

November in the MSSU Theatre Division

November is a vibrant month for the Theatre Division as we welcome audiences, students, and community partners to join us for a series of performances and educational events!

River Stories: Remembering The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

November 12-15 | MSSU Taylor Performing Arts Center

We are thrilled to present River Stories: Remembering the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, an original adaptation written by NaTasha J. O'Brien and inspired by Mark Twain's beloved novel. The production features original music by Nathan Lee McAlister, celebrating Missouri's storytelling traditions and musical heritage.

In addition to public performances, we are proud to host over 60 high school students from our service area on November 12 for an immersive Theatre Workshop Day. Visiting students will explore the magic of theatre through sessions in set and sound design, directing, costume design, and acting. Instruction will be led by MSSU Theatre students, offering a hands-on look into the artistry and collaboration that brings production to life.

Student-Directed Scenes

November 21 | Bud Walton Black Box Theatre

Join us for an evening of creativity as students from Directing showcase their final projects—short scenes directed, cast, and staged entirely by students. This annual showcase highlights the next generation of directors and performers developing their craft at MSSU. The event is free and open to the public. For details, please contact theatre@mssu.edu.

Looking Ahead: Spring 2026 Season Updates

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the MSSU Theatre Division will revamp its spring production schedule. Rather than producing The Talley Trilogy, we are excited to announce that we will instead stage Lanford Wilson's Talley's Folly, directed by JP Dickey. Auditions will be held on December 2.

In addition, the Theatre and Music divisions are collaborating for a spring musical celebration—Stephen Schwartz's Godspell—set to take the stage in March 2026.

Stay connected with the MSSU Theatre Division for updates, audition notices, and behind-the-scenes stories by following our social media pages and checking our website regularly. We can't wait to see you at the theatre!