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Steven Gross - Thoughts on a Career in Theater

Gross: It's amazing how much theater there is everywhere. Uh, I've never lived anywhere that didn't have fewer than three community theaters running at any one time. Uh, every high school should have a theater program. Uh, colleges, uh, if, if they're worth their salt, have a theater program. And it's, it's amazing how many...how much of a variety of theater there is out there. Uh, so my, my suggestion would be, try everything. Try every avenue of theater.

You may find that you love theater but maybe you don't love acting. Or maybe you, you, you want to direct, or maybe you want to be a stage manager, or maybe you want to be a lighting designer, a scene designer, or just a, a...Maybe you just want to paint. Maybe you want to be an artist but still work in the theater. There, there are scenic artists who make a fabulous living.

And there, there's so much work to be done in the theater. There's so much more than just acting, and there, there's so much acting to be done. Um, it's just...it's an incredible industry that encompasses so many fields and so many craftsmen and so many artists, and it's just a wonderful collaborative effort that anybody could find a job in the theater. Anybody could.

It's difficult to say I have a definite plan for ten years. It's more of a general feeling...a general idea that...of knowing where I want to be eventually. And I know that eventually I want to be, um, you know, the professional freelancing designer that I'm on the way to becoming. But, in addition to that, I would...I, I have dreams and aspirations to start a theater company. Um, I would love to maybe go to a university that doesn't have a great theater department and build one for them. Uh, it's still all part of this need of mine to create, and to create something well. Um, and if, if eventually I die and the only good thing people can say about me is, "Well, you know, if you needed somebody who could get the job done, you gave Steven a call." And, you know, that, that would make me happy...just knowing that, uh, being the person that can get something done....To get the job done, to create something new is my aspiration.

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