



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

MANSFIELD

2025-2026 THEATRE SEASON

FALL 2025

AUDITIONS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE. PRODUCTION
TEAM POSITIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL.
THESE INCLUDE SOUND, LIGHTS, CONSTRUCTION,
AND BACKSTAGE CREWS.
COURSE CREDIT ALSO IS AVAILABLE.

FALL SHOW AUDITIONS: Tuesday September 2 and
Wednesday September 3 at 6pm (with additional dates as needed)
in Founders Auditorium

MLES2GO by Michael P. Adams

Produced in Partnership with Renaissance Theatre's
Emerging Artist Program

In the midst of an identity crisis, 19-year-old Jordan Belner decides to gamble on his future and hitchhike across the country to figure out who he is. Along the way, he meets an eccentric collection of people who help him confront reality and come to terms with his true self. See this brilliant new play that is at turns provocative, funny, and deeply moving - a highlight of last season's Renaissance Theatre's Emerging Artists Festival - offered in a workshop-style full staging.

Friday October 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday October 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday October 12 at 2:30 p.m.

Monday October 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Produced by arrangement with the playwright.

Medea by Euripides, as translated by Augusta Webster

When cruelly thrown aside by her husband, Medea commits an unthinkable act of brutality. See this Greek classic as translated by Augusta Webster - a 19th century scholar, poet, and suffragist. This production updates Webster's original text to support her exceptional version of Euripides' masterpiece.

Saturday November 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday November 16 at 2:30 p.m.

Monday November 17 at 7:30 p.m.

TICKETS FOR OUR FALL SHOWS: \$10 AND \$6

419 755-4045 or mansfieldtheatre@osu.edu

or you can purchase tickets at the on-site box office in Founders Auditorium in the 45 minutes before each show.

\$6 All Students, Faculty, Staff, and Seniors

\$10 General Admission

SPECIAL EVENT:

Free Movie Screening of ***The Farewell***

This award-winning, critically-acclaimed film premiered at Sundance in 2019. As a young woman learns that her grandmother will soon die, she leaves the United States for a final journey to China to see her. There she must decide if she will join in the family's "good lie" - the choice to hide her grandmother's impending death from her.

**6:00pm Wednesday October 29
in Founders Auditorium**

Presented in collaboration with The Bromfield Library And Information Commons, through a grant from The Ohio State University's Center for East Asian Studies.

A brief discussion will follow the screening.

SPRING 2026

SPRING SHOW AUDITIONS: Tuesday January 13
and Wednesday January 14 at 6pm (with additional dates as needed) in Founders Auditorium

1776

Book by Peter Stone

Music and Lyrics by Sherman Edward

Presented in Cooperation with The Mansfield Playhouse

Philadelphia, a hot summer, and the thirteen colonies about to declare their independence from England ... if only our founding fathers can agree to do it! 1776 follows John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson as they attempt to convince the members of the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence and sign the Declaration. Enjoy this timeless musical with its funny, insightful, and compelling story, a striking score, and incomparable lyrics.

Performances in Founders Auditorium:

Saturday March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday March 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Monday March 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Performances at Mansfield Playhouse:

95 East 3rd Street Mansfield, OH 44902-1323

Friday March 13 at 7:30pm

Saturday March 14 at 7:30pm

Sunday March 15 at 2:30pm

Produced by arrangement with Music Theatre International.

**Supported by Ohio America250 Commission
and OSU America250**

Directed by Doug Wertz,

Artistic Director of The Mansfield Playhouse

ALL TICKETS FOR 1776: \$10 AND \$12 through:

<https://www.mansfieldplayhouse.com/>

Tickets and Reservations: 419-522-2883

Box Office Hours: Wed-Fri 1pm-6pm and with a box office on site in the location where that day's performance will take place 1 hour prior to each performance.

STUDIO THEATRE/THEATRE CLUB

Black-box, bare-bones shows.

Our theatre club creates studio shows throughout the year, performs service projects, and serves as a place for friendship in performance. Membership is open to all and includes regular social gatherings. Look for special projects by our students and faculty, new works by local writers, staged readings, and less traditional fare in an intimate setting. Here you can direct, produce, design, or even write and perform your own show.

More about Auditions and Backstage Crew

We do everything we can to make auditions a fun, positive experience. Our auditions consist of readings from the script (we provide excerpts). Prepared monologues are also welcome but not required (and most actors do not present them). Copies of scripts are available on reserve at the circulation desk in the Bromfield Library and Information Commons at least one week before the auditions, so reading them in advance is a good idea. Auditions for musicals also include the singing of 16 measures of music. Bring sheet music for our accompanist or your own non-vocal tracks and the means to play them.

Tech positions are available to all, and no experience is required. Learn about lights, sound, set construction, painting, costuming, and more.

Working on a show is a great way to make new friends quickly, build your resume, challenge yourself, and contribute to the community. We also do our best to set rehearsal times around student schedules. **Give it a try and ask questions if you have them.**

Information about our Theatre Program



Theater students (and the Washington Monument) in D.C. for the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

The Theatre Program at Ohio State Mansfield is a division of the Department of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts on the Columbus Campus. Here students can start work toward a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, or they can complete a minor in theatre while pursuing another major field. We offer an Introduction to Theatre course as well as courses in acting, directing, technical theatre, and multicultural theatre. We produce three main stage shows each year and a number of student-directed projects. Anyone from the campus or the local community is welcome to audition for all shows or participate backstage. Students can receive course credit for participation in these shows as well as other production-based projects in the department.

From building sets to directing shows, we offer many opportunities to experience the thrilling and unique education of working in live theatre. Many of our students work or study with the Renaissance Theatre, the Richland Academy, Mansfield's other cultural institutions, and The Ohio State University's Departments of Music and Art. We

have very active student and booster groups that create an inviting place for the campus and community to participate in the performing arts.

Did you know you can complete a Theatre Minor in Less Than 2 Years on the Mansfield Campus?

Any OSU student who does not major in Theatre but wishes to extend their knowledge of the theatre may undertake a Theatre minor. Minor in Theatre, students are welcome and encouraged to audition or otherwise participate in all aspects of our production season.

The Theatre minor consists of 15 credit hours tailored to meet the needs and interests of the individual student. To complete the minor, students may choose from any of the theatre offerings that are open, including practicum and production courses (the courses that recognize activity related to our shows). Students may choose to specialize in one aspect of theatre or take on an array of different theatre subjects and production experiences.

We always have a need for actors and students interested in technical theatre, so if you would like to perform or learn how theatre lighting or sound systems work, or would like to work on costuming, makeup, or scenic construction, why not turn those fun show activities into course credit and earn a theatre minor?

Connect with us:

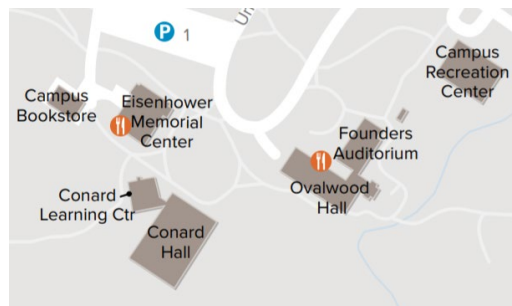
Facebook: facebook.com/osumanstheatre or osumanstheatre

Instagram: Instagram.com/osumans_theatre or @osumans_theatre

website: go.osu.edu/osumans_theatre

Where is our Campus Theatre?

Founders Auditorium is a 339-seat theatre attached to Ovalwood Hall. As you approach Ovalwood through its main entrance, we are the glass-fronted one-story building to the left. You can also enter the Founders Lobby through the Buckeye Café or the Southeast Hallway of Ovalwood.



For more information on any of these opportunities:

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