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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

IATSE LOCAL USA829 - *Scenic Designer*

REMY BUMPPO THEATRE CO. - *Artistic Associate*

DESIGN EXPERIENCE: (*Scenic Charge Artist)		Director:	
SHATTERED GLOBE - Chicago	*BRACE BRACE (Upcoming)*	Elizabeth Margolius	**2027**
	FLOOD	Kenny Prestinizi	**2024**
COURT THEATRE- Chicago	*MOJADA (Upcoming)*	Wendy Mateo/ Denise Serna	**2027**
	OUT HERE (Co-Designer with Andrew Boyce)	Chay Yew	**2026**
RENAISSANCE THEATERWORKS, Milwaukee	*SKYLIGHT (upcoming)*	Suzan Fete	**2027**
	SWITZERLAND	Laura Grodon	**2025**
	ROSE	Elizabeth Margolius	**2022**
REMY BUMPPO- Chicago	*MAJORIE PRIME (upcoming)*	James Bohnen	**2027**
	WISH YOU WERE HERE	Azar Kazemi	**2025**
	ART	Marti Lyons	**2025**
	BLUES FOR AN ALABAMA SKY (Jeff Nominated- Best Set Design)	Mikael Burke	**2023**
	ANNA IN THE TROPICS (Jeff Nominated - Best Scenic Design)	Laura Alcala Baker	**2023**
MARRIOTT THEATRE- Lincolnshire, IL	*SPONGEBOB: THE MUSICAL (upcoming)*	Justin Brill/Shanna Vanderwerker	**2026**
	CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (Co-Designer with Andrew Boyce)	Jess Fisch	**2025**
	*DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS**	Lorenzo Rush Jr.	**2024**
DRURY LANE THEATRE - Oakbrook, IL	*BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY*	Matt Carney	**2026**
	NUNSENSE	E Faye Butler	**2026**
	FATHER OF THE BRIDE	Michael Heitzman	**2026**
PENINSULA PLAYERS, WI	*THE MOUSETRAP*	Jess Fisch	**2026**
OLNEY THEATRE- Maryland	*CARLA HALL: PLEASE UNDERESTIMATE ME*	Lili-Anne Brown	**2026**
A RED ORCHID THEATRE - Chicago	*THE TARGETED*	Graze Dolezal-Ng	**2026**
MILWAUKEE REPERTORY THEATER	*AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'*	E Faye Butler	**2026**
KENTUCKY OPERA	*LA TRAVIATA*	Sable Stout	**2025**
LE PETITE THEATRE - New Orleans, LA	*GUYS AND DOLLS*	AJ Allegra, Jauné Buisson	**2026**
WRITERS THEATRE- Glencoe, IL	*THE ROYALE (upcoming)*	Tyrone Phillips	**2026**
	DHABA ON DEVON	Chay Yew	**2025**
	HOT WING KING (Jeff- Nominated - Best Scenic Design)	Lili-Anne Brown	**2024**
	TIGER STYLE	Brian Balcolm	**2023**
METROPOLIS THEATRE, Arlington Hgts IL	*THE MATCH GAME*	Johanna Miller	**2027**
	CINDERELLA	Johanna Miller	**2024**
	DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS	Lauren Rawitz	**2020**
STEPPENWOLF - Chicago	*A HOME WHAT HOWLS*	Laura Alcala Baker	**2024**
TEATRO VISTA- Chicago	*MEMORABILIA (Jeff Award for Best Scenic Design)*	Raquel Torre	**2025**
	BERNARDA!	Wendy Mateo	**2023**
RIVENDELL THEATRE- Chicago	*NO SUCH THING*	Malkia Stampley	**2025**
	MOTHERHOUSE	Azar Kazemi	**2023**
	A SCIENTIFIC METHOD	Devon deMayo	**2018**
PARMOUNT THEATRE- Aurora, IL	*TRUE WEST*	Jim Corti / Creg Sclavi	**2025**
	THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE	Stephen Schellhardt	**2025**
RAVEN THEATRE- Chicago	*A LIE OF THE MIND*	Azar Kazemi	**2025**
	A PRODIGAL DAUGHTER	Jerrell Henderson	**2024**
THE GIFT THEATRE- Chicago	*MOTHERS*	Halena Kays	**2024**
	*THE PILLOWMAN**	Laura Alcala Baker	**2020**
GLASS APPLE THEATRE- Chicago	*THIS ONE WILL GROW**	Cheryl Snodgrass	**2024**
	DRACULA	Brian McKnight	**2022**
	*LIGHTHOUSES IN THE DESERT**	Cheryl Snodgrass	**2021**
VILLAGE THEATRE- Seattle, WA	*CINDERELLA*	Desdemona Chiang	**2022**
VICTORY GARDENS- Chicago	*IN EVERY GENERATION (Co-Designer)*	Devon deMayo	**2022**

