The Department of Theatre & Performance Studies (TPS) offers a Bachelor of Arts with four concentrations: acting, performance studies, musical theatre, and design/technology. It is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

Students perform in plays, musicals, poetry performances, adaptations of classic literature, storytelling, improv comedy, and new works. Performances are held on two campus stages: a black box space and a 315-seat theater. The KSU Tellers, a storytelling ensemble, performs at schools and professional events like the Atlanta Fringe Festival. The TPS Improv Ensemble K.I.S.S. performs in schools and professional venues around the metro area.

Education abroad experiences include the Gaiety School of Acting, the National Theatre School of Ireland and programs in Montepulciano, Italy and also in London and Paris. Learn more at KSUTheatre.com.
24-Hour Play Festival
Coordinated by Amanda Wansa Morgan

AUG. 25
Saturday, 8 pm
Stillwell Theater | $5

DID YOU KNOW?
Students participated in 18 separate public performance events on campus during the 2017-2018 TPS Production Season.

Come see the final product of 24 hours of art-making from inception to production!
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SEPT. 19-30
Wed.-Thurs., 7:30 pm; Fri.-Sat., 8 pm; Sat.-Sun., 2 pm. Onyx Theater | $5 - 12

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Nine students traveled to the University of Central Oklahoma to participate in the 2018 National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR).

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Inspiring and thought-provoking, this performance features coming-out stories from KSU and metro-area communities, performed by KSU students.

Directed by Karen Robinson
Co-produced with LGBTQ Student Resource Center

OCT. 11-12
Thursday, 7:30 pm; Friday, 8 pm
Onyx Theater | $5

Community performance at Out Front Theatre, Atlanta, October 29

DID YOU KNOW?
Thirteen students performed at the 2018 Atlanta Fringe Festival in Atlanta’s Little Five Points.
Kennesaw Improv Society, Stupid!

K.I.S.S.

Coordinated by Jim Davis

OCT. 19-20
Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 8 pm & 10 pm
Onyx Theater | FREE

DID YOU KNOW?
Alumni are working in over a dozen Atlanta professional theaters and arts organizations as full-time, freelance employees, or full-time apprentices.

Our resident improv ensemble offers an evening of performances created on the fly. Side-splitting, surprising, and at times, absolutely silly. This event may not be suitable for audiences under the age of 16.
Our Town
By Thornton Wilder
Directed by Margaret Baldwin
Composer/Sound Director, Christopher Hampton

Our Town
NOV. 6-11
Tues.-Thurs. 7:30 pm; Fri.-Sat. 8 pm; Sun. 2 pm
Stillwell Theater | $5-20

Homework. First Love. Moonlight. Making Breakfast. Marrying and Dying. For the play’s Broadway debut in 1938, Wilder described Our Town as his attempt to present “the life of a village against the life of the stars.” To honor the play’s 80th anniversary, our production takes a fresh look at the play’s depiction of small-town American life at the turn of the 20th century. This multi-disciplinary/multi-cultural reimagining teases out connections between then and now and highlights the ties that bind our community.

DID YOU KNOW?
Students enjoy regular internship placements with over 15 different metro-area arts and educational organizations.

Photos by Donald Woodruff
The KSU Tellers invite you to join them as they present their best solo performances from the fall semester.

NOV. 29-30
8pm | Onyx Theater | $5

DID YOU KNOW?
Alumni are working professionally in New York, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, Chicago, and internationally.
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**You Are My Sunshine**

Written & Performed by Terry Galloway
Directed by Donna Marie Nudd

JAN. 24-26
Thursday, 7:30 pm; Friday-Saturday, 8 pm
Stillwell Theater | $5-20

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A Partnership with the Alliance Theatre

The Our Town Collision Project at KSU

Directed by Patrick McColery
Assistant Directed and Stage Managed by Rodney Lamar Williams

FEB. 12-17
Tues - Thurs., 7:30 pm, Fri. - Sat. 8 pm, Sunday, 2 pm.
Onyx Theater | $5-12

What is Our Town here and now? Through improvisation, oral history, writing and choreography, an ensemble of KSU student actors and playwrights will create an original work inspired by the play Our Town. This project is a collaboration with lead artists from the Tony Award-winning Alliance Theatre’s Palefsky Collision Project.

DID YOU KNOW?
Students have taken theatre productions abroad to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Scotland; Paderborn University, Germany; Casablanca, Morocco; and Shanghai, China.

Photos by Donald Woodruff
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MAR. 14-24
Thursday, 7:30 pm; Friday-Saturday, 8 pm; Sunday 2 pm. Stillwell Theater | $5-20

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New Works and Ideas Festival

10-Minute PlayFest

APR. 20
8 pm
Stillwell Theater | $5

Coordinated by Margaret Baldwin and Karen Robinson

An evening of original plays written, directed, and designed by KSU students.

DID YOU KNOW?
Award-winning faculty and staff have produced work regionally, nationally, and internationally.

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KSU Tellers Spring Showcase

Directed by Charles Parrott

APR. 26-27
8 pm | Onyx Theater | $5

DID YOU KNOW?

Our location in metro Atlanta ensures dynamic partnerships with professional theatre and performance organizations to offer real-world experience for our students.

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Musical Theatre Showcase

APR. 28
7 p.m., Stillwell Theater
FREE

Directed by Amanda Wansa Morgan
Music Directed by Cristina Dinella

DID YOU KNOW?

Our students make work that speaks to the world around them.

Musical Theatre students showcase selected works from the 2018-2019 school year.