

In Memoriam

Craig A. Humphrey, May 22, 1960 – March 12, 2022

Professor Craig A. Humphrey served IPFW and PFW Department of Theatre as Head of Design and Technology and Associate Professor of Costume Design from 1991 – 2020, although he returned to direct his final production of *Sondheim on Sondheim* this semester. Over his 29 years of service Craig directed 28 productions. He also designed costumes for over 100 plays and musicals and performed in several shows during his career. Craig also created several classes including American Musical Theatre History, Period Styles for the Theatre I and II, and Stage Make-up, while also shaping the curriculum in the design and musical theatre areas of the department. He was instrumental in bringing the Department of Theatre to where it is today. A passion for musical theatre inspired Craig to direct and cultivate this area of production program of the Department of Theatre, offering students wonderful experiences of learning and exploration of this genre over the years.

Craig's influence went well beyond the classroom and production program and was a beloved theatre artist in the Fort Wayne Arts community. He acted and directed throughout Fort Wayne and so many theatre artists considered him an immensely talented colleague and dear friend. Annually, Craig would take students and community members to New York City, so they would experience several Broadway shows, which will remain a highlight for all those that accompanied him. His final directing for the Department of Theatre occurred this past February with a tribute to the recently passed Stephen Sondheim, Craig's favorite composer and lyricist. A celebration was planned for him, although it was cancelled due to his health, but over 100 alumni still attended the closing evening of the production which is a testament to the countless lives Craig touched.

The Department of Theatre is feeling the loss of such a dear friend and colleague whose life and work were so impactful on the department's development. His collaborations with faculty, staff, and students will always be fondly remembered and his legacy will continue to impact the department for years to come. His clever wit, passion for teaching, and the close friendships he cultivated with those he worked with will be deeply missed. Craig is survived by his mother, Judy, and two brothers, Jeffery and Luke. A celebration of life memorial is being planned in the near future. Memorials may be made to the PFW Department of Theatre.