HIGHLAND PARK PLAYERS- IL	*KINKY BOOTS*	Connor Giles	**2023**
	SCHOOL OF ROCK	Connor Giles	**2022**
	MAMMA MIA	Courtney Crouse	**2019**
	THE PAJAMA GAME	Dominic Missimi	**2017**
BIG NOISE THEATRE - Des Plaines, IL	*SOUND OF MUSIC*	Travis Neese	**2022**
	INTO THE WOODS	Brent Walker	**2022**
FIRST FLOOR THEATRE - Chicago	*BOTTICELLI IN THE FIRE*	Bo Frazier	**2022**
HELL IN A HANGBAG- Chicago	*THE DRAG SEED*	Cheryl Snodgrass	**2022**
JACKALOPE THEATRE- Chicago	*P.Y.G. or the MISEDUMACATION OF DORIAN BELLE*	Lili-Anne Brown	**2019**
YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE - Chicago	*KNUFFLE BUNNY **	Randy White	**2021**
LIFELINE THEATRE- Chicago	*LYLE LYLE CROCODILE*	Amanda Link	**2019**
BOHO THEATRE- Chicago	*BIG FISH**	Stephen Schellhardt	**2019**
	BRIGHT STAR	Ericka Mak	**2019**
FIREBRAND THEATRE- Chicago	*ALWAYS PATSY CLINE*	Brigtte Ditmars	**2019**
	QUEEN OF THE MIST	Elizabeth Margolius	**2019**
	CAROLINE OR CHANGE	Lili-Anne Brown	**2018**
REDTWIST THEATRE - Chicago	*GHOSTS*	Erin Murray	**2018**
	SURELY, GOODNESS, AND MERCY	Wardell Julius Clark	**2018**
CHILDREN'S THEATRE OF MADISON, WI	*BEAT BUGS*	Roseanne Sheridan	**2020**
OIL LAMP THEATRE - Glenview, IL	*TALLEY'S FOLLY*	Tad Ingram	**2021**
	SHIPWRECKED	Corey Bradberry	**2021**
NORTHBROOK THEATRE, IL	*THE MUSIC MAN JR.*	David Zizic	**2021**
	*KNUFFLE BUNNY**	Randy White	**2020**
	*THE CAT IN THE HAT**	Leda Hoffman	**2019**
	*PINKALICIOUS**	Jess Fiene	**2019**
	*YO VIKINGS! THE MUSICAL**	Lydia Schmidt	**2018**
	*ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE'S: WE ARE IN A PLAY**		**2017**
SAINT SEBASTIAN PLAYERS - Chicago	*DEATH DEFYING ACTS**	Josh Hurley	**2014**
STRANGELOPP THEATRE.- Chicago	*A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*	Holly Robinson	**2014**
BABES WITH BLADES - Chicago	*BO THOMAS AND THE CASE OF THE SKY PIRATES**	Leigh Barrett	**2013**
THE PLAGIARISTS- Chicago	*MATRYOSHKA**	Jack Carpenter	**2013**
	*LEFTIES**	Jamie Prahl	**2013**
EMERGENT THEATRE - Chicago	*I OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES**	Robert Costanzo	**2014**
	*COYOTE ON A FENCE**	Mikey Laird	**2013**
	*DESPERATE AFFECTION**	Fred Wellisch	**2012**
	*ONLY KIDDING**	Frank Nall	**2011**
COLLEGIATE THEATRE PRODUCTIONS			
HARPER COLLEGE- Palatine, IL	*A DOLL'S HOUSE*	Kevin Long	**2026**
	SHE LOVES ME	Kevin Long	**2025**
	GUYS AND DOLLS	Kevin Long	**2025**
	GASLIGHT	Sally Whipmann	**2025**
	THE ODD COUPLE	Brian Gill	**2024**
	CRIMES OF THE HEART	Kevin Long	**2024**
	LETTIE	Kevin Long	**2023**
	SENSE AND SENSIBILITY	Kevin Long	**2022**
	*TOO HEAVY FOR YOUR POCKET**	Kevin Long	**2021**
	*SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE**	Kevin Long	**2020**
	*AMERICAN IDIOT**	Laura Paulio	**2019**
	*FOLLIES**	Kevin Long	**2018**
ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE- Elgin, IL	*NEXT TO NORMAL*	Marc G. Beth	**2024**
	RENT	Andrew Bero	**2024**
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	*THE WOLVES*	Ericka Ratcliff	**2023**
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS- CHICAGO	*GLORIA*	Tyrone Phillips	**2022**
NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE- Naperville, IL	*THE ADAMS FAMILY*	Mitzi Smith	**2022**
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	*HEROES OF THE FOURTH TURNING**	Joan Sergay	**2023**
	*YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN**	Stephen Schellhardt	**2018**

