

MSU UnScripted Opening Statement

Good evening, everyone, and welcome to *MSU UnScripted*! Tonight, we are thrilled to introduce you to one of the most joyful traditions in the MSU Department of Theatre. *UnScripted* is our annual improv showcase featuring our newest Spartans — a chance for first year and transfer students to step into the spotlight, take creative risks, and share their voices with our community. Improv invites us to listen, collaborate, and say ‘yes’ to the unexpected, and tonight you’ll see just how powerful that can be. Improv is a reminder that storytelling thrives when we trust each other, listen deeply, and embrace the unexpected. *MSU UnScripted* Director Sarah Hendrickson, reminds us that “there are no mistakes—only opportunities to explore a new idea”. Improvisation gives us the chance to tackle something from a new perspective. You will also need to put your thinking caps on because our actors will be asking for audience participation. Thank you for being here to cheer on these incredible emerging artists as they begin their journey with us.

Key Messages

1. MSU Department of Theatre is celebrating new theatre students into the department.
2. Improv is a team sport, and is all about collaboration, listening, and embracing the unexpected.
3. The audience also plays a part in theatre as well as the actors. In improv, everyone is at liberty to participate.