

**A Duquesne Tradition
Since 1914**

The Duquesne University Red Masquers is proud to lay claim to being the oldest amateur theatre company in the city of Pittsburgh. Known as the Red Masquers since 1914, the group traces its roots back to the late 1800s when Duquesne first started to offer an education in dramatics. Since its founding, the company has given literally hundreds of performances in several venues and has weathered dramatic changes in its structure, the university, and the city of Pittsburgh.

**Awarding
Excellence**

Each year, a Red Masquer is awarded the Keenan-



The Masquers participate in The Pittsburgh New Works Festival and have awards including "Outstanding Production".



Members have gone on to become acclaimed playwrights, comedians, and performers.



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**The Duquesne
University
Red Masquers**

Duquesne Theater Arts



A Liberal Arts Approach to Theater

The company provides an opportunity for students to learn about and participate in theater regardless of their major or background. Majors represented include business, pharmacy, communications, English and more. Membership is open to any student in good academic standing. No previous theatrical experience is required.

We provide an educational experience for students interested in theater. Members are encouraged to try roles in all areas of theater to help them become well-rounded in their experience and gain a deeper appreciation of what it takes to put on a show. Members have the opportunity to act, stage manage, direct, and produce shows. There are also chair positions that allow students the chance to work as a light/sound designer, set builder, costumer, make-up artist, and more.



What We Do

The Red Masquers perform a variety of acts throughout the year, including three main-stage performances: one classical piece, one modern piece, and one contemporary piece. One of these productions is an alumni show in which former members are invited to participate. Additionally, they generally perform two sets of one-act plays: student-written plays and selections from professional playwrights. . On occasion, the Red Masquers will perform a piece of musical theater, a themed cabaret, or world premiere works as well.



Requirements

- Be a current Duquesne student
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Acquire crew hours

Your major and past experience have no weight on your ability to participate with us. Auditions are held for each show between 1-2 months before it opens. Stage crew for each production is chosen by the Vice President.

There are no fees or dues required to participate in a Red Masquers production.

Not Just Theater

There is a lot more to the Masquers than putting on performances.; it is like a family for many members thanks to the countless social opportunities made available to them. These include:

- An End-of-the-Year Banquet
- Holiday celebrations
- Cast parties
- Volunteer opportunities
- Bonding Events
- General meetings

...And more!



Why Join?

"The Red Masquers is the theater family you always dreamed to have in college. There is definitely a place and chance for everyone, no matter what year, background, or major."

- Nupur Charyalu

"You don't have to be labeled as an 'actor' or a 'stagehand'; there is no difference between being on stage and being behind the scenes. Everyone is always a part of everything." - Molly Hamelin