	STICK FLY	Ilesa Duncan	**2017**
	THE GREAT GATSBY	Michael Cotey	**2016**
	*EVERYTHING WILL BE DIFFERENT**	Susan Bowen	**2016**
	AS YOU LIKE IT	Risher Reddick	**2015**
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY	*FALSTAFF (Opera)*	Harry Silverstein	**2022**
	THE TOMORROW SHOW	Chris Anthony	**2020**
	*A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE**	Damon Kiely	**2008**
	*THE BURIAL AT THEBES**	Barry Brunetti	**2008**
	*GOOD WORKER**	Carlos Murillio	**2006**
ASSOCIATE DESIGNER			
ANDREW BOYCE	*DEAR EVAN HANSEN- Paramount Theatre Aurora*		**2026**
	TRANSLATIONS - Writers Theatre		**2025**
	AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' - Drury Lane Theatre		**2024**
	BEAUTIFUL - Marriott Theatre Lincolnshire		**2023**
	A CHORUS LINE - Drury Lane Theatre		**2023**
	LAYALINA- Goodman Theatre		**2023**
CAMERON ANDERSON	*A LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA* - Opera Theatre St. Louis		**2026**
	FIGARO- Academy of Vocal Arts- Philadelphia		**2026**
	CAPRICCIO - Academy of Vocal Arts- Philadelphia		**2026**
	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM - Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia		**2026**
	FRITZ - Academy of Vocal Arts - Philadelphia		**2025**
	FAUST - Academy of Vocal Arts- Philadelphia		**2024**
	LEONORA - Chicago Opera Theatre		**2024**
	LES MAMELLES DE TIRESIAS + THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS - Curtis Institute of Music		**2024**
TODD ROSENTHAL	*AN ILIAD* - Court Theatre, Chicago		**2025**
ARNEL SANCIANCO	*FALSETTOS* - Court Theatre, Chicago		**2024**
COLLETTE POLLARD	*MESMERIZED* - Chicago Children's Theatre		**2023**

ASSISTANT WORK	
ANDREW BOYCE (2016- present)	***Falstaff*** (Chicago Opera Theatre)***, Light in the Piazza*** (Huntington Theatre), ***Monsters*** (Two River Theatre), ***You Will Get Sick*** (Steppenwolf), ***The Audience*** (Drury Lane), ***POTUS*** (Berkeley Rep)***, Choice*** (McCarter Theatre), ***The Barber of Seville*** (St. Louis Opera Theatre), ***Wife of a Salesman*** (Milwaukee Rep), ***Bad Sisters*** (Steppenwolf), ***Murder on the Orient Express*** (Drury Lane), ***Lady from the Sea*** (Court Theatre)***, The Flick; Crumbs From the Table of Joy; Black Snow*** (Julliard)***, Susannah*** (OTSL)***, Dana H*** (Goodman), ***TerraFirma*** (The Coop), ***Sweat*** (American Conservatory Theatre), ***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*** (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)
JOHN CULBERT (2023 - present)	***Miss Julie; Berlin; The Gospel at Colonus; Rosencrantz and Gilderstern Are Dead; Antigone*** *(Court),* ***Heart Sellers*** *(Northlight),* ***Marie and Rosetta*** *(Northlight + Milwaukee Rep)*
COLLETE POLLARD (2016-2023)	***Gypsy; Big Fish; Sound of Music*** (Marriott), ***Steel Magnolias*** (Milwaukee Rep)***, Fannie*** (Goodman), ***Roe; The Wolves*** (Goodman)***, Lindiwe*** (Steppenwolf)***, Angry, Raucous and Shamelessly Gorgeous*** (Alliance)***, A Shayna Maidel*** (Timeline), ***The Cake*** (Asolo Rep)***, Native Gardens*** (Old Globe), ***Smart People; The Importance of Being Earnest*** (Writers), ***42nd Street*** (Drury Lane), ***Eclipsed*** (Milwaukee Rep), ***Rightlynd*** (Victory Gardens), ***Sense and Sensibility*** (Oregon Shakespeare),

