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SCENIC DESIGNER

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DESIGN EXPERIENCE: * Denotes Scenic Charge

2024 **A Home What Howls** (in production)
2023 **The Wolves**
2023 **Bernarda!**
2023 **Heroes of the Fourth Turning**
2023 **Blues for An Alabama Sky**
2023 **Kinky Boots**
2023 **Motherhouse** (Equity/Jeff-nom for Best Prod-play)
2023 **Lettie**
2023 **Anna in the Tropics** (Equity Jeff Nom- Best Set)
2022 **Cinderella**
2022 **Dracula**
2022 **School of Rock**
2022 **Sound of Music**
2022 **Botticelli in the Fire**
2022 **Tiger Style**
2022 **Rose**
2022 **The Addams Family**
2022 **Falstaff**
2022 **The Drag Seed**
2022 **Into The Woods**
2022 **Gloria**
2022 **In Every Generation**
2022 **Sense and Sensibility**
2021 **Knuffle Bunny** (remounted)*
2021 **Lighthouses in the Desert** *
2021 **The Music Man Jr.**
2021 **Talley's Folly**
2021 **Shipwrecked**
2021 **Too Heavy for Your Pocket***
2020 **The Tomorrow Show**
2020 **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** (run canceled - COVID)
2020 **Beat Bugs** (run canceled - COVID)
2020 **Shakespeare In Love** *
2020 **The Pillowman** *
2020 **Knuffle Bunny***
2019 **Always ... Patsy Cline**
2019 **American Idiot** *
2019 **P.Y.G. or The MisEdu-macation of Dorian Belle***
2019 **The Cat in the Hat** *
2019 **Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile**
2019 **Big Fish** * (Non-Eq Jeff-nom for Best Prod-musical)
2019 **Mamma Mia!** *
2019 **Queen of the Mist**
2019 **Bright Star** (Non-Eq Jeff-nom for Best Prod- musical)
2019 **Pinkalicious!***
2018 **A Scientific Method**
2018 **Ghosts**
2018 **Caroline or Change**
(Equity Jeff Award for Best Production- musical midsize)
2018 **Follies***
2018 **You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown***

Director:

Laura Alcala Baker
Ericka Ratcliff
Wendy Mateo
Joan Sergay
Mikael Burke
Connor Giles
Azar Kazemi
Kevin Long
Laura Alcala Baker
Desdemona Chiang
Brian McKnight
Connor Giles
Travis Neese
Bo Frazier
Brain Balcom
Elizabeth Margolius
Mitzi Smith
Harry Silverstein
Cheryl Snodgrass
Brent Walker
Tyrone Phillips
Devon deMayo
Kevin Long
Randy White
Cheryl Snodgrass
David Zizic

Corey Bradberry
Kevin Long
Chris Anthony
Lauren Rawitz
Roseanne Sheridan
Kevin Long
Laura A. Baker
Randy White
Brigitte Ditmars
Laura Pullio
Lilli-Anne Brown
Leda Hoffmann
Amanda Link
Stephen Schellhardt
Courtney Crouse
Elizabeth Margolius
Ericka Mak
Jess Fiene
Devon de Mayo
Erin Murray
Lili-Anne Brown

Kevin Long
Stephen Schellhardt

Company/Venue:

Steppenwolf (Theatre for Young Adults)
The University of Chicago
Teatro Vista at 1700 Steppenwolf
Northwestern University
Remy Bumpo at Theatre Wit
Highland Park Players @ Loyola Academy, IL
Rivendell Theatre Ensemble - Chicago, IL
Harper College Performing Arts Center
Remy Bumpo at Theatre Wit- Chicago, IL
Village Theatre - Issaquah (Seattle), WA
Glass Apple Theatre at The Raven - Chicago, IL
Highland Park Players - Northbrook, IL
Big Noise Theatre - Des Plaines, IL
First Floor Theatre at The Den - Chicago, IL
Writers Theater - Glencoe, IL
Renaissance Theaterworks - Milwaukee, WI
North Central College - Naperville, IL
The Music School at DePaul University- Chicago, IL
Hell in a Handbag Productions - Chicago, IL
Big Noise Theatre - Des Plaines, IL
University of Illinois- Chicago
Victory Gardens - Chicago, IL
Harper College Performing Arts Center
Young People's Theatre - Chicago, IL
Glass Apple Theatre at The Raven - Chicago, IL
Northbrook Theatre
Oil Lamp Theatre - Chicago, IL
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Harper College Performing Arts Center
The Theatre School - DePaul University - Chicago, IL
Metropolis Performing Arts Center- Palatine, IL
The Children's Theatre of Madison - Wisconsin
Harper College Performing Arts Center
The Gift Theatre
Northbrook Theatre- Theatre for Young Audiences
Firebrand Theatre at The Den Theatre
Harper College Performing Arts Center
Jackalope Theatre - Chicago, IL
Northbrook Theatre for Young Audiences
Lifeline Theatre - Chicago, IL
BoHo Theatre at The Greenhouse
Highland Park Players - Northbrook, IL
Firebrand Theatre at The Den's Bookspan
BoHo Theatre at The Greenhouse
Northbrook Theatre – Theatre for Young Audiences
Rivendell Theatre Ensemble- Chicago, IL
Redtwist Theatre - Chicago, IL
Firebrand Theatre at The Den - Chicago, IL

