

POINT PARK UNIVERSITY

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Point Park University's musical theatre program ranked No. 9 in the United States by OnStage Blog

PITTSBURGH, PA -- The BFA in Musical Theatre program at Point Park University has been ranked by OnStage Blog as one of the 10 best in the country.

Point Park comes in at No. 9 on this year's Top 25 list, ahead of schools such as the University of Miami, Syracuse University and Florida State University. Carnegie Mellon University was No. 1.

It's the second time in two weeks that OnStage Blog has nationally ranked Point Park University. In August, OnStage Blog recognized Point Park as the [best college in the United States](#) that offers both a BA and BFA in dance. It was No. 5 overall.

"We take a great deal of pride in guiding our students through all areas of the artistic process," said Aaron Bollinger, chair of the Theatre Department in Point Park's Conservatory of Performing Arts. "This kind of recognition validates the impact we are having on our students as we prepare them to build long and successful careers."

OnStage Blog goes through a [months-long process](#) to determine their rankings, and this year put a priority on quality of facilities, performance opportunities and value of diversity for musical theatre programs.

"Having two Pittsburgh schools high on this list showcases the vibrancy of the artistic community in Western Pennsylvania," said Paul Hennigan, president of Point Park. "The new Pittsburgh Playhouse on our Downtown campus will thrive as our talented students, faculty and staff feed off that energy and passion for performing arts in the region."

Point Park's BFA in Musical Theatre is a rigorous, eight-semester program designed to prepare students for a career in all areas of musical theatre – acting, music and dance. The demands of the training, performance and creative components are intensive. Students learn from faculty who have trained and worked on stages around the world. Acclaimed guest artists, playwrights, directors, choreographers and casting directors regularly visit to conduct master classes and workshops.

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Point Park University, immersed in the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh, focuses on student success through innovative experiential learning opportunities. Point Park enrolls more than 4,000 students in over 100 undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs offered through its Conservatory of Performing Arts, Rowland School of Business, and schools of Arts and Sciences, Communication, and Education. The University's alumni and students represent all 50 states and 34 countries around the world. Visit PointPark.edu to learn more.