The Mission and Vision of Hall of Music Productions

As part of Housing and Food Services, Hall of Music Productions is committed to bringing to life the HFS Strategic Plan within the context of the role it plays for the University. Unfortunately, not everyone knows or understands what that role is. So let me provide you with your backstage pass for a behind-the-scenes look at how this unique department serves the University and supports the mission and vision of HFS.

From its very beginning the Hall of Music was intended to play a vital role in the life of Purdue students. Appearing in its dedication brochure was the following sentence:

This new Hall of Music, then, will serve Purdue University's first purpose—the building of its students into adequate and cultured citizens of the world.

It was to be a place where the performing arts could offer glimpses of alternate ways to view the world, where ideas could be given a public hearing, where talent and ability could be demonstrated, where the University and the community could be entertained and refreshed, where all could experience the far reaches of human accomplishment, and where the significant rites and rituals of intellectual passage through this major University would be performed.

It was within the framework of that original mission that the department now known as Hall of Music Productions was developed. Besides managing the performing arts venues on campus, this department is the University's in-house production company capable of providing staging, sound, lighting, and video production services for University functions both on and off-campus.

But perhaps more importantly, Hall of Music Productions is a learning center for the education and enlightenment of students in the entertainment technology and production support industry. It is the vision of the department to involve students in fulfilling its mission by providing real-life, hands-on experience and training. In addition, Hall of Music Productions promotes discovery and innovation through interdisciplinary and collaborative activities with several academic departments on campus including Theatre, Dance, University Bands, Liberal Arts, and Computer Graphics Technology.

Lastly, the department plays a unique role in supporting the mission of engagement. The department has established many partnerships across the Midwest with other production companies and facilities. These relationships not only serve the University's efforts at outreach into the private sector but also provide additional resources and training opportunities for students and staff.

Hall of Music Productions, a lot more than meets the eye, supporting the mission and vision of HFS and Purdue while making a difference in the lives of students.

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