Impact Statement: We are Creative Forces at Work, driving the information, innovation, and creative economies of South Florida and beyond.

Department of Theatre

SPRING 2023

MISSION

FIU Theatre empowers diverse, fearless artists to discover the extraordinary in themselves. We aim to provide students the tools needed to shape a world we can all live in.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Students

79 Students

79 Undergraduate | 11% Black or African-American*

72% Hispanic*

3% Nonresident Alien*

3% Two or More Races*

11% White*

Faculty 17 Faculty

13 Full-Time | 12% Black or African-American*

1 Adjunct 18% Hispanic/Latino*

3 Administrative 70% White*

*self-reported

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Undergraduate Level

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Acting Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Musical Theatre Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Design

- -Scenic Design Track
- -Lighting Design Track
- -Costume Design Track

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Theatre

Minor in

-Dance

734 degrees conferred **since 1973**

HIGHLIGHTS

Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

Boutique education with low student/faculty ratio.

State of the art and industry standard technology and facilities (LED star curtain, Glowforge laser cutter, Light Lab, Intelligent lighting equipment, Multiple performance spaces).

Dynamic location with easy access to international art scenes, theatre venues, and internship opportunities.

Community-engaged programming and pedagogy (Guest Artists, Master Classes, Miami New Drama, Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, GableStage).

Significant community partnerships (Royal Caribbean International, GableStage, Disney Parks Live, Miami New Drama).

A new degree offering in Musical Theatre.

An upcoming MFA degree offering in Dramatic Writing in conjunction with the excellent FIU Creative Writing Program.

Minority-majority student body.

Students are given multiple production opportunities.

VISION

FIU Theatre will lead the next generation of theatrical innovation though creative and inspirational production, scholarship, and student-centered learning.

RANKINGS

TOP23% Best Colleges + Universities Best Value to Study Drama + Theater Arts (2021)

#4 Best Colleges + Universities to Study Drama + Theater Arts in Florida (2021)

SCHOLARSHIP & CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Award-winning faculty:

40+ "Excellence" Awards in past 5 years for directing, technical direction, lighting, costume, properties, and set designs. 5 invitations in past 5 years to perform at the Regional Festival. Golden Medallion, Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, Galaska, 2022.

Faculty serving at leadership positions:

Past Chair, Design, Technology, and Management, Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region IV, Galaska Chair, Space Design Sub Commission + Guest Artist Series, International Organization of Scenographers, Theatre Architects, and Technicians, Ivey

Board President, South Florida Theatre League, Yawney Conference Planner, Design-Technical Focus Group, Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Ivey

Faculty creative/scholarly work:

Over 40 professional design, directing, technical direction, vocal coaching, and performance jobs in past 5 years.

Dozens of paper presentations, publications (including a book published by Routledge), master classes, workshops.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

GABLESTAGE (GableStage/FIU Theatre Shakespeare in Schools) GableStage and FIU Theatre combine to form a touring group that will perform in area high schools beginning Fall 2023. FIU Theatre will contribute the efforts of faculty, alumni, and students to tour various Shakespeare projects for K-12 students in south Florida.

ZOETIC STAGE / MIAMI NEW DRAMA / GABLESTAGE Students and faculty participation and immersion at local stages to highlight the career opportunities in our local art and design community.

ROYAL@FIU WORLD STAGE COLLABORATIVE

A partnership between FIU and Royal Caribbean International (RCI) which provides students with internships and behind-thescenes access to RCI's experts and facilities. The students learn from experienced professionals and benefit from hands-on masterclasses in performance and design, featuring top creative talent from RCI.