



Department of Theatre and Drama

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

THE
COMPASS
Written by Michael Rohd

URINETOWN
Music and Lyrics by Mark Holman
Book and Lyrics by Greg Kotis

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
THEATRE & DRAMA
2026-2027 SEASON

**SHE KILLS
MONSTERS**
by Qui Nguyen

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BLUE
by Caridad Svich

Department News

It's almost that time again - the Theatre and Drama Newsletter is back and it's almost time for the students to come back too!

Classes for the 2026-2027 Academic Year start on Wednesday, September 2nd.

If you need any help as you are gearing up for the Academic Year, you can reach out to the Theatre and Drama Administrative Team at admin@theatre.wisc.edu

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Days

You'll notice a fresh approach to the Theatre and Drama Newsletter and Website this year. As the Admin Team navigates these changes please reach out to us with any questions or concerns. You can direct this feedback to Department Administrator, Beth Quarles at beth.quarles@wisc.edu or news@theatre.wisc.edu

Academic Updates

Save the Date!

Want to learn more about our Summer Study Abroad program in London? Join us on October 21st at 5p in the Mitchell Theatre!

For information contact Audrey Standish, awax@wisc.edu

INFO SESSION: OCT. 21 at 5pm
Mitchell Theatre, Vilas Hall

Travel Abroad To
London
With UW-Madison and the
Department of Theatre and Drama

SEE SHOWS AT A VARIETY OF VENUES!
TOUR FAMOUS THEATRES!
VISIT WORLD FAMOUS MUSEUMS AND MONUMENTS!
EXPERIENCE THE RICH AND DIVERSE LONDON CULTURE!

4 WEEK COURSE—3 CREDITS
ONLINE: MAY 10-21, 2027
IN LONDON: MAY 26-JUNE 10, 2027

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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University Theatre

THE
COMPASS
An Interactive Theatre Experience



October 15-25, 2026

Ronald E. Mitchell Theatre

Written by Michael Rohd

Directed by Micha Espinosa

Facilitator Audition for The Compass

Audition Announcement

The Compass

By Michael Rohd

Directed by Micha Espinosa

AUDITION INFORMATION:

University Theatre auditions are open to all current UW-Madison students, regardless of major.

The Compass is seeking to fill one skilled facilitator role to guide audience participation throughout the performance and two to three understudy roles.

Auditions will take place in Vilas Hall 1153 from 3-5pm on Friday, September 4. Students may submit self-taped videos if not available to attend the in-person call.

Sign up for an audition slot here.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49AAA822AAF49-64920790-thecompass>

For the full Audition Announcement including Audition Requirements click [here](#).

The Compass opens October 15th and tickets go on sale September 1st!

Buy Tickets!



**University Theatre URINETOWN Auditions Leaked!
September 11-12!**

Audition Announcement

Urinetown

Music and Lyrics by Mark Holman, Book and Lyrics by Greg Kotis

Director: Audrey Lauren Standish

Assistant Director: Madison Gieryn

Choreographer: Chloe Maier

Music Director: Kevin Blakeslee

AUDITION INFORMATION:

University Theatre auditions are open to all UW-Madison students, regardless of major.

We are seeking bold, versatile performers for *Urinetown: The Musical*—a satirical, high-energy show that blends comedy, social commentary, and musical theatre styles

Audition dates & times:

3-8 pm on Friday, September 11 & 10:30-3:30pm on Saturday, September 12, 2026

Audition location: Vilas #1132

For the full Audition Announcement including Audition Requirements
click [here](#).

Please sign up for a time via this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49AAA822AAF49-64988954-urinetown#/>

Callback date & times:

11-2 pm on Sunday, September 13, 2026

Callback location: Vilas #1132

Events & Opportunities

Save the Date!

Our Annual Theatre and Drama Fall Welcome Picnic will be on Tuesday, September 1st - see below for more information including how to RSVP!



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FALL WELCOME PICNIC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

12pm-2pm Mitchell Theatre

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Learn about the new Design/Tech Option
Get information on upcoming UT Auditions
Hear from our academic advisor
Ask questions during our student panel
Lunch and department t-shirt provided

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**Scan the QR Code or visit go.wisc.edu/z06y4n
to RSVP today!**



Faculty & Staff News

Welcome back to our Faculty & Staff! 2 new faces joining us this Academic Year.

Angie Spalink joins us this year as Teaching Faculty IV in the Performance Area!



Arje Wilson returns this year, but no longer as a student! Arje will be serving as our Assistant Costume Studio Assistant for this Academic Year and they can be found in the Costume Studio on the first floor of Vilas.

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