UWO announced its Titans Return – Fall 2020 Recovery Plan for the academic year. Accordingly, the Theatre Department’s plans for our upcoming season remain dynamic and fluid. Theatre will have no live audiences for Fall 2020 and our physical box office will remain closed.

For Fall 2020, UWO Oshkosh Theatre intends to produce *Vanya and Masha and Sonya and Spike* and *The Glass Menagerie*. In a joint venture with Theatre, UWO Oshkosh Radio-TV-Film plans to record our productions. We plan to broadcast these two productions on our Theatre YouTube channel, November 28 through and including December 6, 2020, utilizing a “pay to view” ticket. This ticket is a private URL sent to ticket holders from AudienceView, our web-based ticketing platform. With the private URL, ticket holders can watch these productions on their computer, tablet, cell phone or smart TV.

The Theatre department is committed to providing a safe, professional environment for students, faculty and staff for the AY2020. The department goals for a safe return include:

- Maximize the amount of time on campus, while creating a vital, positive experience for online classes.
- Reconsider space usage to allow for social distancing in the classroom, backstage, in the scene and costumes shops and on stage.
- Adhere as much as possible to standards currently being developed in professional theatre and by professional theatrical organizations for the safety of everyone.
- Reconsider space usage in the classroom, in the shops and on stage to allow for social distancing.
- Wear masks and/or shields at all times in rehearsal and performance.
- Use correct PPE in the classroom and scene shop. Reconsider costume fittings to allow for social distancing.

The following Covid19 protocols were researched and employed to create Covid response in the theatre department:

- Actors Equity Association
- USITT (United States Institute for Theatre Technology)
• ATHE COVID19 Recommendations (Association for Theatre in Higher Education)

PROTOCOLS FOR THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS
The following protocols will be used to maintain safety during rehearsal, building process in the scene shop, costume shop, box office and in performance.
• Daily symptom check through Titan Alert required for cast and crew.
• Masks will be worn by the cast in rehearsal at all times.
• Masks will be worn by the crew at all times.
• The Stage Manager for each production will keep a list of students in rehearsal, including backstage crew; and keep a list of contact information, arrival and departure times.
• Cast and crew will not be allowed to leave in the middle of rehearsal or during breaks.
• Attendance list will be included in the Stage Managers log and sent after every rehearsal to the faculty. The log will be available for use for UWO contact tracing efforts if needed.
• Cast and crew will be required to wash hands prior to rehearsal/work call.
• All hand props, furniture, appliances, etc. will be cleaned before and after rehearsal, in accordance with USITT guidelines. Only designated personnel will be allowed to handle props, furniture or other items used in rehearsal and performance.
• All equipment used in rehearsal or performance will be cleaned before and after each rehearsal/performance.
• Only designated personnel will touch lighting, sound, technical equipment. Sound equipment, light and sound boards, computers, will be cleaned in accordance with USITT guidelines.
• Only designated personnel will be allowed to touch sewing machines, costumes shop equipment, etc. All equipment in the costume shop will be cleaned after use and personnel are required to wash hands before entering the shop and wear a mask at all times. All personnel involved in fittings must wash hands before fitting for every individual.
• If opened, Box Office personnel will maintain a 6-foot radius in accordance with university SOP. Box Office personnel will clean and sanitize equipment used in the box office as well as wash hands, wear masks, etc. before entering the box office.
PRODUCTION:
- Blocking for each production will maintain a 6-foot radius between actors.
- Actors, staff and crew will wear masks at all times, and maintain social distancing in accordance with university SOP guidelines.
- Actors will maintain 6 foot radius while in performance. Backstage crew will maintain 6 foot radius in performance. Camera operators will not be allowed to come closer than 6 feet to an actor (see RTF SOP guidelines).

THEATRE SPACES:
- The TASC office will be cleaned by TASC members in accordance with university SOP. Students must wash hands before entering and wear masks at all times.

The Green Room will be locked and used only in production. All personnel using the Green Room must wash hands before entering and wear a mask. Stage Manager will oversee cleaning of the Green Room at the end of each rehearsal/performance.

The Theatre Department office will be open to faculty. Students should call the department office (424-7042) or email Kristina Mosley with any department questions. In person student appointments will be scheduled only if necessary at the discretion of the department associate.