



OTTERBEIN
UNIVERSITY
School of Arts & Sciences

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & DANCE
Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) or Instructor (Non Tenure-Track)

QUALIFICATIONS: Seeking a director and/or actor with professional experience in some or all of the following: Broadway, Off-Broadway, major regional theatre, or other high level professional equivalents. We require a teacher especially skilled in musical theatre to teach acting and musical theatre courses. Professional experience directing musicals and straight plays, university-level experience teaching acting, and a terminal degree (or equivalent professional experience) are required. We encourage candidates with skills in teaching other aspects of performance and theatre, including, but not limited to teaching directing, improvisation, devised theatre, and/or children's theatre, etc. to apply. Otterbein seeks candidates interested in teaching diverse and talented student populations.

WHEN: August 2017.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Teach acting and direct musicals and plays in a program which integrates conservatory-style training and liberal arts education. Serve on departmental and university committees.

DEPARTMENT: It is the mission of the department to develop theatre artists and artisans of the highest ability, by providing a select number of undergraduates with the training, education and experiences necessary for the successful pursuit of careers in the American professional theatre, while at the same time providing students with the knowledge and skills necessary to live full, rewarding and productive lives.

The Department of Theatre and Dance offers BFA programs in Acting, Musical Theatre, and Musical Theatre with a Concentration in Dance, as well as a BFA in Design/Technology and a BA in Theatre. There are nine full-time and eleven part time faculty, plus five production staff. There are currently 121 majors and minors in the department: 19 Acting, 33 Musical Theatre, 10 Musical Theatre/Dance, 26 BA Theatre, 23 Design/Technology, and 20 Dance Minors.

We ordinarily admit a maximum of 16 each year in the BFA performance degrees, half in Acting and half in Musical Theatre and Musical Theatre/Dance, who form a single class who study acting, voice, movement and speech together for four years, supplemented by separate classes in dance, singing, combat, musical theatre, TV/film, etc. as appropriate. The BFA Acting and Musical Theatre majors do a 10-week internship at casting offices in New York or Los Angeles, as well as a NY Showcase, in the spring of their senior year.

We mount five mainstage productions--two musicals, two plays, and a dance concert—during the academic year in two theatres--a 1000-seat proscenium house and a 240-seat modified thrust—plus three summer productions in a 230-seat theatre built on the proscenium stage. In addition, we do faculty-directed workshops, student-directed workshops, and a student-produced Festival.

OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY: Otterbein University is a small private university nationally-recognized for its intentional blending of liberal arts and professional studies through its renowned Integrative Studies curriculum and its commitments to experiential learning and community engagement. Otterbein is a recipient of the 2015 Carnegie Community Service Classification; a finalist for the 2014 President's Award for Economic Opportunity Community Service; and has been honored With Distinction by the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll since the list's inception in 2006. It stands in its category's top 10 percent in U.S. News & World Report's guide to "America's Best Colleges." Otterbein offers more than 70 undergraduate majors; seven master's programs; and a doctorate in nursing practice (DNP). In addition, Otterbein is home to the science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) Innovation Center, a unique resource that combines academics with the business and manufacturing needs of our community.

WHERE: Our picturesque campus is perfectly situated in Westerville, Ohio, America's fifth friendliest town (Forbes), just minutes from Columbus, the 15th largest city in the country. Otterbein's commitment to opportunity started with its founding in 1847 as one of the nation's first universities to welcome women and persons of color to its community of teachers and learners, which now numbers 2,400 undergraduate and 400 graduate students. Otterbein remains committed to its relationship with the United Methodist Church and its spirit of inclusion, and welcomes people of all backgrounds to Otterbein's Model Community. To learn more about Otterbein, visit www.otterbein.edu.

APPLICATION: Send cover letter, curriculum vitae, electronic portfolio (DVD or links to online site), list of references, and teaching statement to: Dr. Paul Eisenstein, Dean, School of Arts and Sciences, Otterbein University, 1 South Grove Street, Westerville, OH USA 43081. Email submissions: academicjobs@otterbein.edu. For full consideration, applications should be received by October 1, 2016, although applications will be reviewed until the position is filled. Visit us at www.otterbein.edu/artsandsciences to learn more about the School of Arts and Sciences. Finalists for the position will be asked to submit an official transcript for their highest degree earned. Otterbein University is an EEO Employer.