

Nominee: NAU Theatre
Category: Organization

NAU Department of Theatre seeks to give undergraduate theatre students the broadest possible understanding of the art and craft of theatre through creative, critical and applied practice of theatre, and provide opportunity through performance and production for the theatre student to learn their art by doing their art in a learner centered environment. In doing so, we provide the Community of Flagstaff and Northern Arizona University with low cost, high quality theatrical entertainment that enriches and enhances the community, and its citizens. We seek to maintain nationally respected curriculum in Theatre Studies, Performance and Design and Technology.

The Department of Theatre is vibrant, active, and exciting, producing four quality main stage productions a year and a myriad of student productions, and community outreach. We are the cultural face of the university, and add richly to the arts and culture of the region. We choose our season for its creative and educational benefits, as well as the richness it adds to the community of Flagstaff. We produce 4 main stage productions, 2 to 4 student productions, and 1 to 2 summer productions a year. Coupled with outreach to schools and community, NAU Theatre provides quality entertainment and education. We are a resource for high schools and community theatre organizations within the city, the county and beyond. NAU Theatre's footprint in the Flagstaff and greater county region is significant.

The following productions are examples of some of our performances: Macbeth, Big Love, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Equus. Through the Summer 2010 Peaks Theatre Fest we produced Once Upon a Wolf which toured throughout Flagstaff, and Psychopathia Sexualis. We won the 2010 Creative Research award for our production of A CHRISTMAS CAROL which brought community children and adults together. We help with the yearly productions of Nutcracker in Barefeet through Canyon Movement Company. Our faculty have performed with Stories to Life, the NAU Percussion Ensemble, and other events. Our students and faculty have provided workshops in improvisation, design technology, and performance for school children in Flagstaff and on the reservations. Our productions have sold out and the reviews have been excellent.

Through our performance for an affordable fee to our outreach and workshops. NAU Theatre is a powerful cultural force in Northern Arizona.

Please visit their website for more information:
www.nau.edu/theatre