

# San José State University

San José, California

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITION AVAILABILITY

*Subject to Budgetary Approval*

**Specialization: Musical Theatre**

**Job Opening ID (JOID): 24703**

**Rank: Assistant Professor (Tenure-track)**

### **Qualifications:**

The Dept. of Film and Theatre seeks qualified candidates for a full-time, tenure-track position in Musical Theatre. Musical Theatre, currently a minor and special degree in the Department of Film & Theatre, is an emerging program with a robust recent history and an enormous potential for growth. The program will work across the College of Humanities and the Arts in collaboration with the School of Music and Dance to expand its current status. The successful candidate will assume varied responsibilities as the program demands, including directing at least one musical production each year and teaching beginning and advanced performance classes. We encourage applications from qualified candidates with a range of interests and experience in theatre and with a focus on musical theatre direction. The ideal candidate will develop and teach courses that serve a diverse body of students with an emphasis in performing techniques for acting and musical theatre training. The ideal candidate will have interest in program building and recruitment.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Design and teach courses in musical theatre and performance, including acting technique and directing technique, as well as classes in musical theatre history and theory; stage acting; and theatre appreciation.
- Advise students and participate in student recruitment.
- Perform committee and other service at the department, college and university levels.
- Participate in curriculum development and teaching of other courses to meet the needs of the program and its students.
- Develop and sustain an ongoing record of creative activities (and/or research), and other professional engagement.
- Candidate must address the needs of a student population of great diversity – in age, cultural background, ethnicity, primary language and academic preparation – through course materials, teaching strategies and advisement.

### **Required:**

- An MA, MFA or PhD in Musical Theatre, Theatre, or related field at the time of appointment
- A portfolio of creative work demonstrating artistic achievement in musical theatre.
- Professional experience and expertise in directing musical theatre.
- Emphasis on performance techniques in acting, singing, and or/dance.
- Demonstrated artistic achievement as evidenced by a record of artistic production.

### **Preferred:**

- A minimum of two years teaching experience at the university level.
- Demonstrated strong writing and oral communication skills.

**Salary Range:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Starting Date:** August, 2019

**Eligibility:** Employment is contingent upon proof of eligibility to work in the United States.

**Application Procedure:**

For full consideration, send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching interests/ philosophy, research or creative production plans, and three confidential letters of recommendation with contact information by **October 15, 2018** to <https://apply.interfolio.com/53614>

**Questions should be directed to** Andrea Bechert, Chair of Search Committee, [andrea.bechert@sjsu.edu](mailto:andrea.bechert@sjsu.edu).

**Please include Job Opening ID (JOID) on all correspondence.**

This position is an excellent opportunity for scholars interested in a career at an institution that is a national leader in graduating URM students. SJSU has achieved both HSI (Hispanic Serving Institution) and AANAPISI (Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution) designation; 40% of our student population are first-generation and 38% are Pell-qualified. As a result, we rank #4 nationally in increasing student upward mobility.

San José State University is California's oldest institution of public higher learning. The campus is located on the southern end of San Francisco Bay in downtown San José (Pop. 1,000,000), hub of the world-famous Silicon Valley high-technology research and development center. Many of California's most popular national, recreational, and cultural attractions are conveniently close. A member of the 23-campus CSU system, San José State University enrolls approximately 30,000 students, a significant percentage of whom are members of minority groups. The University is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty so our disciplines, students and the community can benefit from multiple ethnic and gender perspectives.

San José State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, marital status, veteran status, or disability. This policy applies to all San José State University students, faculty, and staff as well as University programs and activities. Reasonable accommodations are made for applicants with disabilities who self-disclose. Note that all San José State University employees are considered mandated reporters under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and are required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

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