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Lindenwood University has appointed Ted Gregory as the new Director of Theatre. Gregory, who is closely affiliated with City Players of St. Louis, has worked throughout the country as a professional actor and director.

Gregory has helped Lindenwood's growing theatre program forge a partnership with the City Theatre, now in its 62nd season. Eligible students from the University's theatre program will have the opportunity to serve in professional internships with the City Theatre as well as other professional companies throughout the metropolitan area.

City Theatre is one of the oldest professional theatres west of the Mississippi and the affiliation with Lindenwood provides mutual benefit for both organizations.

"Students will have a great opportunity to build an impressive resume and hone their craft as acting, directing and technical interns in a professional company," said Gregory. "Working actors, directors, designers and technicians will be able to share their expertise and experience with students as well as earn undergraduate and graduate credit for much of their practical/professional work at City Theatre.

In addition, City Theatre productions may travel to Lindenwood University for extended runs and Lindenwood students may have the experience of showcasing their talents in alternate venues like the Theatre at St. John's located in the Central West End.

The affiliation between Lindenwood University, City Theatre, and other professional theatre companies in the region exemplifies Lindenwood's philosophy of Fine and Performing Arts: development as a professional through application, said Marsha Parker, dean of Fine and Performing Arts and Communication.

"Lindenwood provides students with a strong academic and theoretical base while allowing them opportunities to apply the theories and concepts they learn to performance and production," said Parker. "After all, the arts have been a part of the curriculum at Lindenwood since it was founded more than 175 years ago.

Gregory said he is excited to come to Lindenwood, which is planning a multimillion dollar Performing Arts Center.

"We are so proud of the our students and the alumni who have graduated over the years—many of which are working professionally throughout the country," said Gregory. " We want to improve the program even more and are committed to making great things happen at Lindenwood in the future."

Locally, Ted has directed for Hothouse Theatre, The New Jewish Theatre, St. Louis Shakespeare, and the Muny 1st Stage. He served on the faculty at the Center of Contemporary Arts for several years. He holds an MFA in Directing from the University of Texas at Austin where he was also an instructor.

Gregory has worked in such places as the Producers Club in New York City, The Flock Theater also in New York, Columbia University, and the Berlitz Theatre in Phoenix, Arizona. Most recently, he directed a new play by Robert Langs at the Masterworks Laboratory Theatre in New York City.

For further information on the Lindenwood theatre program, undergraduate (BA) and graduate degrees (MA, MFA), the upcoming season or future plans for the program, contact Ted Gregory at 636/949-4966.

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