

UA musical theatre graduate takes on Broadway

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Nick Burroughs is living his dream and performing on Broadway after graduating from UA with a musical theatre degree.

Submitted by Nick Burroughs

"I learned so much about myself, my craft and just life itself as a student in the musical theater department of The University of Alabama," he said. "I will always cherish my college experience and the training that successfully got me where I am today."

Burroughs said his teachers were some of the most valuable contributors to his success.

"The most valuable class I took would have to be Seth Panitch's Shakespeare class," he said. "I learned so much about myself as a performer that I didn't know I was capable of. Although I was just a musical theatre major I got to audit a choreography class in Cornelius [Carter]'s class. That taught me so much as dancer and choreographer, which is something I hope to do more in my career."

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Burroughs is now working on Broadway in New York City as an angel and an understudy for the leading role of Lola in the Tony and Grammy award-winning Broadway musical, "Kinky Boots."

"It has been an absolute dream come true getting to perform on a Broadway stage every night," he said. "The three times I've gotten to go on for the Tony Award-winning leading role [were] an incredible feeling I will never forget."

Burroughs said he plans on performing as many times as he can during his career and he wants to keep auditioning for roles on Broadway.

"Alabama prepared me in so many ways," he said. "I was taught how to focus and work hard toward my own journey as an actor. Now I know who I am as a performer and person, and I know what I'm capable of."

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University of Alabama in May 2014 as a musical theatre graduate. Burroughs, a musical theatre major, is living his dream of performing on Broadway after graduating from UA with a musical theatre degree. Burroughs, who spent four years at the University, said he has taken away invaluable experiences and lessons from his time on campus.



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