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	
THE THEATRE SCHOOL - DEPAUL UNIVERSITY	TEC151: Hand Drafting for the Theatre - Intro to Handdrafting (AQ25, AQ26)
2021-present	TEC152: Hand Drafting for the Theatre - Drafting Packages (WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27)
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR - Undergraduate Level	TEC153: Intro to AutoCAD (SQ21, SQ22, SQ23)
	DES 386: Digital Rendering for Designers (SQ22, SQ23, SQ24, SQ25, SQ26, SQ27)
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY (2015-2018, 2024-present)	
ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR - Graduate Level	THE450: ADVANCED DIGITAL RENDERING: 3D Modeling for Designers (SQ25, SQ26, SQ27)
ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR - Graduate Level	THE 430: PHOTOSHOP FOR DESIGNERS (AQ24): Costume Adaptation
ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR - Undergraduate Level	DRAWING FOR DESIGNERS: Handdrafting (SQ24)
GRAD STUDENT INSTRUCTOR- Undergraduate	INTRODUCTION TO SCENIC DESIGN (WQ18)
GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT	INTRODUCTION TO SCENIC DESIGN (WQ17)
	INTRODUCTION TO SCENIC DESIGN (AQ15)
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA- GAINESVILLE	
ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR - Graduate Level	DRAFTING AND DRAWING FOR THE THEATRE (FALL 2022)

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Freelance 3D Model Maker	Sarah Watkins, Angie Weber Miller, Courtney O'Neill, Scott Davis, Linda Buchannan, Arnel Sancianco	06/2017- present
Freelance Digital Model and Rendering Artist	CASABOYCE Design Studio, Angie Weber Miller, Collette Pollard	01/2022 -12/2025
POP UP Restaurant Display Designer	Marriott Lincolnshire Resort and Hotel	12/2024 - 08/2025
	(Catch Me If You Can; Titanic; Always Something)	
Graphic Designer	Babes With Blades Theatre Company	02/2014 - 03/2019
	Saint Sebastian Players Theatre Co.	06/2012 - 06/2014
Staff Mentor, Designer	National High Schol Institute (Theatre Cherubs) at The Northweste	July 2017, 2018, 2019
	- taught design classes, designed 12 shows over 3 summers, supervised shop duties	
Graduate Assistant	Northwestern University: Scenic, Prop, and Paint Shops	2014 - 2017
Production Manager	Emergent Theatre Company	03/2011 - 06/2014
Freelance Scenic Artist	Studio North Academy, BWB, Night Blue Theatre, Dominican University, First Folio Theatre, JCC Chicago, Redtwist, The Plagiarists, Spectralia Theatre, Steep Theatre	09/2006 - 01/2018
Projections Designer	Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre	02/2009 – 09/2014
	(Vittum Theatre, Dusable Museum, Athenaeum Theatre, Harris Theatre, Ruth Page Center)	

PUBLICATIONS

Contributing Artist - **Naverson, Payne, and Carlson. *The Scenographic Model: Third Edition.* Southern Illinois University Press. 2025**

Cover Art, Interview - ***Northwestern Dialogue Magazine*** - Spring 2017 (Digital Design Technology)

RECOGNITIONS / AWARDS

JOSEPH JEFF AWARDS- CHICAGO	*NOM - Best Scenic Design for Midsize Theatre- WISH YOU WERE HERE (Remy Bumppo)*	2026
	WINNER - Best Scenic Design for Midsize Theatre - MEMORABILIA (Teatro Vista)	2025
	NOM- Best Scenic Design for Large Theatre - HOT WING KING (Writers Theatre)	2024
	NOM - Best Scenic Design for Midsize Theatre- BLUES FOR AN ALABAMA SKY (Remy Bumppo)	2024
	NOM- Best Scenic Design for Midsize Theatre- ANNA IN THE TROPICS (Remy Bumppo)	2023
MICHAEL MERRITT AWARDS- CHICAGO	***RECEIPIENT- The Michael Maggio Professional Designer Award***	2024
LOU AWARDS - IL THEATRE	***WINNER - BEST SCENIC DESIGN - INTO THE WOODS (Big Noise Theatre)***	2023

EXHIBITS

USITT DESIGNERS FORUM - St. Louis, MO	*Design Exhibitor- Graduate Student Showcase*	2017
SHOWCASE- EAST - NYC	*Graduate Design Student Exhibition Participant*	2017
MICHAEL MERRITT AWARDS- Chicago	*Design Student Exhibition Participant*	2017, 2009

SKILLS

Microsoft Office; AutoCAD; Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Lightroom; Google SketchUp; Twinmotion; Procreate; 1:48 and 1:24 model building, 3D printing, 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**
- **BFA – Scenic Design- Magna Cum Laude - The Theatre School at DePaul University**
- The School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Fine Art – Painting/Drawing, Interior Architecture) 2004-2006