



# Theater

## An Overview...

Theater is the study of performance done in front of live audiences. Theater is a collaborative art form. Those who study it should expect to examine the following disciplines: dramatic literature, acting, directing, playwriting, design, theater history and architecture, aesthetics, performance theory, as well as management, publicity, and arts administration.

## Skills:

Theater arts require an enormous variety of skills but all theater artists, regardless of their specialization need the following skills:

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| Ability to analyze/interpret emotions/motives of others      | Ability to work well under pressure/meet deadlines |
| Ability to collaborate                                       | Adherence to deadlines/budgets                     |
| Ability to communicate                                       | Flexibility/versatility                            |
| Ability to communicate emotions and ideas                    | Imagination  |
| Ability to concentrate/practice for long periods of time     | Problem solving skills                             |
| Ability to speak articulately                                | Proficiency in memorization                        |
| Ability to maintain composure when faced with the unexpected | Self-confidence                                    |
| Ability to read/analyze literature                           | Self-discipline                                    |
| Ability to read to people                                    | Stamina  |

## Some Professional Careers:

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|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Actor/Actress          | Impersonator      | Puppeteer           |
| Advertising            | Interior Designer | Radio Disc Jockey   |
| Agent                  | Librettist        | Researcher          |
| Announcer              | Light Designer    | Scene Designer      |
| Box Office Manager     | Lyricist          | Set Designer        |
| Circus Performer       | Magician          | Singer              |
| Clown                  | Make-up Artist    | Speech Writer       |
| Comedian Producer      | Mime              | Stage Hand          |
| Commercial Display     | Model             | Stage Manager       |
| Costume Designer       | Narrator          | Street Theater      |
| Dialect Coach          | Pantomimes        | Stunt Performer     |
| Director               | Photographer      | Teacher             |
| Drama Coach/Instructor | Playwright        | Theater Historian   |
| Drama Critic           | Poster Designer   | Theatrical Promoter |
| Educator               | Prop Designer     | Tour Guide          |
| Fashion Coordinator    | Public Relations  | Writer              |

## Hiring Organizations:

Acting Troupes  
Advertising Companies  
Amusement Parks  
Auditoriums  
Broadway Theaters  
Circuses  
Community Organizations  
Convention Centers  
Dance Troupes  
Dinner Playhouses  
Educational Institutions

Film Industry  
Local Theaters  
Magazines  
Newspapers  
Performing Arts Center  
Professional Performance Groups  
Public Relations Firms  
Radio/TV Industry  
Retail Firms  
Talent Agencies  
University Theaters

## Professional Organizations:

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