

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS – DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

M.F.A. DIRECTING APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Department of Theatre seeks two M.F.A. Directors for admission to our program beginning Fall 2015. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled, with priority is given to students who apply by February 1, 2015.

In addition to completing an online application to the Graduate School, the following materials should be submitted to the Head of the M.F.A. Directing Program (e-mail and physical addresses below):

- A statement of purpose, including your vision and goals both in theatre and in pursuing an M.F.A. in Theatre Directing. What inspires you?
- Your resume
- A DVD, up to 15 minutes-in-length, showcasing your directing work. This may be from one production or a compilation of several productions. Regarding visual/aural quality: we understand recordings rarely represent the true experience of the theatre event. In addition, you may (but are not required to) submit up to 15 images of productions directed, either on the DVD or separately.
- A list of plays you'd be excited to direct, as well as any adaptations or other projects that intrigue you.
- Copies of your college transcripts (unofficial copies are OK to send to the department; official transcripts must be submitted to the Graduate School)
- Three current letters of recommendation

We'll accept a limited number of applicants for interviews here on-campus beginning February 2015. The interview will include:

- Directing: You'll direct two of our graduate actors in a "first rehearsal" of a brief scene/fragment from a full-length play (we'll suggest both the play and the fragment)
- Acting: Your presentation of two contrasting 1-to-2 minute monologues
- Interviews with faculty: You'll meet with Professors Michael Landman (Head of the M.F.A. Directing Program), Amy Herzberg (Head of Performance), and as time permits, Michael Riha (Chair of Theatre) and Pat Martin (Head of Design).
- Meetings with students: You'll visit with one or more of our current M.F.A. students.
- Classes: We encourage you to observe a class and evening rehearsal, as available.

Departmental materials may be submitted via e-mail <mlandman@uark.edu> as PDF files with a video (and optional image) link, or by regular mail to:

Prof. Michael Landman, Head of M.F.A. Directing Program
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Questions about the application process should be sent to Michael Landman at <mlandman@uark.edu>.