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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

IATSE LOCAL USA829 - *Scenic Designer*

REMY BUMPPPO THEATRE CO. - *Artistic Associate*

DESIGN EXPERIENCE: (*Scenic Charge Artist)

Director:

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 BUMPPPO- Chicago	MAJORIE PRIME (upcoming)		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)		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	FATHER OF THE BRIDE	Michael Heitzman	2026
	NUNSENSE	E Faye Butler	2026
	BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY	Matt Carney	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 REP	AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'	E Faye Butler	2026
KENTUCKY OPERA	LA TRAVIATA	Sable Stout	2025
LE PETITE THEATRE - New Orleans, LA	GUYS AND DOLLS		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
	A HOME WHAT HOWLS	Laura Alcala Baker	2024
STEPPENWOLF - Chicago	MEMORABILIA (Jeff Award for Best Scenic Design)	Raquel Torre	2025
TEATRO VISTA- Chicago	BERNARDA!	Wendy Mateo	2023
RIVENDELL THEATRE- Chicago	NO SUCH THING	Malkia Stampley	2025
	MOTHERHOUSE	Azar Kazemi	2023
	A SCIENTIFIC METHOD	Devon deMayo	2018
SHATTERED GLOBE - Chicago	FLOOD	Kenny Prestinizi	2024
PARMOUNT THEATRE- Aurora, IL	TRUE WEST	Jim Corti / Creg Sclavi	2025
	THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE	Stephen Schellhardt	2025
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
METROPOLIS THEATRE, IL	CINDERELLA	Johanna Miller	2024
	DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS	Lauren Rawitz	2020
HIGHLAND PARK PLAYERS- IL	KINKY BOOTS	Connor Giles	2023

BIG NOISE THEATRE - Des Plaines, IL	SCHOOL OF ROCK	Connor Giles	2022
	MAMMA MIA	Courtney Crouse	2019
	THE PAJAMA GAME	Dominic Missimi	2017
	SOUND OF MUSIC	Travis Neese	2022
	INTO THE WOODS	Brent Walker	2022
FIRST FLOOR THEATRE - Chicago	BOTTICELLI IN THE FIRE	Bo Frazier	2022
RAVEN THEATRE- Chicago	A LIE OF THE MIND	Azar Kazemi	2025
	A PRODIGAL DAUGHTER	Jerrell Henderson	2024
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
	BEAT BUGS	Roseanne Sheridan	2020
CHILDREN'S THEATRE OF MADISON, WI	TALLEY'S FOLLY	Tad Ingram	2021
OIL LAMP THEATRE - Glenview, IL	SHIPWRECKED	Corey Bradberry	2021
	THE MUSIC MAN JR.	David Zizic	2021
NORTHBROOK THEATRE	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 Prael	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 Whippmann	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
	FALSTAFF (Opera)	Harry Silverstein	2022
	THE TOMORROW SHOW	Chris Anthony	2020
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY- Chicago	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
TODD ROSENTHAL	AN ILIAD - Court Theatre, Chicago		2025
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
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)		
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR - Undergraduate Level	TEC152: Hand Drafting for the Theatre - Drafting Packages (WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25)		
2021-present	TEC153: Intro to AutoCAD (SQ21, SQ22, SQ23)		
	DES 386: Digital Rendering for Designers (SQ22, SQ23, SQ24, SQ25, SQ26)		

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY (2015-2018, 2024-present)

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR - Graduate Level	THE450: ADVANCED DIGITAL RENDERING: 3D Modeling for Designers (SQ25, SQ26)
ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR - Graduate Level	THE 430: PHOTOSHOP FOR DESIGNERS (AQ24): Costume Adaptation
ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR - Undergraduate Level	DRAWING FOR DESIGNERS: Handdrafting (SQ24)
GRAD STUDENT INSTRUCTOR- Undergrad Level	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)
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RELATED EXPERIENCE			
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Freelance 3D Model Maker	Sarah Watkins, Angie Weber Miller, Courtney O'Neill, Scott Davis, Linda Buchanan, 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 (<i>Catch Me If You Can; Titanic; Always Something</i>)	12/2024 - 08/2025
Graphic Designer	Babes With Blades Theatre Company Saint Sebastian Players Theatre Co.	02/2014 - 03/2019 06/2012 - 06/2014
Staff Mentor, Designer	National High Schol Institute (Theatre Cherubs) at The Northwestern U - <i>taught design classes, designed 12 shows over 3 summers, supervised shop duties</i>	July 2017, 2018, 2019
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 Plagiartists, Spectralia Theatre, Steep Theatre	09/2006 - 01/2018
Projections Designer	Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre (<i>Vittum Theatre, Dusable Museum, Athenaeum Theatre, Harris Theatre, Ruth Page Center</i>)	02/2009 – 09/2014

PUBLICATIONS			
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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			
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JOSEPH JEFF AWARDS- CHICAGO	WINNER - Best Scenic Design for Midsize Theatre - MEMORABILIA (Teatro Vista)	2025
	<i>NOM- Best Scenic Design for Large Theatre - HOT WING KING (Writers Theatre)</i>	2024
	<i>NOM - Best Scenic Design for Midsize Theatre- BLUES FOR AN ALABAMA SKY (Remy Bumppo)</i>	2024
	<i>NOM- Best Scenic Design for Midsize Theatre- ANNA IN THE TROPICS (Remy Bumppo)</i>	2023
MICHAEL MERRITT AWARDS- CHICAGO	Michael Maggio Award for Emerging Designers	2024
LOU AWARDS - IL THEATRE	WINNER - BEST SCENIC DESIGN - INTO THE WOODS (Big Noise Theatre)	2023

EXHIBITS			
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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