

Activity Title: Starting your own theatre company

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Department Organization: Theatre Department

Activity Category: Personal and professional development

Activity Description:

Mary Vingoe, the driving force behind the beginnings of four major theatre companies in Canada – Nightwood Theatre in Toronto, ON, Ship’s Company Theatre in Parrsboro, NS, Eastern Front Theatre in Dartmouth, NS, and Magnetic North Theatre Festival, headquartered in Ottawa, ON leads a workshop entitled, “Why You Might Not Want to Start Your Own Theatre Company – or – Never Getting a Pension, Losing Friends in Creative Disputes, Becoming an Administrator, Days and Weeks Writing Grants, Politics, Politics and more Politics, Fundraising, Fundraising and more Fundraising, Board Meetings and Committee Meetings Forever, Programing Stuff You Don’t Like, Missing Out on Freelance Work, and Visions Taken Over and Subverted.”

Position details:

Four and one half hour workshop presented with support from Scholarship in the Arts.

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Anticipated learning outcomes:

Graduates will: be knowledgeable and competent in their area of study with an enthusiasm for learning; be critical, practical and creative thinkers using sound reasoning to analyze challenges and address problems; recognize the skills and strengths of others while using their own work to work together towards a shared goal; be effective communicators, capable of active listening, presenting and persuading others about their own ideas, and providing constructive feedback; reflect and demonstrate self-awareness, flexibility and confidence in the face of change; and be productive, demonstrate responsible behavior, and have ethical, moral and intellectual integrity.

Student Success Competencies:

- Academic knowledge
- Creative thinking/problem solving
- Diversity awareness/intercultural understanding

- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Adaptability/resilience
- Leadership and innovation
- Digital literacy