Harper College Performing Arts Center
imagineU – Northwestern University

2018	<i>Yo, Vikings! The Musical*</i>	Lydia Schmidt	Northbrook Theatre – Children’s Company
2018	<i>Surely, Goodness, and Mercy</i>	Wardell Julius Clark	Redtwist Theatre
2017	<i>Elephant and Piggie’s: We are in a Play! *</i>		Northbrook Theatre -Theatre for Young Audiences
2017	<i>The Pajama Game*</i>	Dominic Missimi	Highland Park Players at Northbrook Theatre
2017	<i>Stick Fly</i>	Ilesa Duncan	Northwestern University Louis Theatre
2016	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	Michael Cotey	Northwestern University Louis Theatre
2016	<i>Everything Will Be Different*</i>	Susan Bowen	Northwestern University Wallis Theatre
2015	<i>As You Like It</i>	Risher Reddick	Northwestern University Barber Theatre
2014	<i>Death Defying Acts*</i>	Josh Hurley	Saint Sebastian Players
2014	<i>A Midsummer Night’s Dream*</i>	Holly Robison	Strangeloop Theatre , at The Side Project
2014	<i>I Ought to Be in Pictures*</i>	Robert Costanzo	Emergent Theatre at JCC Chicago
2013	<i>Bo Thomas and the Case of the Sky Pirates*</i>	Leigh Barrett	Babes With Blades at The Raven
2013	<i>Coyote on a Fence*</i>	Mikey Laird	Emergent Theatre at The Den
2013	<i>Matryoshka*</i>	Jack Carpenter	The Plagiarists at Red Tape
2013	<i>Lefties*</i>	Jamie Prael	Saint Sebastian Players
2012	<i>Desperate Affection*</i>	Fred Wellisch	Emergent Theatre at The Athenaeum
2011	<i>Only Kidding</i>	Frank Nall	Emergent Theatre at Chicago Center Perform. Arts
2008	<i>A Streetcar Named Desire*</i>	Damon Kiely	The Theatre School- Merle Reskin Theatre
2008	<i>The Burial at Thebes*</i>	Barry Brunetti	The Theatre School- Merle Reskin Theatre
2006	<i>Good Worker*</i>	Carlos Murillo	The Theatre School- Athenaeum Studio 3

ASSOCIATE DESIGN:

2023	<i>Mesmerized</i>	<i>Des: Collette Pollard</i>	Chicago Children’s Theatre
2023	<i>Beautiful</i>	<i>Des: Andrew Boyce</i>	Marriott Theatre, IL
2023	<i>A Chorus Line</i>	<i>Des: Andrew Boyce</i>	Drury Lane Theatre, IL
2023	<i>Layalina</i>	<i>Des: Andrew Boyce</i>	Goodman Theatre, Chicago

ASSISTANT DESIGN CREDITS:

ANDREW BOYCE : ***Bad Sisters*** (Steppenwolf), ***Murder on the Orient Express*** (Drury Lane), ***Lady from the Sea*** (2016-present) (Court Theatre), ***The Flick; Crumbs From the Table of Joy; Black Snow*** (Julliard) ***Susannah*** (OTSL), ***Dana H*** (Goodman), ***If I Forget*** (Victory Gardens), ***And Then There Were None*** (Drury Lane), ***Lady in Denmark*** (Goodman), ***An American Dream*** (Lyric Opera Chicago), ***Lettie*** (Victory Gardens), ***Ever In the Glades*** (Northwestern/Kennedy Center), ***Dolls House 2*** (Berkeley Rep), ***Evocation, Marginal Loss*** (Humana Festival @Actors Theatre of Louisville), ***Cry It Out*** (Northlight), ***The American Soldier*** (St. Louis Opera), ***Hard Problem*** (American Conservatory Theatre), ***Straight White Men*** (Studio Theatre DC), ***Heartbreak House*** (American Players Theatre), ***The Understudy*** (Westport Playhouse)

