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EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL

M.F.A in Scenic Design

2020

Emphasis in Scenic Design with secondary focus in Prop Design and Scenic Painting

University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN

B.S. in Technical Theatre

2014

Emphasis in Scenic Design with secondary focus in Prop Design and Scenic Painting

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL

Teaching Assistant- Introduction to Design (THEA 220)

2018-2020

Assisted in demonstrating and administering grades and projects for a fundamentals of design focused course. Reviewed design for the theatre including costume, lighting, scenery and props. Helped lead discussions based on roles of the designer's production plan, design requirements and aesthetics. Helped students on the basic principles of two-dimensional art through various media and studied color theory. Ran in class workshops with instruction in basic drawing and painting to assist students in communicating specific ideas.

Teaching Assistant- Theatre Design III: Scenery (THEA321)

2018-2020

Assisted and led in discussions and projects investigating aesthetic, technical, and practical problems of scenery for the stage. Lead students in the practical way of constructing and painting scenic models and drafting packages.

Teaching Assistant- Theatrical Props Design and Management I (THEA 347)

2019-2020

Assisted and led discussion and workshops in the principles and processes involved in theatrical properties. Emphasis in research, procurement, organizational and technical skills used by the properties department. Ran workshops on prop food construction, upholstery of different types of furniture, paper props, and other practical prop applications. Aided in administering grades and projects for the fundamentals of prop design.

Teaching Assistant- Scene Painting (THEA 455)

2018-2020

Assisted and led in the hands on application of concepts, tools and techniques of theatrical scenic painting.

PROFESSIONAL PROPS DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Paramount Theater, Aurora, IL True West by Sam Shepard Directed by Jim Corti	2025
Paramount Theater, Aurora, IL Cats by Andrew Lloyd Webber Directed by Trent Stork	2025
Paramount Theater, Aurora, IL Waitress: The Musical by Sarah Bareilles Directed by Katie Spellman	2025
Paramount Theater, Aurora, IL An Act of God by David Javerbaum Directed by Keira Fromm	2024
Paramount Theatre, Aurora, IL Peter and the Starcatcher by Rick Elice Directed by Nate Cohen	2024
Paramount Theatre, Aurora, IL Brighter Futures by Satya Chávez, Jess Godwin and Gabriel Ruiz Directed by Amber Mac	2024
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN As You Like It by William Shakespeare Directed by Tarah Flanagan	2023
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN The Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare Directed by Doug Sholzs-Carlson	2023
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN Imbroglio by Melissa Maxwell Directed by Melissa Maxwell	2023
Rivendell Theatre Ensemble, Chicago, IL Mother House by Tuckie White Rivendell Theatre Ensemble	2023
Invictus Theatre Company, Chicago, IL The Mountaintop by Katori Hall Directed by Aaron Reese Boseman	2023
Raven Theatre Company, Chicago, IL Right to be Forgotten by Sharyn Rothstein Directed by Dir. Sarah Gitenstein	2023

Griffin Theatre Company, Chicago, IL Mary's Seacole by Jackie Sibblies Drury Directed by Jerrell Henderson	2023
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare Directed by Beth Gardiner	2022
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN The African Company Presents: Richard III by Carlyle Brown Directed by Cory Allen	2022
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN Always Patsy Cline by Ted Swindley Directed by Braxton Rae	2022
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN All the Towns a Stage: A Winona Story by Andrew Carlson, Valerie Lynn Brett Directed by Beth Gardiner	2022
Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL A Game's A'foot by Ken Ludwig Directed by Susan Robinson	2022
The Griffin Theatre Company, Chicago, IL Solaris by David Greig Directed by Scott Weinstein	2022
Ralla Klepak Performing Arts Program, Chicago, IL Newsies by Harvey Fierstein Directed by Lucy Mattout	2022
Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL Little Woman by Allan Knee Directed by Andy Bero	2021
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN Tempest by William Shakespeare Directed by Beth Gardiner	2021
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN Great Expectations by Bathsheba Doran Directed by Doug Scholz-Carlson	2021
Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL Kiss me, Kate by Bella and Samuel Spewack Directed by Sarafina Vecchio	2020
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN Cymbeline by William Shakespeare Directed by Doug Scholz-Carlson	2019

Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN Macbeth by William Shakespeare Directed by Paul Barnes	2019
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN The Servant of Two Masters by William Shakespeare Directed by Beth Gardiner	2019
Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL Blood at the Root by Dominique Morisseau Directed by Susan Robinson	2018
Theatre at Monmouth, Monmouth ME Three show Repertory Season Artistic Director Dawn McAndrews	2016-2017
EDUCATIONAL PROPS DESIGN EXPERIENCE	
Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL A Bright New Boise by Samual D. Hunter Directed by Kay Martinovich	2020
Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL Hamlet by William Shakespeare Directed by Alex Gelman	2019
Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL Middletown by Will Eno Directed by Kay Martinovich	2018
Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL OurTown by Thornton Wilder Directed by Bethany Mangum	2017
RELATED PROFESSIONAL PROP EXPERIENCE	
Paramount Theater, Aurora, IL Associate Props Manager Frozen by Jennifer Lee Props Designer: Aimee Plant	2024
Paramount Theater, Aurora, IL Associate Props Manager The Full Monty by Terrence McNally Props Designer: Aimee Plant	2024
Paramount Theater, Aurora, IL Associate Props Manager Beautiful: The Carole King Musical by Douglas McGrath Props Designer: Aimee Plant	2024

Chautauqua Theater Company, Chautauqua, NY Assistant Props Designer

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Three show Repertory Season

2018

Props Designer: Hyla Stellhorn

Gateway Playhouse, Bellport, NY Assistant Props Designer Regional Theatre Seasons

Props Designer: Mitch Domer

2014-2016

PROFESSIONAL SCENIC PAINTING EXPERIENCE

Paramount Theater, Aurora, IL Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl Directed by Trent Stork	2024
Paramount Theater, Aurora, IL Billy Elliot by Elton John and Lee Hall Directed by Trent Stork	2023
Paramount Theater, Aurora, IL Into The Woods by Stephen Sondheim Directed by Jim Corti and Trent Stork	2023
Great River Shakespeare Festival, Winona, MN All the Towns a Stage: A Winona Story by Andrew Carlson, Valerie Lynn Brett Directed by Beth Gardiner	2022
The Second City, Chicago, IL Together at Last by Anneliese Toft Directed by Anneliese Toft	2021
Oakton Community College, Des Plains, IL A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakepeare Technical Director: Nick Peebles	2021
Metropolis Performing Arts Center, Arlington Heights, IL Legally Blonde by Amanda Brown Technical Director David Moreland	2021
MishMash Adventures, Aurora, IL An Urban Adventure Escape Room Production Design by. Jim Upchurch	2020
Aurora University, Aurora, IL Little Woman by Allan Knee Directed by Stacy Joyce	2020
Aurora University, Aurora, IL Animal Farm by Ian Wooldridge Directed by Stacy Joyce	2019

Brightside Theatre Company, Naperville, IL Vanya, Sonia, Masha and Spike by Christopher Durang Directed by Jeffrey Cass

2018

Relevant Skills

Basic Carpentry, Foam Carving, Vehicle and Box Truck operations, Upholstery, Puppet Crafting, Machine Stitching, Hand Stitching, Mold Making, Scenic Painting, Gore Props, Bamboo Lab 3d printing, 3D AutoCAD Drafting, Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Word, Google Docs, Period prop research, Budget setting and coming in under budget, Strong Communication and leadership skills.