

# Tenure-Track Position in Theatrical Directing

## Department of Drama

Competition No. -**A110118658**

Closing Date -**Nov 15, 2012**

Applicants are invited for a full-time tenure track appointment at the Assistant Professor level, with a specialization in the field of Directing. The department is particularly interested in adding to its expertise in one or more of the following areas: interdisciplinary and cross-cultural performance, extended performance styles, contemporary approaches to performing classical theatre texts, image-based theatre, and original theatrical creation.

The successful candidate will teach directing at the graduate and undergraduate levels, and acting through performance projects and scene study in the BFA conservatory-based Acting and BA liberal arts programs. Capacity to contribute to courses in performer-created work or critical seminars will be considered assets, as will an interest in the use of writing as a reflective and analytic tool within practice-based courses.

The successful candidate will have:

- A PhD or MFA degree in theatre; professional theatre equivalencies may be considered
- Post-secondary teaching experience, preferably in both directing and acting
- A record of directing for the professional stage
- The ability to teach honours and/or graduate seminars and supervise theses in his/her area of specialization
- Capacity and interest in engaging with students and faculty in the exploration of dynamic interactions between theatre practice, theory and research

Faculty are required to engage in creative activity and/or research of quality, and to assume appropriate administrative and leadership responsibilities. Excellent funding opportunities are available for investigation/experimentation/creative activity/research in faculty members' areas of expertise.

### Programs and Facilities

The successful candidate will play a role in both teaching and administration in programs in which he/she teaches. The Department of Drama offers liberal arts programs leading to BA, BA Honours and MA degrees and conservatory programs leading to BFA degrees in Acting, Design, and Technical Theatre, MFA degrees in Directing, Design, Theatre Practice, and Theatre Voice Pedagogy and a PhD in Performance Studies degree. Graduates from all programs have identifiable records of achievement on a national and international scale. There will be opportunities for interaction with all areas of the Department.

The Fine Arts Building, with four performance spaces for Drama, was designed specifically for the teaching of theatre arts, music and visual arts. The adjacent Timms Centre for the Arts, a separate and highly acclaimed theatre complex which opened in March 1995, contains a flexible “black box” playing space, a 300 seat proscenium stage, green room, graduate office, dressing rooms, and scene, properties and costume workshops.

The University of Alberta, one of Canada’s largest and most accomplished research universities, is situated in Edmonton, a metropolitan area of over one million with a vibrant artistic community and excellent standard of living. The University of Alberta has earned the reputation of being one of the top five universities in Canada based on its strengths in teaching, research and service. The Faculty of Arts is the oldest and most diverse faculty on campus, and one of the largest research and teaching centres in western Canada ([www.arts.ualberta.ca](http://www.arts.ualberta.ca)).

The appointment is effective **July 1, 2013** and will be at the Assistant Professor entry level. University of Alberta salaries are competitive and an excellent benefits package is also provided.

To receive consideration, **online** letters of application (including an up-to-date *curriculum vitae* and the names of at least three referees), teaching dossier (if available), or expressions of interest should be submitted by November 15, 2012.

Applicants must also arrange for three confidential letters of reference and academic transcripts (if appropriate) to be sent to:

Kathleen Weiss, Chair  
Department of Drama  
3-146 Fine Arts Building  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2C9 CANADA

For further information concerning the position or the Department, please contact the Chair, Kathleen Weiss by email [kathleen.weiss@ualberta.ca](mailto:kathleen.weiss@ualberta.ca), or phone 1-780-492-2274.

**For more information about the department see our website, [www.ualberta.ca/drama](http://www.ualberta.ca/drama)**

## How to Apply

**Apply Online:** <http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A110118658/>

**Note:** Online applications are accepted until midnight Mountain Standard Time of the closing date.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

The University of Alberta hires on the basis of merit. We are committed to the principle of equity in employment. We welcome diversity and encourage applications from all qualified women and men, including persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, and Aboriginal persons.