In Spring, 1997, the department of theatre moved to the Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh’s impressive performing arts facility. Three theaters, scene and costume shops, a dance studio, music practice rooms, classrooms and more enhance the department’s curricular activities. The department of theatre’s annual production program includes four productions in the three hundred-seat Diamond Theater and multiple lab productions in the one-hundred seat Black Box Theater. The plays range from classics to world premieres and recent mainstage seasons have included: Bad Jews, Tartuffe, Clybourne Park and 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee.

Shows directed and produced by students as class projects or independent work occur regularly in the Black Box Theater. Recent lab theatre productions have included: The Complete Works of Shakespeare, The Bald Soprano, I Can’t Imagine Tomorrow and Wanda’s Visit. Many events are sponsored by the Mustard and Cheese Drama Society, the country’s second oldest collegiate drama club.

Auditions and production crews are open to all members of the university community. Production opportunities exist in performance, choreography, set and costume construction, properties management, lighting, sound, house management and publicity. Advanced students have opportunities to direct or design, under faculty supervision.

Outstanding work in the Diamond or black box theaters may be recognized with Williams Prizes and theatre department prizes in acting, directing, design, playwriting and technical production.

Professional guest artists - directors, playwrights, designers, and actors - frequently visit the Lehigh campus to work on productions, teach classes, and conduct seminars and workshops for all interested students. The department also sponsors artists-in-residence, guest lecturers, workshops, and touring performances.