Position Announcement

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Western Connecticut State University
School of Visual & Performing Arts
Department of Theatre Arts
Musical Theatre - Assistant Professor
Tenure Track – Academic Year 2018 - 2019

Western Connecticut State University’s School of Visual and Performing Arts is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for a tenure track Assistant Professor Musical Director position in the Department of Theatre Art.

The School of Visual and Performing Arts www.wcsu.edu/svpa is situated in a new $97 million visual and performing arts center. Only an hour from New York City, yet located in the scenic foothills of New England’s Berkshires, the school offers a professional training program in a liberal arts context at the relatively affordable cost of a public university. New York City’s proximity means our students receive the benefit of a faculty of nationally recognized artists, directors, designers, performers, and scholars dedicated to teaching a highly diverse student population. The Department of Theater Arts (www.wcsu.edu/theatre) is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Theatre with eight full-time and twenty three part-time faculty supporting 188 majors in five (5) degree programs including a BFA in Musical Theatre and BA in Theatre Arts concentrations in Performance, Design Technology, Theater Management and Theatre Studies. The Department also mounts four mainstage and two studio productions each year.

**Position Summary:** The Musical Director position in the BFA Musical Theatre program will teach undergraduate courses in Musicianship, MT Workshop, MT Rep and serve as Musical Director for two (2) Main Stage MT productions throughout the academic year. Additional responsibilities will include serving as pianist for cast rehearsals, orchestra rehearsals and auditions as well as recruiting orchestra members (both professional and student musicians), and preparing students for the Senior Showcases. Depending on the candidate’s area of expertise, additional duties may include teaching courses required in the program such as Musical Theater History, Singing for the Stage Actor and/or Applied Voice. The candidate will also be expected to participate in appropriate department, university and professional service, serve as an academic advisor, and actively recruit students in the musical theatre area.

**Qualifications:** A completed terminal degree in musical theatre or music is preferred; however, those without a terminal degree with a minimum of 10 years of significant professional experience in the area of musical theatre will be considered. Candidates might also provide evidence of at least three (3) years of successful college teaching experience and departmental service.

WCSU is particularly interested in applicants who have experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to improving access to higher education for first-generation and under-represented groups.

WCSU is committed to enhancing our diverse university community by actively encouraging people with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women to apply. We take pride in our pluralistic community and continue to seek excellence through diversity and inclusion.

**Salary & Benefits:** The salary range is $59,668 – $80,030 and is commensurate upon candidates’ experience. WCSU offers a comprehensive benefits package. Additional information on benefits can be found at www.wcsu.edu/hr/benefits/. There are grant opportunities to support research and conference attendance.
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Application Process: Interested applicants must submit a letter of application, which outlines interest in, and qualifications for, the position; areas of teaching expertise and experience, areas of service and/or leadership, research interests, and a statement of teaching philosophy; a current curriculum vita; and the names and contact information for at least three (3) professional references who can comment on the applicant's teaching, scholarship, and professionalism to facultyvitae@wcsu.edu. In the Email Subject Line Reference Search #800-017. All materials should be submitted as PDF files. Applications must be received by Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

State and Federal requirements expect that organizations with 100 or more employees invite applicants to self-identify gender and race. We kindly request all applicants to complete the Affirmative Action Data Questionnaire and to please return the completed form to Ms. Keisha Stokes in the WCSU Office of Diversity and Equity at stokesk@wcsu.edu. Completion of this data will not affect your opportunity for employment, or terms or conditions of employment. This form will be used for reporting purposes only and will be kept separate from all search records and only accessed by the Office of Diversity and Equity. The Affirmative Action Data Questionnaire, can be found on the following link: http://wcsu.edu/hr/employment/AA_Data_Questionnaire_FillableForm.pdf.

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