

POINT PARK UNIVERSITY

Conservatory of Performing Arts Department of Theatre

2011-2012 Audition Dates

On Campus Auditions

- Saturday, October 29, 2011
- Saturday, November 12, 2011
- Saturday, December 17, 2011
- Saturday, January 21, 2012
- Saturday, February 25, 2012
- Saturday, March 31, 2012

Acting and Musical Theatre students MUST begin in the fall semester. Technical Theatre/ Stage Management students may begin in the spring semester with permission.

What to Expect on Audition Day

- Typically the on-campus audition day activities last from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plan to spend your day on-campus.
- Registration will be held in Lawrence Hall. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. for Musical Theatre candidates and 10:30 a.m. for Acting.
- **Stage Management and Technical Theatre/Design** candidates should report directly to the Playhouse located at 222 Craft Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Stage Management and Tech Theatre/Design students interested in a tour of campus and a meeting with Financial Aid following their interview at the Playhouse, should contact us at (412) 392-3451 or conservatory@pointpark.edu.
- **A campus tour and a financial aid seminar are included as part of the on-campus audition activities.**

A detailed itinerary with approximate times and locations will be mailed to you prior to your audition date.

Acting Audition Guidelines

Applicants are asked to present two contrasting, age appropriate, one-minute, memorized monologues from works of established playwrights. Monologues should be from stage plays **not** from a collection of monologues, or off the internet. Students must have read the entire play and have a thorough understanding of the character they are portraying. The character's age should be within 5 years of the student's age. A two-minute time limit for the total acting audition will be enforced. **Original material is not accepted.**

On Campus Auditions Only: At the completion of the monologue segment of the audition, some students may be asked to remain in order to rework their monologues under the direction of the faculty auditors. Faculty **may** choose to conduct a callback session with selected students.

Musical Theatre Audition Guidelines

SONGS: All applicants who audition for the musical theatre program need to prepare **TWO CONTRASTING** songs, 32-bar cut (up-tempo/ballad, legit/non-legit). At least one selection should be from traditional musical theatre repertoire (pre-1980). Each song should demonstrate vocal technique, strong acting choices, and personality. Music should be appropriately marked. Be prepared to sing both; however, students may or may not be asked to sing the second selection.

MONOLOGUES: Applicants are asked to present two contrasting, age appropriate, one-minute, memorized monologues from works of established playwrights. Monologues should be from stage plays **not** from a collection of monologues, or off the internet. Students must have read the entire play and have a thorough understanding of the character they are portraying. The character's age should be within 5 years of the student's age. A two-minute time limit for the total acting audition will be enforced. **Original material is not accepted.**

It is suggested that, both monologues should be contemporary, realistic selections. Be prepared to present both; however, students may or may not be asked to perform the second selection.

On Campus Auditions Only: At the completion of the dance audition, a list of finalists **may** be posted to participate in a master class as the final segment of the audition. The master class, under the direction of the Musical Theatre faculty, may require students to sing another selection, have their monologues/songs reworked and be interviewed.

DANCE CALL:

All musical theatre candidates will participate in a dance combination after the initial audition. Bring appropriate dance attire.

What to Bring to Your Audition

Acting and Musical Theatre Majors

- Performance/ training resume
- Head shot (should not exceed 8x10 in size)

Do **NOT** send these materials prior to your audition. Any material submitted to Point Park University if **NON-RETURNABLE**.

Acting and Musical Theatre Audition Attire

- **Female:** Dress, slacks, or skirt with a blouse. Dress Shoes.
- **Male:** Dress slacks with a collared shirt. Dress Shoes.
- **Dance Call:**
 - **Female:** Black leotard and pink tights. Ballet or jazz shoes.
 - **Male:** White t-shirt, black jazz pants or tights. Ballet or jazz shoes.

Technical Theatre/Design and Stage Management Interviews

Candidates will interview with faculty and are encouraged to bring a portfolio to their interview.

Technical and Design Portfolios

Candidates should include work that illustrates their artistic talents and involvement in theatre production.

Examples:

- Photographs of theatrical elements in various stages of completion.
- Sketches
- Drawings
- Paintings
- Drafting plots
- Photographs of models and personally-created costumes.

Stage Management Portfolios

Candidates should include anything that demonstrates organizational and people skills as applied to the student's involvement in theatrical productions.

Examples:

- Prompt books
- Contact sheets
- Cast lists
- Prop lists
- Rehearsal schedules
- Photographs of performances
- Please do NOT include programs.

Any materials submitted to Point Park University are **NON-RETURNABLE**.

Artistic Decisions

Acceptance into the Department of Theatre is based on talent and potential as demonstrated in the audition/interview. Applicants must be artistically accepted into the theatre program in addition to being academically accepted into the University. Applicants **WILL NOT** receive their artistic decision until they have received an academic decision from the Office of Admissions. Once the academic decision has been processed, the artistic result will be released and mailed to the applicant one month after their audition.

If you have already auditioned/interviewed and have **not** received your academic admissions decision, please check your [PointWeb Account](#) to see what application items are still needed for an admissions decision to be made.

Area Hotels

The following hotels are convenient to both the University and major traffic routes. This list is supplied to make your visit to Point Park University easier and is not an endorsement of any particular establishment. All hotel information is subject to change. Please contact the hotel for further information.

