

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS **ACADEMIC PROCEDURES**

Advisors

Academic counseling is a vital part of the theatre department's service to its majors and minors. As a theatre major or minor, you will choose or be assigned to a full-time faculty member for academic advising purposes.

During the fall (seniors and BFA candidates) and Spring semesters (all others), the faculty and staff of the department meet with each major in a Review of Majors to evaluate and guide each student in the department. Students' advisors then communicate this evaluation to their advisees. The theatre faculty and staff feel that this procedure gives the students a thorough and comprehensive analysis of their development. It also indicates to the students the faculty's sincere concern for their education and welfare.

In addition to a fall counseling session, you are expected to consult with your advisor during advising week (usually one or two weeks following mid-term week) about courses to be taken the following semester. During these sessions, your advisor will evaluate your course loads and record your progress in the general education curriculum as well as in the theatre major/minor. Since we are also concerned about your goals after graduation, we will often suggest that you take courses that would be useful in the pursuit of these goals.

Throughout the semester, you are encouraged to see your advisor as often as you feel it is necessary and useful and are requested to consult with your advisors before withdrawing from any course. Advisors have regularly scheduled office hours each week and are usually available for appointments on class days.

General Scholarship Information

Applications for scholarships are accepted from all freshmen and transfer students prior to their arrival on campus. Current theatre arts majors apply in conjunction with the Review of Majors. A theatre department scholarship is granted for one year unless otherwise specified. (For information on Scholarship Criteria and application forms refer to Addendum I...pg. 31).

Theatre department scholarship aid is given only to full-time NDSU theatre majors. The money is awarded in two equal installments at the beginning of each semester and is used to pay part of the student's tuition costs.

Theatre Assistantships

NDSU Theatre offers five student assistantships (each valued at \$1,500 per semester, averaging ten hours a week). These assistantships in Recruitment, Musical Theatre Accompanist, Costumes, Scene Shop, and Properties are specialized and highly competitive. Applications are accepted in Spring Semester along with the Scholarship applications. An Assistantship is considered one of the valued venues for receiving scholarship money and usually those students who serve in these positions are considered leaders in our program. (Note: a student who is awarded an assistantship will not be awarded a theatre scholarship in addition.)

(Refer to Addendum II, pg. 33 for detailed Job Descriptions and Application Forms for the Assistantships. Speak to Ana Rusness-Petersen at the DFA Office for work-study opportunities).

LCT Employment Opportunities

LCT offers student employment through the University work/study program. Opportunities are available in the scene shop and costume shop.