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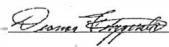
Dear Vice Provost and Curricular Affairs,

The School of Theatre, Film and Television (TFTV) is going to disestablish the Musical Theatre major due to changes in the industry. Musical Theatre has been a strong program at the University of Arizona, but over the past decade there has been a steady erosion of acting jobs in live theatre. The School of Theatre, Film, and Television seeks to modernize our Theatre programs and better prepare students for jobs after graduation, so we will be making changes and proposing a new updated acting program that trains our students in performing for film and television where the. Vast majority of opportunities now exist. By ending our Musical Theatre program, we will be able to better focus our resources and equip our students for success. In November 2022, we made an announcement regarding the pause on recruitment for our Theatre BFA programs. All applicants, who had paid admissions were refunded and those who decided UArizona was still their first school of choice moved into another major. We plan on continuing to teach our current Musical Theatre students the curriculum they were promised. Students will be fully equipped to land jobs in Musical Theatre upon graduation. Our last class will graduate in spring 2026.

Sincerely,


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