

Yale School of Drama is the nation's only graduate conservatory program that trains leaders in every theatrical discipline, offering the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree in Acting, Design (sets, costumes, lighting, and projection), Sound Design, Directing, Dramaturgy and Dramatic Criticism, Playwriting, Stage Management, Technical Design and Production, and Theater Management. The School of Drama offers certificate programs in most areas of study for those students who have not received an undergraduate degree, as well as a Doctor of Fine Arts in Dramaturgy and Dramatic Criticism.

Surveys indicate that 78% of recent School of Drama alumni, i.e., those within 10 years of graduation, earn their living in the discipline in which they were trained or in a related field. It is important to note that conventional employment data do not convey a complete picture of the professional lives of our alumni, since the nature of the theatre industry is that a significant proportion of individual artists work on a freelance basis. Of the recent alumni working in theatre or related fields, approximately two-thirds are employed full-time and one-third are engaged in part-time or freelance work. The most common fields in which graduates are employed are, in order of frequency: theatre, teaching, television/film, and other live performing arts.

Yale School of Drama alumni are or have been artistic or managing directors at theatre companies across the country, including: The 52nd Street Project, About Face Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, American Repertory Theatre, California Shakespeare Festival, Center Theatre Group, CENTERSTAGE, The Children's Theatre Company, Cornerstone Theater Company, Court Theatre, The Cutting Ball Theatre, Dallas Theater Center, Ebony Repertory Theatre, Famous Door Theatre, Georgia Shakespeare, Great Lakes Theater Festival, Hartford Stage, Jewish Theatre of San Francisco, La Jolla Playhouse, Long Wharf Theatre, Manhattan Theatre Club, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, New York Stage and Film, Northlight Theatre, The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, Ontological-Hysteric Theater, Orange County Performing Arts Center, PlayMakers Repertory Company, The Pearl Theatre Company, Perseverance Theatre, Portland Stage Company, Repertorio Español, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Shakespeare Theatre Company, Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, The Studio Theatre, Swine Palace, Theater of the First Amendment, Triad Stage, Two River Theater Company, The Wilma Theater, Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, and Yale Repertory Theatre. Graduates are also leaders in the commercial theatre sector, both on Broadway and nationally, in organizations such as Jujamcyn Theaters and The Shubert Organization.

Yale School of Drama alumni are currently or have recently been in leadership roles at the following organizations and foundations providing services to the field: Actors' Equity Association, Association of Performing Arts Presenters, National Endowment for the Arts, Screen Actors Guild, Theatre Communications Group, The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, and The Pew Charitable Trusts, as well as numerous state and local arts agencies and service organizations.

Yale School of Drama alumni hold or have held academic leadership roles at universities and other degree granting institutions including: American Conservatory Theater, Brandeis University, Brown University, California Institute of the Arts, Emerson College, Florida State University, New York University Tisch School of the Arts, North Carolina School of the Arts,

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Northwestern University, Oberlin College, Ohio University, University of California, Irvine, UCLA, University of Cincinnati: College-Conservatory of Music, University of Washington, and Yale School of Drama.

Yale School of Drama alumni are currently in production management roles at: Alliance Theatre, American Players Theatre, Barnard College Department of Theatre, Birket Engineering, Inc., Center for the Arts - College of Staten Island, Center Theatre Group, Charles Playhouse, Cirque du Soleil, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Emerson College, Emory University The Esplanade Co. Ltd, Freeman Audio Visual Solutions, George Mason University, Goodman Theatre, The Hartt School, Hershey Theatre, Indiana University Jacobs School of Music James Madison University, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Kodak Theatre, Lehigh University Theatre Department, Louisiana State University, McCarter Theatre, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, New York City Opera, North Carolina School of the Arts, Novel Hall for Performing Arts, Opera Carolina, Orlando Repertory Theatre, Phillips Academy, Princeton University Department of Theatre and Dance, Reverie Productions, San Francisco Opera, San Jose Repertory Theatre, The Studio Theatre, New York University Tisch School of the Arts, Toronto International Film Festival, Towson State University, University of Delaware, Utah Shakespearean Festival, Walt Disney Imagineering, Washington State University, Western Washington University at Bellingham, Wolf Trap Farm Park, Yale School of Drama, and Yale University.

Yale School of Drama alumni are currently in leadership roles at consulting firms specializing in performing arts management and/or theatre construction, including: AMS, Auerbach-Pollock-Friedlander, Fisher Dachs Associates, Schuler & Shook, and Theatre Projects Consultants, Inc.

Yale School of Drama alumni are represented by major talent agencies, including: APA, Don Buchwald Associates, Creative Artists Agency, The Gersh Agency, International Creative Management, William Morris Endeavor Entertainment, Paradigm, and United Talent Agency.

Our alumni are amongst the most accomplished and honored professionals in the field. In the past decade alone, alumni of Yale School of Drama have been nominated for 106 Tony Awards; 85 Emmy Awards; 78 Lucille Lortel Awards; 101 Drama Desk Awards; 12 Academy Awards; 29 Screen Actors Guild Awards, and 30 Golden Globe Awards.

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