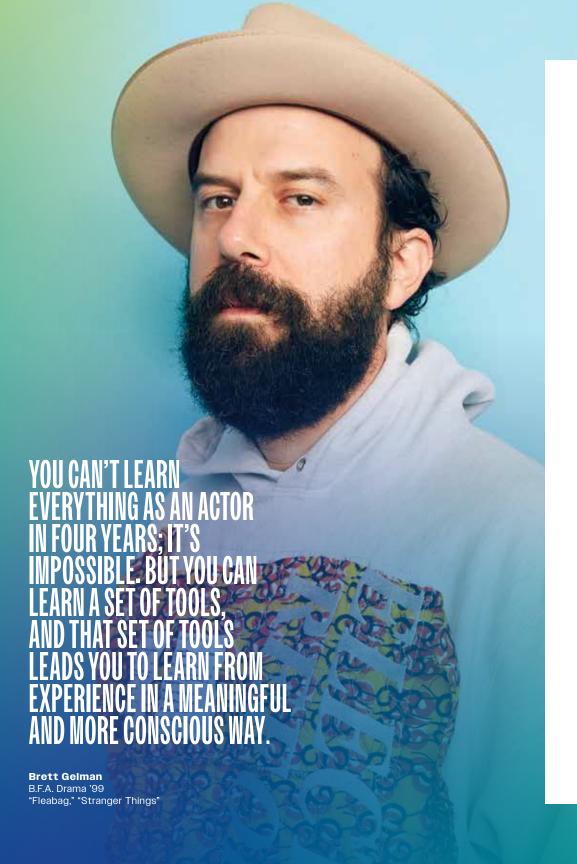


The School of Drama has trained generations of young actors, transforming raw passion and talent into some of the most rewarding careers in the industry.

Our college programs are designed to develop exceptional, versatile skills in every student, utilizing the artistic traditions of the past to tackle the innovative, socially relevant work that defines the modern stage and screen. You will delve into the practicalities of acting and directing while exploring the emerging media landscape, as you build a solid foundation for your career. Underscoring your training is our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion in our curriculum, our faculty and our student body.

The High School Drama Program features diverse training approaches for a holistic arts education, strengthening your relationship to the craft of acting to facilitate self-awareness, skill development and citizenship. There are multiple performance presentations to showcase your work. You'll also take a special course designed to help you navigate the college audition process that includes material selection, audition coaching, filming for various media and pre-screens, interview skills and more. Students attend the annual North Carolina Theatre Conference College Day, taking advantage of the opportunity to audition for and network with schools that provide UNC System tuition grants for NC residents.







SHOWCASE YOUR POTENTIAL

You'll take the stage and showcase your talents in everything from small workshops to student films to major productions. With guidance from our experienced full-time faculty and guest artists, you'll receive invaluable feedback and learn from the best. But what really sets us apart is our commitment to hands-on learning and real-world experience. In the final year of the college program, you will curate your own season of independent work with the Keys to the Kingdom series (produced, directed, acted and in many cases written and/or devised entirely by students).

LEARN BY DOING

With increasing depth and challenge, your training will include a wide range of disciplines that broaden versatility and prepare you to tackle any role. In addition to stage and on-camera acting, you'll learn content creation, speech and voice techniques, stage combat, movement and dance, and more. In the third and fourth years, the stage becomes your laboratory for exploration and experimentation. The fourth year will prepare you for the industry through courses in the business of acting and master classes with professional guest artists.

