

Morningside College

THEATRE TALENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Morningside students love putting on a show! Whether it is a serious drama or farcical play, dance concerts or solo acts, Morningside students can entertain a crowd. Morningside offers a variety of opportunities for students from all disciplines to get involved, through one of four annual theatre productions or numerous dance activities.

Theatre Talent Achievement Awards are up to \$4,000 per year and are renewable for up to four years while you are a full-time student at Morningside. All students wishing to apply for a Theatre Talent Achievement Award should prepare two pieces of a contrasting nature: one serious and one humorous. Please keep each piece to a maximum time of two minutes. These pieces should be memorized. In addition, students should bring a resume, accompanied by a Letter of Recommendation from your drama instructor. Contact the Admissions Office if you are unable to provide a recommendation letter, and they will advise you appropriately.

Morningside's annual theatre productions include:

- Two short children's musicals, which are completely student-run. As many as 2,800 area grade-school students have attended a run of a single production.
- Two main-stage productions from all genres, including musicals, comedies, tragedies and Shakespeare, to name a few.

Opportunities abound for those wanting to get in on the action, from actors and actresses to managers and backstage crew members working in lighting, sound, set design, and costumes. Some of our students have also had the chance to test their mettle as directors.

Theatre productions at Morningside are multifaceted. Cast members often study the historical context of the play and research costumes, set design, and music of the period, which serves to create a more meaningful experience for the students and a richer production for the audience.

Fun facts about theatre at Morningside:

- More than one-half of the students involved in Morningside theatre productions are not theatre majors.
- In October of 1964, the 350-seat Klinger-Neal Theatre was dedicated as the primary home of the Theatre Arts Department. The first production in the new theatre was a double bill: Jean Anouilh's "Antigone" and the world premier of "The Merchant Moon," an opera by Morningside professors Donald and Elizabeth Morrison.