Preferred Partner

Sheraton Hotel

Station Square Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 261-2000
1-800-255-7488

The Sheraton Inn is located across the river at historical Station Square. The Sheraton has a Courtesy Shuttle available Monday through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Preferred Partner

Hampton Inn

315 Hamlet Street-Oakland
(412)-681-100
1-800-HAMPTON

The Hampton Inn is located by the Pittsburgh Playhouse of Point Park University. Rates include a free continental breakfast, free cable and in-room movies, free local telephone calls, free coffee and tea service, and free shuttle to and from Downtown Pittsburgh.

http://www.pittsburghhamptoninn.com/home_pittsucoakland.php

Other Area Hotels

Quality Inn University Center

3401 Blvd of the Allies- Oakland
(412) 683-6100
1-800-245-4444

www.choicehotels.com/hotel/pa369

The hotel also provides a free courtesy shuttle to the Point Park University campus and the Pittsburgh Playhouse of Point Park University.

Holiday Inn at University Center

100 Lytton Avenue - Oakland
(412) 682-6200
1-800-864-8287

The Holiday Inn at University Center is also located in Oakland. A courtesy shuttle is also available to Downtown Pittsburgh from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Marriott Pittsburgh City Center

112 Washington Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-471-4000
1-800-228-9290

www.Marriott.com/PITDT

Located less than a mile from the University. We offer complimentary shuttle service within the Golden Triangle and to the University, Monday through Saturday, please see the bellman to schedule your trip. Steelhead Grill and Lounge on property.

Doubletree Hotel

One Bigelow Square
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412) 281-5800
1-800-222-TREE

Located within walking distance from the University. The Bigelow Grille is located in the hotel for your dining convenience.

Omni William Penn Hotel

530 William Penn Place

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

(412) 553-5100

www.omnihotels.com

The Omni William Penn is located in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh and within walking distance from the University.

Parking

Third Avenue Garage

Across from Thayer Hall at the University.

Boulevard of the Allies Garage

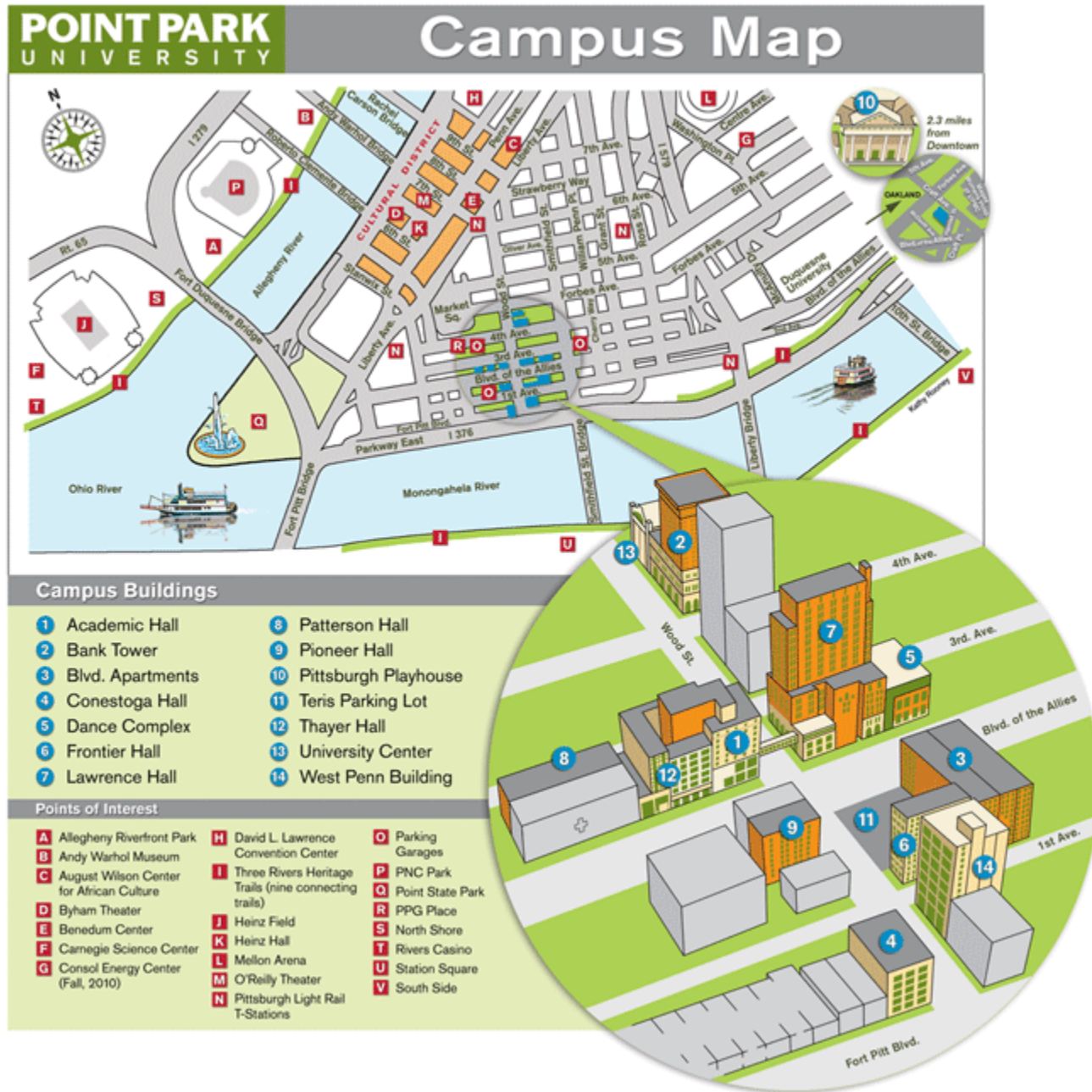
Across the street and down one half block from Point Park University.

Teris Parking Lot

Located on the corner of Wood Street and Boulevard of the Allies.

Do not park on the Boulevard of the Allies as you may be ticketed and/or towed.

Campus Map



Questions? Contact Us

If you have any questions, please contact the Conservatory of Performing Arts at (412) 392-3451 or via e-mail at conservatory@pointpark.edu. Office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern standard time.