

# MAVERICK THEATRE COMPANY

## CODE OF ETHICS

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Part of the great tradition of theatre is a code of ethics that belongs to all who work on the legitimate stage. This code reflects an attitude toward craftsmanship, a respect for associates, and a dedication toward the audience. It outlines a self-discipline that, far from robbing one of individuality, increases personal self-esteem and dignity through cooperation and common purpose. All those who participate in the Maverick Theatre Company and UTA Department of Theatre Arts activities are expected to follow this Code of Ethics.

- The show must have a high priority! I shall always be on time for a crew call, rehearsal or performance.
- I shall work at every rehearsal, performance, and technical responsibility to the best of my ability, regardless of how small my role or large my personal problems.
- I shall respect my audience regardless of size or station.
- I shall never miss an entrance or cause a curtain to be late by my failure to be ready.
- I shall forego all social activities which interfere with crew work or rehearsals and will always be on time.
- I shall remain in the theatre building or stage area until I have completed my rehearsal or responsibilities.
- I shall not allow the comments of friends, relatives or critics to change any phase of my work without proper authorization. I will not alter lines, business, lights, properties, settings, costumes, or any phase of the production without consultation and permission from the director.
- I shall accept the director's, choreographer's, designer's, and technical director's advice in the spirit in which it is given for they see the production as a whole and my role as a portion thereof. I shall look upon the production as an ensemble effort and do my best to support others.
- I shall be patient and avoid temperamental outbursts, for they create tension and serve no useful purpose.
- I shall respect the play and the playwright, remembering that "A work of art is not a work of art until it is finished."
- I shall accept artistic responsibility and shall never blame my co-workers or inanimate objects for my own failure.
- I shall never engage in caustic criticism of another artist's work from jealousy or an urge to increase my own prestige.
- I shall encourage the public to respect me and my craft through graciousness in accepting both praise and constructive criticism.
- I shall use the set, stage properties, and costumes with care, knowing they are tools of my craft and a vital part of the production.
- I shall observe backstage courtesy and shall comport myself in strict compliance with the rules and regulations of the UTA Department of Theatre Arts program.
- I shall maintain my commitment to the theatre in spite of disappointment or failure for they are the lessons by which I learn.
- I shall observe the no smoking rule on campus as designated by UT Arlington.
- I am aware that the Greenroom Theatre Callboard and UTA Email address/system is our official channel of communication and will be fully responsible for any and all information posted thereon.
- I shall meet all deadlines and responsibilities as assigned.
- I shall avoid all behavior that is detrimental to the well-being and reputation of the Maverick Theatre Company and the Department of Theatre Arts, its students, staff, and faculty. I shall look upon my participation in a production as an educational experience and will accept critique.
- I shall attend STRIKE and carry out all duties assigned by my supervisor(s) to the best of my ability.
- I shall direct my efforts in such a manner that when I leave the theatre it will stand as a greater institution for my having labored there.
- I shall follow Stanislavsky's admonition to "love the art in yourself, not yourself in the art!"
- I realize that the following behavior is unprofessional and may result in my being dismissed from the cast or crew:
  - Possession, use, or abuse of drugs or alcohol on theatre premises
  - Stealing, defacing, or destroying personal or college property, including costumes, props, etc.
  - A Major violation of the UTA Theatre Code of Ethics
- I shall represent the Theatre profession, the Maverick Theatre Company, the Department of Theatre Arts, and UT Arlington with integrity and respect as I interact with the community at large.
- I shall deal responsibly with the above. If necessary, a breach of conduct may be reported to the Theatre Arts Chair.