



Career Information for Theatre Arts Majors

OSU CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER RESOURCES

<https://career.oregonstate.edu/>

- Handshake Accounts
- Career Events- Get a Dam Job Series
- Career & Major Exploration
- Assistance with Job and Internship Searches
- Resume and Cover Letter Preparation
- Interview Skills
- Graduate School Information
- Alumni/ Employer Connections
- Resume Reviews with VMock

USEFUL JOB/INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

- O*NET
- Handshake
- Buzzfile
- LinkedIn (OSU Alumni)
- Intershops.com
- Indeed.com
- USAjobs.gov
- Idealist.org
- www.governmentjobs.com/careers/oregon
- <http://www.publicservicecareers.org/>

HOT JOBS FOR THEATRE ARTS MAJORS

- Stage Acting
- Television/Motion Picture Acting
- Radio Host
- Technical Director
- Casting Agent
- Set Designer
- Stage Manager
- Lighting Designer
- Sound Designer

College of Liberal Arts Career Services

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HOT JOBS FOR THEATRE ARTS MAJORS (CONT.)

- Costume Designer
- Scriptwriter
- Playwright
- Screenwriter
- Journalism

SKILLS DEVELOPED IN MAJOR

- Time Management
- Collaboration
- Analytical Skills
- Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Attention to Detail
- Creative Problem-Solving
- Learn from Criticism
- Assessing an Audience
- Adaptability
- Effective Communication
- Active Listening
- Multitasking
- Troubleshooting
- Strategic Thinking
- Independence



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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Virtually every type of career and industry has Professional Associations that host events and conferences, produce statistics and reports, write best practices and newsletters, announce job openings, and serve as a connector for their many professional members. As a student, you may be able to get a reduced (or free) membership rate and qualify for scholarships.

Here are some Professional Associations that Theatre Arts Majors may want to check out:

- **American Theatre Wing:** <https://americantheatrewing.org/>
- **Actors' Equity Association:** <https://www.actorsequity.org/>
- **Association for Theatre in Higher Education:** <http://www.athe.org/>
- **Broadway League:** <http://www.broadwayleague.com/>
- **Dramatists Guild of America:** <https://www.dramatistsguild.com/>
- **Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers:** <http://www.ssdco.org/>

MAKING PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

Creating and growing connections is crucial when it comes to finding internships and jobs. While you need to bring your experience and knowledge to the table, it is true that most employees secure their jobs through the people they know. Ask your faculty, advisors, and Career Development Career staff to help you find professionals in your fields of interest and start seeking out ways to expand your network.

Below are some tips that will help you start finding and nurturing valuable connections:

- **Conduct Informational Interviews-** Seek out OSU Alumni or other professionals to ask for a half hour meeting. Ask them questions about their jobs, careers, industry experience, etc.
- **LinkedIn-** A complete profile is a must-have for any college student to connect with a professional community and gain industry news and knowledge.
- **Online Presence-** Create a polished, professional online presence through various social media outlets.
- **Attend-** OSU career fairs, career panels, employer events, workshops, and career treks

SAMPLE OF GRADUATE DEGREE OPTIONS

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| • Communication, Media and Theatre (MA) | • Acting, Directing, Theatre, Screenwriting or Playwriting (MA) | • Scene Design, Lighting Design or Costume Design (MFA) |
| • Theatre Education (MA) | • Performance and Interactive Media Arts (MFA) | • Cinema and Media Production (MFA) |
| • Performative Studies (MA) | | • Management in Hospitality (MA) |
| • Technical Production (MFA) | | • Arts Administration (MS) |
| • Film and Television Studies (MFA) | | |