WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY PERFORMING ARTS DEGREE?

Using the Major Sheet:
• Large headings indicate industry area and subheadings indicate employers within that area.
• Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
• An asterisk (*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) may be needed in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

THEATER / FILM / VIDEO
Community/Regional/Repertoire Theaters, Dinner Theaters, Children’s Theaters
• Actor
• Lighting & Sound Technician
• Set Designer
• Director
• Touring Manager
• Costume Designer
• Stage Manager
• Stage Technician
• Playwright
• Props Master

Community Centers, High Schools
• Drama Coach
• Performing Arts Teacher

Commercials, Movies, TV/Radio, Corporate Communications, Educational Films
• Actor
• Production Assistant
• Art Director
• Screen/Scriptwriter
• Contestant Interviewer
• Film Assistant
• TV Schedule Coordinator
• Programming Assistant
• TV Electronic Designer

MUSIC
Bands, Orchestras/Symphonies, Musical Theaters, Operas, Military Bands
• Soloist
• Ticket Agent/Services Director
• Ensemble Manager
• Fund Raiser/Asst. Development Dir.
• Asst. Stage/Club Manager
• Accompnianist/Band Member
• Concert Hall Asst. Manager
• Promotions/Publicity Asst.
• Advance Agent
• Lobby Attendant
• Section Player/Member
• Booking Agent/Manager
• Road Manager
• Asst. Concert Promoter

Education - Music Stores, Community Centers, Schools
• Studio / Private Instructor
• Teacher
• Band Director

Religious Communities
• Organist/Accompanist
• Cantor/Singer
• Music/Choir Director

Recording / Broadcasting Industry
• Session Musician
• Recording Engineer
• Studio Manager
• A&R Representative/Coordinator
• Marketing Representative
• Orchestrator
• Assistant Publicist
• A/V Technician
• Background Vocalist
• Distributor
• Consumer Research Asst.
• Promotions Staffer/Rep.
• Arranger
• Copyist
• Disk Jockey
• Asst. Copywriter Manager
• Songwriter
• Music/Sound Editor
• Production Assistant
• Staff Publicist
• Recording Assistant
• Public Relations Trainee
• Music Librarian Assistant
• Cue Selector

Publishing (Music, History, Text, and Technical Books/Magazines)
• Assistant Editor
• Music Reviewer
• Sales Representative
• Music Journalist

Sales/Retail
• Instrument Sales Representative
• Stereo Equipment Sales Rep.
• Record Store Manager
• Recorded Music Supplier
• Music Store Manager
• Rack Jobber
• CD Sales Representative
• Field Merchandiser
• Assistant Buyer
### DANCE

**Musical Stock Company, Ballet/Dance Company, Clubs, Cruise Lines**
- Fund Raiser/Development Associate
- Membership Coordinator
- Choreographer
- Studio/Private Instructor

**Dance Studio/School, Community Centers, High Schools**
- Professional Dancer
- Publicity / PR Coordinator
- Costume Designer
- Studio Manager

**Related**
- Auditions Coordinator
- Stage Production Worker
- Recreation Supervisor
- Composer/Arranger
- Artistic Director
- Yoga Instructor

### MISCELLANEOUS ART-RELATED

**Arts Councils/Organizations, Government, Foundations**
- Grant Application Reviewer
- Proposal Reviewer

**Arts Management**
- Archival Manager
- Art Exhibit Coordinator
- House Manager

**BUSINESS**

**Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations / Sales**
- Corporate Communications Staff
- Special Events Planner

**Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:**
- Focus on transferable skill sets as you pursue a degree in Performing Arts.
- Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.
- Supplement Performing Arts course work with classes that are relevant to your career.
- Meet with a Career Specialist to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

### Additional Career Center Resources:
- Click on Vault Career Insider portal link and provide UMBC user ID and password
- Select “Guides” to view relevant guides such as:
  - “Vault Guide to Dance Jobs”
  - “Vault Guide to Theater Jobs”
  - “Vault Guide to Television Jobs”
  - “Vault Guide to Film Jobs”
  - “Vault Guide to Radio Jobs”
  - “Vault Career Guide to Media and Entertainment”
  - “Career Launcher: Performing Arts”
  - “Career Launcher: Recording Industry”

**Professional Organizations:**

**Dance:**
- American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance: [www.aahperd.org](http://www.aahperd.org)
- National Dance Association: [www.aahperd.org/nda/](http://www.aahperd.org/nda/)

**Theater/Film/Video:**
- Actors’ Equity Association: [www.actorsequity.org](http://www.actorsequity.org)
- American Guild of Variety Artists: [www.agvausa.com](http://www.agvausa.com)
- The Screen Actors Guild & Amer. Federation of Television & Radio Artists: [www.sagaftra.org](http://www.sagaftra.org)

**Music:**
- American Federation of Musicians: [www.afm.org](http://www.afm.org)
- National Band Association: [www.nationalbandassociation.org](http://www.nationalbandassociation.org)
- American Guild of Musical Artists: [www.musicalartists.org](http://www.musicalartists.org)
- American Federation of Musicians: [www.afm.org](http://www.afm.org)