COLLETTE POLLARD : ***Gypsy*** (Marriott), ***Big Fish*** (Marriott), ***Sound of Music*** (Marriott), ***Big Fish*** (Marriott), ***Steel Magnolias*** (Milwaukee Rep), ***Fannie*** (Goodman), ***Roe*** (Goodman), ***Lindiwe*** (Steppenwolf), ***Angry, Raucous and Shamelessly Gorgeous*** (Alliance), ***A Shayna Maidel*** (Timeline), ***The Cake*** (Asolo Rep), ***Native Gardens*** (Old Globe), ***Smart People*** (Writer’s), ***42nd Street*** (Drury Lane), ***Eclipsed*** (Milwaukee Rep), ***Rightlynd*** (Victory Gardens), ***Sense and Sensibility*** (Oregon Shakespeare), ***The Importance of Being Earnest*** (Writer’s), ***The Wolves*** (Goodman)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: ** Illinois Department of Education – Licensed Substitute Teacher – Issued March 2019, expires 2024

JAN 2022 - current	Adjunct Professor - <i>DePaul University</i> - Undergraduate Level Hand Drafting for the Theatre, Intro to AutoCAD, Digital Rendering for Designers
Fall 2022	Adjunct Instructor - <i>University of Florida Gainesville</i> — Undergraduate - Drafting and Drafting for the Theatre
Winter/Spring 2020	Visiting Lecturer – <i>University of Illinois- Chicago</i> - Undergraduate - Intro to Scenography
Winter/Spring 2019	Visiting Lecturer – <i>University of Illinois-</i> Undergraduate - Intro to Scenography, Design Drawing for Theatre
Winter 2018	Adjunct Instructor – <i>Northwestern University</i> - Undergraduate - Introduction to Scenic Design
Summer 2017, 2018	Design Instructor/Student Mentor – <i>Northwestern</i> - National High School Institute’s Theatre Program (Cherubs)

Winter 2017

Graduate Instructor – Northwestern University - Undergraduate - Introduction to Scenic Design

Fall 2015

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Northwestern University- Undergraduate – Introduction to Scenic Design

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

01/2022 – present

Freelance 3-D Digital Model/Rendering Artist

CasaBoyce Design Studio (Lela Rose Fashion- Summer 2023), Angie Weber Miller, Collette Pollard

06/2017 – present

Freelance Model Maker

(John Culbert, Sarah Watkins, Angie Weber Miller, Courtney O’Neill, Scott Davis, Linda Buchannan, Arnel Sancianco)

02/2014 – 03/2019

Graphic Designer

Babes With Blades Theatre Company

July 2017, 2018, 2019

Scenic Designer for Main-Stage Productions – 4 shows/summer

National High School Institute- NU

2017: *Animal Farm, Antigone, Stupid Fucking Bird, Men on Boats*

2018: *Bob: A Life in Five Acts, Neverland, The Day We Fell, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night*

2019: *Dance Nation, Anonymous, Sense and Sensibility, Everybody*

09/2014 – 06/2016

Graduate Assistant: Scenic, Paint, & Prop Shop

Northwestern University

06/2012 – 06/2014

Graphic Designer

Saint Sebastian Players

03/2011 – 06/2014

Production Manager/Graphic Designer

Emergent Theatre Company

09/2006 – 01/2018

Freelance Scenic Artist -Studio North Academy, BWB, Night Blue Theatre, Dominican University, First Folio

Theatre, JCC Chicago, Redtwist, The Plagiarists, Spectralia Theatre, Steep Theatre

02/2009 – 09/2014

Projections Designer - Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre - Vittum Theatre, Dusable Museum, Athenaeum Theatre,

Harris Theatre, Ruth Page Dance Center

RECOGNITIONS / EXHIBITS :

2023 **Nomination - Joseph Jeff Awards- Best Scenic Design for Midsize Equity Theatre** - Anna in the Tropics (Remy Bumpo)

2017 **USITT Young Designers’ Forum**, St. Louis – Invited Presenter- Student Showcase

2017 **Michael Merritt Awards**, Chicago – Design Student Participant

2017 **Showcase East- New York City** – Design Student Participant

2009 **Michael Merritt Awards**, Chicago- Design Student Participant

PUBLICATIONS:

Summer 2017 **Northwestern Dialogue Magazine** - Cover Art and Interview (Digital Design Technology)

SKILLS:

Microsoft Office (45 WPM); AutoCAD; Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Lightroom; Google Sketch Up; Unreal Engine 5; 1:48 model building, laser cutting, basic construction and sewing; scene painting; hand-drafting; theatrical makeup application, face casting and prosthetics, costume rendering, prop design

EDUCATION:

◆ **MFA – Set and Costume Design – Northwestern University** (2014-2017) Spring 2018

◆ **BFA – Scenic Design- Magna Cum Laude - The Theatre School at DePaul University** (TTS) Spring 2009
(Dean’s List 2006-2009)

◆ The School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Fine Art – Painting/Drawing, Interior Architecture) 2004-2006

References:

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