

**JAMES BUTCHART**

**Master of Fine Arts, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Professional Actor Training Program  
1981**

**BA, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Theatre Major, Speech Minor  
1977**

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has taught in the Department of Theatre/Dance of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater since 1989, as an Instructor (1989-1999), Assistant Professor (1999-2004), Associate Professor (2004-2007) and Professor (2007-2016); and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has contributed extensive time and knowledge to the advancement of the Performance Program, on and off campus; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has taught over 15 different department courses (including all of the Performance Program offerings), as well as World of the Arts for the College of Arts & Communication and New Student Seminar for the University; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has served as the Head of the Performance Division and the Main Advisor to the Theatre BFA-Performance Program; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has mentored/advised countless Performance students, in and out of the classroom, using his professional connections as a member of Actor's Equity Association and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has offered independent study and internship opportunities to numerous students in the department; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has directed more than 60 theatrical productions for the Theatre/Dance Department academic year seasons and for Summeround Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has directed 10 professional theatrical productions in the Milwaukee area; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has served on numerous Theatre/Dance Department committees, including chairing the Play Selection Committee, as well as several Search and Screen committees; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has served on numerous College of Arts & Communication committees, including chairing the College Constituency Standards Committee; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has served on numerous University committees, including the Personnel Rules, Academic Standards, and Undergraduate Research Committees; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has served as a College of Arts & Communication Master Advisor and as a University Master Advisor; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has represented the Department, Program, and College through the American College Theatre Festival, including serving as a production responder, Festival chaperone, and Irene Ryan National Acting Competition advisor and mentor; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has won the College of Arts & Communication Excellence in Teaching Award in 1999 and 2001; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has won the College of Arts & Communication Excellence in Advising Award in 2009 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, Professor James Butchart has served as an exemplary teacher and scholar;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Theatre/Dance unanimously and wholeheartedly recommends that, for his exemplary teaching, research, and service, Professor James Butchart be awarded the rank of Professor-Emeritus with all the attendant rights and privileges that this position entails; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the faculty and staff of the Department of Theatre/Dance of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, extend our best wishes for health and happiness to Professor James Butchart and his family in his retirement and express our extreme gratitude for his years with the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.