

Broadway Buzz – Dear Evan Hansen

Guest Speaker: Austin M. Rausch

Saturday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m.
Embassy Theatre Ballroom



Austin M. Rausch is based in Fort Wayne, Indiana and is the Assistant Professor of Theatre in Costume Design at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Austin has a Bachelor of Arts in Costume Design from St. Edward's University (2012) in Austin, Texas and a Master of Fine Arts in Costume Design from The Pennsylvania State University (2019). Austin has recently designed *Cabaret*, *Urinetown the Musical*, *Little Women the Broadway Musical*, *The Tempest*, among many others for Purdue University Fort Wayne. Additionally, he consistently works at Bigfork Summer Playhouse during the summer months as Costume Shop Manager and Costume Designer. There, he has designed *Jersey Boys*, *The Addams Family*, and *Footloose*. In addition to Costume

Design, Austin also has experience in draping, tailoring, corsetry, millinery, and costume crafts. He has previously worked in the Costume Crafts Department at the Los Angeles Opera on a new opera collaboration with The Metropolitan Opera, *Eurydice* (adapted from Sarah Ruhl's play and directed by Mary Zimmerman). Austin is an interdisciplinary theatre artist with a background in acting, and recently directed *Black Snow* (adapted from Russian novelist Mikhail Bulgakov) at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Upcoming work includes costume designs for *9 to 5* for Actor's Theatre of Indiana and a return to Bigfork Summer Playhouse where he will serve as Costume Shop Manager and Costume Designer.