“From here you can go anywhere. Our students work locally, nationally and internationally, both onstage in theatre, film and TV, and offstage in technical fields.”

— Ben Moffat, WCC drama professor

Theatre Classes at Windward Community College
THEA 101 Introduction to Drama and Theatre
THEA 211 Mask Making and Performance
THEA 221 Acting I
THEA 222 Acting II
THEA 240 Introduction to Stagecraft
THEA 241 Advanced Stagecraft
THEA 260 Dramatic Production

“Palikū Theatre... feels at once both spacious and intimate.”
— Honolulu Advertiser

“Palikū production compares to island’s best.”
— Star-Bulletin

“Palikū Theatre may be the most comfortable venue on O‘ahu, and it’s good to see it offering a home to quality children’s plays and increased performance opportunities for students at WCC.”
— Honolulu Advertiser

“WCC is stretching in developing theatrical muscle...”
— Honolulu Advertiser
Get into the Act

Every year, you’ll have five or more opportunities to perform, including walk-around performances with masks and stilts, fall and spring student showcases, children’s shows involving current and former students, including James and the Giant Peach, Wind in the Willows (winner of the 2009 Poikela Award for Best Ensemble), Wizard of Oz and our capstone event—the big fall musical—involving students together with seasoned professional and community performers (Miss Saigon, Oklahoma!, South Pacific, Fiddler on the Roof, West Side Story).

Work with some of the best directors in Hawai’i—Ben Moffat, Ron Bright, Stan Egi, Kris Fitzgerald and Ben Gutierrez. As a student director or writer, you’ll be given chances to present your work. And, our professional techies will mentor you if your interest is in carpentry, lights, sound, and stage management.

Study in State-of-the-Art Facilities

Palikū Theatre is where it all happens. This is where you’ll gain valuable experience working both onstage and backstage in one of Hawai’i’s finest theatre venues. Ample studio spaces where you can work up to your onstage entrance include the drama/dance classroom with sprung floors and stage lighting, acoustically-designed music classrooms and practice studios equipped with pianos.

Additional training (credit and noncredit) is available with classes in voice, chorus, Tai Chi, gymnastics, piano, guitar, ukelele and digital music.

Theatre teaches the communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills that employers seek.

“I’ve done everything from acting to sound and lighting, from stage-managing to set building—it all started at WCC. Storytelling is a way for me to use what I’ve learned to create change in this world.”

— Tori, WCC drama student