

Welcome to our 2009-2010 Season of productions. We are presenting what we believe will be an exciting array of classical and contemporary shows. We are a robust department with approximately 325 theatre majors, 20 graduate students, and 125 dance majors. We are proud of the accomplishments of our faculty and students.

The Theatre and Dance faculty continues to earn both national and international acclaim. In recent years, faculty have had their designs displayed at the Prague Quadrennial, won an international playwriting competition in Belgium, and had their plays produced in New York. Faculty members have performed on Broadway, and in National Tours. They have worked at the Kennedy Center, Utah Shakespearean Festival, Illinois Shakespeare Festival, Zachary Scott Theatre, Pasadena Playhouse, Asolo Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Austin Lyric Opera, Actor's Gang, Los Angeles's Colony Theatre, and been on original casts albums. In addition, Dance faculty have choreographed or performed in Athens, Paris, Edinburgh, Costa Rica, Mexico, Guatemala, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Los Angeles, and New York.

Faculty have also been active in scholarly endeavors, as their articles have graced the cover of American Theatre, their books have been nominated for awards, and they have been asked to be featured speakers at national conferences. Likewise, graduate students have increasingly presented their research at both national and international conferences, and in 2009, a Texas State grad student won the KC/ACTF National Student Playwriting Award.

Our undergraduate students have also been extremely successful. Each year, multiple students have earned honors at the state and regional levels of the American College Theatre Festival and American College Dance Festival. For each of the past 9 years our department has been recognized at the Kennedy Center. Individual students have been National finalists in the areas of scene design, lighting design, costume design, acting, stage management, and playwriting. In 2009, we were one of four schools chosen to have a play performed at the Kennedy Center. In addition, since 2003 the department has offered a summer study abroad in collaboration with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust in Stratford-upon-Avon, England.

We have a track record of success, and we hope you will join us for what we expect to be another exciting season of theatre and dance performances. Thank you for your interest and support.



The rising STAR of Texas

Presents

Big Love

by Charles Mee

Directed by Caleb Straus

Scene Design

Andrea Ball

Costume Design

Tiffany Harris

Lighting Design

Nicki Williams

Sound Design

Stephen Wood

Video Design

Robert Peterson

Voice/Speech Coach

Melissa Grogan

Choreographer

Melissa Rodriguez

Stage Manager

Richard Tregilgas