish monumental tasks. I use the project management skills I development ... been asked to speak to groups and individuals on the programs we support... The list really is endless!"*

*"My theatre degree has helped me a lot in my job as a museum director. Visitor engagement is all about audience and I never get nervous in front of groups, I consistently get great compliments on my tours and presentations. I use my theatre degree all the time."*

## Some Of The Careers Our Alumni Have Outside Of Theatre

Tour Director	Event Facilitator	Family Business	Research Analyst
Museum Director	Facilities Manager	Salesperson	Exhibit Designer
Cyber Security	Accountant	Construction	Salesperson
Management	Academic Librarian	Administrative Asst.	Fundraising
Healthcare	Public Librarian	Marketing	Project Manager
Corporate Paralegal	Entrepreneur	Training Facilitator	Retail Management

## Theatre Majors And Minors Are Repeatedly Asked To Use These Skills:

Public Presentations	Improvisation Skills	Observational Skills	Ability to See
Management	Meeting Deadlines	Leadership	Different
Public Speaker	Budgeting	Teamwork	Perspectives & Are
Collaborator	Listening Skills	Crisis Management	Empathetic

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# Working in Theatre, TV/Film and Video Game Production

Theatre makes the intangible tangible and make humans fully aware of their potential.

Theatre is a versatile and highly collaborative art form that requires professional skills, which include:

Time Management      Communication Skills  
Self-Discipline      Confidence  
Leadership      Team Work  
Ability to Cope with Criticism  
Creative and Analytical Problem Solving  
Collaboration  
Adaptability and Flexibility  
How to Enjoy Working on Projects



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W. Earl Brown in MSU's 2017 Production of *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*.  
Nathan Arnold, Shelby Frye, W. Earl Brown, and Helena Jones.

Theatre Majors And Minors Work In Multiple Fields Including:

Stage Manager	Script Writer Drama	Makeup Artist	Arts Administrator
TV/Film Director	Teacher Professor	Wig Maker	Lobbyist
Dramaturgy	Manager/Agent	Theatre Manager	Casting Director
Event Manager	Designer	TV Production Asst.	Technician
Playwright	Actor	Salesperson	Scenic Artist

Theatre Majors And Minors Have Found Employment With Companies Such As:

Folger Shakespeare Theatre	Gulf Shore Playhouse	STAGES ST. LOUIS
Gray Talent Group	New Harmony Theatre	Manhattan Class Company
Chicago Fringe Festival	Jefferson Performing Arts Society	La Comedia Dinner Theatre
Theatre Works USA	Lexington Children's Theatre	Profiles Theatre
High Schools	Creative Group	The Second City

We Have Alumni Who Have Appeared In Theatre, TV, Film And Video Gaming, Including:

<i>Hatfield's and McCoy's</i>	<i>The Young and the Restless</i>	<i>All My Children</i>
<i>Deadwood</i>	<i>Chicago P.D.</i>	<i>Body of Proof</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	<i>The Crimson Mask</i>	<i>The Last of Us</i>

**Salar Ardebili** - Featured in *Chicago P.D.*, *Patriot* - "When I started my Theatre education at Murray State University, I was hungry to be exposed to a smorgasbord of techniques; my professors did exactly that while guiding me to find my own path. I will always be grateful for my experience there and the positive discipline that was instilled in me."

**Jilon Van Over** - Featured in *Cold Case*, *NCIS: Los Angeles*, *An Amish Murder*, *Mighty Med*, and *Hatfields and McCoys* - "People always asked me why I came to Murray, Kentucky from Southern California. It's because, when I visited the campus, I suddenly felt at home. Murray State is where I discovered who I was, and with the support of a great community, started me on the path of who I wanted to be."

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