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PROFILE

Theater artist who, through a curious and compassionate approach to scenic design, direction, and collaboration in the technical fields, seeks to create new experiences, incite adventurous art, and foster transcendent connections.

EXPERIENCE

Manager, Performing Arts Center - Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High School, Brevard Public Schools

Cocoa Beach, FL; 2019-2023

- Generated curriculum and led class meetings for high school-level “Technical Theater Design and Production” course
- Trained and managed student staff in the execution of all Performing Arts Center events
- Led a team of students in the design, fabrication, installation, and operation of all technical aspects of high school drama productions
- Maintained and updated all lighting, audio, projection, rigging, and scene shop equipment
- Responsible for researching and securing grant funds for use on theatrical equipment and supplies
- Technical Director for all school theatrical productions
- Director for school production of William Shakespeare’s ‘Hamlet’
- Managed all internal and external usage of PAC facilities, including high school orchestra concerts, dance academy recitals, county-wide orchestra and drama competitions, and school district presentations

Artistic Director - miR theater / geography and plays

2013-present

- Producer, Director, and Designer for original theatrical productions
- Premiered adaptations of plays by Gertrude Stein at the Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival (2019, 2022)
- Hosted visiting playwrights in the generation of original plays reflecting the community, history, and character of a small town in Florida
- Producer, Director, and Animator for the film adaptation of Gertrude Stein’s ‘Do Let Us Go Away, a play’ (in production)

Scenic Designer / Carpenter / Technical Director - Freelance

2004-present

- Provide scenic designs for theatrical productions based in New Orleans, NYC, Chicago, and Taipei
- Manage teams of carpenters, painters, and scenic artists in the execution of scenic designs
- Facilitate touring theatrical productions
- Construct, paint, and install scenic elements for a variety of theatrical projects ranging from intimate avant-garde events to large-scale musical productions
- Collaborations include Mabou Mines-NYC, Fever Up Originals-Miami / DC / NYC, St. Ann’s Warehouse-NYC, NAATCo-NYC, Columbia University-NYC, Trap Door Theatre-Chicago, Brain Surgeon Theatre, Prop Thtr-Chicago, Southern Rep-New Orleans, Tulane University Summer Lyric Theatre-New Orleans

**Scenic Designer, Summer Fine Arts Theatre Workshop - Brevard Public Schools
Brevard County, FL; 2018-2022**

- Provided original scenic designs via scale-models, build plans, and paint elevations for annual musical production
- Led a diverse team of high school students and technical theater professionals from across Brevard County in the fabrication of all scenic elements

**Teaching Artist - Senior DECATS
Dallas, TX; 2010-2016**

- Taught theatre arts for three-week goal-oriented academic summer enrichment program for gifted middle-school students
- Developed and taught curriculum for elective courses in scenic design, costume design, and illustration
- Lead students in designing, fabricating, and running all scenic elements for a fully stage one-act production

Complete production resume available.

EDUCATION

Columbia College Chicago — MA Interdisciplinary Arts, 2009

- Summa Cum Laude
- Thesis: 'This is a Play (by Joseph Riley)', installation and performance
- Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Scenic Design course

Loyola University, New Orleans — BA Drama / Studio Arts, 2004

- Academic Scholarship
- Acting Scholarship
- Alpha Psi Omega Drama Honor Society

SKILLS + CERTIFICATIONS

Vectorworks Core Associate Certification / ETC Eos / Allen & Heath SQ7 / Sketchup / QLab / OBS / Facilitron
Theatrical Lighting Design / Theatrical Sound Design / Theatrical Scenic Design / Carpentry /
Theater Management / Adobe Photoshop / Adobe Illustrator / Adobe Premier / Microsoft Office / Mac OS /
Google G Suite / YouTube Studio / Red Cross First Aid Certification /
FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional