Program Objectives

This degree concentration, offered in collaboration with the USM Department of Theatre, is designed for those students who wish to pursue a career in musical theatre performance. The program aims to instill a thorough understanding of musical theatre and its relationship to contemporary society. Private lessons in voice, solo and ensemble performance, and the theatrical training necessary for this discipline are emphasized.

We are an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music, and a unit of USM’s College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

Degrees & Concentrations Offered

Graduation Planner: usm.maine.edu/advising/degreeplanning
Degree Offered: Bachelor of Music
Major Offered: Bachelor of Music Performance

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Career Possibilities*

Actors
Critic
Educators
Entertainer
Lighting Designer
Lighting Technician
Musicians
Playwright
Producers
Radio and Television Announcers
Screenwriter
Singers
Set and Exhibit Designer
Stage Hand
Stage Manager
Stage Technician
Stunt Person
Talent Director
TV Presenter/host
Wardrobe Specialists

* Additional education, training or experience may be required.

Acquired Transferable Skills

Auditory Attention
Fluency of Ideas
Hearing Sensitivity
Memorization
Oral Comprehension
Oral Expression
Originality
Selective Attention
Speech Clarity
Speech Recognition

For more information on transferable skills go to:
usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/career-tools
AREA EMPLOYERS INFORMATION/STRATEGIES

**Performance Stage**
- Radio, television, and motion picture industries
- Theaters
- Recording industry
- Show groups

- Participate in acting workshops, courses, and seminars to get advice and experience and to make contacts with others in the field.
- Obtain formal training to acquire necessary skills, knowledge, and ability to interpret music.
- Join campus bands and choruses, church choirs, and other performing acts.

**Education**
- Public and private schools, K-12
- Colleges and universities
- Performing arts centers
- Various types of theater
- Freelance

- For K-12, obtain certification for the state in which you wish to teach. --Obtain dual certification for more teaching opportunities.
- Get experience in various areas of theater and working with young people.
- Obtain a graduate degree to teach on the college level.

**Behind The Scenes**
- Theaters
- Touring Companies
- Television/Film studios
- Bands and Orchestras

- Become involved in the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE).
- Get experience. Offer your services to school and local theaters.
- Gain expertise in the areas of musical and technical knowledge, sound board, and sound equipment.
- Complete an internship with a recording company or other relevant organization.
- Research seminars, workshops, and professional associations that could provide useful information or contacts.

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**Enrichment Opportunities**

- **Internships**
  - For more information contact the School of Music.  usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/internships
  - For more information Contact Department.  usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/internships

- **Study Abroad**
  - For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.  usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad

- **Clubs & Organizations**
  - Student Performing Artists
  - For a complete list of student organizations: webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list

- **USM Corporate Partners**
  - The USM Corporate Partners are over 350 business people, from nearly 100 companies.  usm.maine.edu/corporatepartners

**Helpful Career Links**

- **USMCareerConnections:**
  - USM’s career network for job and internship searches.  usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections

- **O*NET OnLine:**
  - Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O*NET.  onetonline.org

- **Occupational Outlook Handbook:**
  - Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH.  bls.gov/ooh

- **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS To name a few...**
  - American Federation of Musicians
  - American Music Therapy Association
  - Music Teachers National Association
  - Music and Entertainment Industry Educators Association
  - Educational Theatre Association
  - Screen Actors Guild
  - Actors Equity Association

*What can I do with this major?*