

MISSOURI SOUTHERN THEATRE DIVISION BLOG

December 2025 — Wrapping Up a Season of Growth, Grit, and Great Art

As the fall semester winds down and campus settles into its holiday glow, the Missouri Southern Division of Theatre is savoring a season filled with creativity, collaboration, and courageous art-making. December gives us a chance to reflect on how far we've come and to look ahead to an exciting spring.

STUDENT-DIRECTED SCENES: A CELEBRATION OF STUDENT VOICES

In late November, we proudly hosted our annual Student Directed Scenes Showcase, featuring work from performers in Acting I through Advanced Acting.

This year's projects highlighted:

- Bold directorial concepts from emerging student directors
- Energetic, committed performances from actors across the division
- Risk-taking, ensemble collaboration, and generous storytelling
- A spirit of peer mentorship, with upper-level students guiding newer performers

CLOSING THE SEMESTER WITH REFLECTION & CELEBRATION

December is traditionally a reflective month for our division, and this year is no exception.

ARTISTIC REFLECTIONS

A guided process encouraging actors, designers, directors, and crew to acknowledge growth, struggles, and creative breakthroughs.

HOLIDAY GATHERINGS

A time for community, celebration, and honoring the tremendous work poured into the semester.

HONORING SUCCESSES & CHALLENGES

The fall brought triumphs, challenges, and a lot of perseverance. We are proud of the supportive environment our students continue to build.

SPRING PRODUCTION AUDITIONS: *TALLEY'S FOLLY*

Auditions: December 2, 2025

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Location: Bud Walton Black Box Theatre

Students should arrive ready to read sides and explore the emotional nuance of Lanford Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play.

LOOKING AHEAD: CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & MUSICAL COLLABORATION

- Faculty will attend regional and national theatre conferences this spring.
- On-campus workshops and masterclasses will offer students opportunities to deepen their skills.
- The division will collaborate with the Music Program on the Spring Musical, continuing a valued interdisciplinary partnership.

Wishing everyone a restorative winter break filled with joy, inspiration, and rest.