Theatre

In Spring, of 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. Shows directed and produced by students as class projects or independent work occur regularly in the Fowler Black Box Theater. 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 marketing & publicity. Advanced students have opportunities to direct or design, under faculty supervision.

Incoming students with a strong passion for the performing arts can take advantage of the Lehigh University performing arts scholarship. This scholarship provides additional financial support for students who have demonstrated exceptional talent in the areas of theatrical performance, design, and production.

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.

For more information, visit: https://theatre.cas.lehigh.edu/