

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR IN THEATRE & DANCE

# 2016-17

Not to brag, but . .

In 2016-17, we gave 90 individual performances of 35 different productions to an audience of over 10,000 people including:



WKU Theatre & Dance

Spotlight



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## MAINSTAGE PRODUCTIONS IN 2016-17



*Much Ado About Nothing*  
(pictured left)



*Little Shop of Horrors*



*WinterDance: Adventures in Toyland*



*Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead*



*A Pair of Puccinis! Suor Angelica & Gianni Schicchi*



*Evening of Dance*



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## DANCE CONCERTS IN 2016-17



*Inside These Walls*  
Evening of Dance 2017



*Ride to You*  
WinterDance: Adventures in Toyland



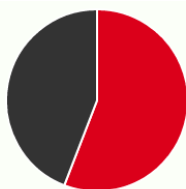
*Whispering Insanity*  
Evening of Dance 2017



# 3,234

## INDIVIDUAL JOBS ONSTAGE & BACKSTAGE IN THEATRE & DANCE PRODUCTIONS IN 2016-17

1,427 onstage roles for performers.



1,807 backstage jobs for designers, stage managers, and technicians.



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## GUEST ARTISTS IN 2016-17

**Jon Lehrer**

Founder and Artistic Director, LehrerDance



**Andrea Dawn Shelley**

Co-Founding Director, iMEE Dance Company



**Matthew Farmer**

Chair of the Dance Department at Hope College



### ALUMNI & FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Theatre & Dance alumni appeared on screen in *Guardians of the Galaxy vol. 2*, *Preacher*, *Orange is the New Black*, *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, *Aquarius*, *Impastor*, *Hunted*, *Girls*, *Togetherness*, *The Strange Ones*, *Hail Caesar*, *Law and Order: SVU*, and other films and TV shows. Also, alum Becky Baker was recently nominated for her first Emmy; Outstanding Guest Actress in A Comedy Series: *Girls*.



On Broadway, alum Ruby Lewis starred in *Paramour* (pictured right). Jeremy Benton appeared off-Broadway in *Cagney* (pictured right), and Jocelyn Moss did the national tour of *42nd Street*.



Theatre & Dance students and alumni designed or worked backstage last year at companies like Actors Theatre of Louisville, McLeod Summer Playhouse, Disney World, Finger Lakes Musical Theatre Festival, Horn in the West, Porthouse Theatre, Merry Go Round Theatre, Gateway Playhouse, Seattle Children's Theatre, Gulfshore Playhouse, Nashville Summer Ballet Program, Riverside Theatre, Stephen Foster, Derby Dinner Playhouse, Markin Media, Vincent Lighting, The Cherry Lane Theatre, and Opera Philadelphia.



Theatre & Dance faculty members are active creative artists, scholars and educators. Last year they traveled to such events as The Big Apple Tap Festival, The American College Dance Festival, The United States Institute of Theatre Technology, the Musical Theatre Educators Association conference, the National Association of Schools of



Theatre meeting, the National Association of Schools of Dance meeting, The Association of Theatre in Higher Education Conference, The Asian Pacific Dance Festival, The Tennessee Dance Festival, and Convergence Dance Theatre.

Professor Shura Pollatsek is the author of the book *Unbuttoned: The Art and Artists of Theatrical Costume Design (2017)* published by Routledge (pictured left).