

# LAUREN M. NICHOLS

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# SCENIC DESIGNER

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## DESIGN EXPERIENCE: \* Denotes Scenic Charge

2022 ***Botticelli in the Fire*** (in production)  
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 MisEdumacation 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\****  
2018 ***Yo, Vikings! The Musical\****  
2018 ***Surely, Goodness, and Mercy***  
2017 ***Elephant and Piggie's: We are in a Play!*** \*  
2017 ***The Pajama Game\****  
2017 ***Stick Fly***  
2016 ***The Great Gatsby***  
2016 ***Everything Will Be Different\****  
2015 ***As You Like It***  
2014 ***Death Defying Acts\****  
2014 ***A Midsummer Night's Dream\****  
2014 ***I Ought to Be in Pictures\****  
2013 ***Bo Thomas and the Case of the Sky Pirates\****  
2013 ***Coyote on a Fence\****  
2013 ***Matryoshka\****

## Director:

Hutch Pimentel  
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  
Lydia Schmidt  
Wardell Julius Clark  
  
Dominic Missimi  
Ilesa Duncan  
Michael Cotey  
Susan Bowen  
Risher Reddick  
Josh Hurley  
Holly Robison  
Robert Costanzo  
Leigh Barrett  
Mikey Laird  
Jack Carpenter

## Company/Venue:

**First Floor Theatre** at The Den - Chicago, 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** - 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**  
**Northbrook Theatre** for Young Audiences  
**Lifeline Theatre**  
**BoHo Theatre** at The Greenhouse  
**Highland Park Players**  
**Firebrand Theatre** at The Den's Bookspan  
**BoHo Theatre** at The Greenhouse  
**Northbrook Theatre** – Theatre for Young Audiences  
**Rivendell Theatre Ensemble**  
**Redtwist Theatre**  
**Firebrand Theatre** at The Den  
  
**Harper College** Performing Arts Center  
**imagineU – Northwestern University**  
**Northbrook Theatre** – Children's Company  
**Redtwist Theatre**  
**Northbrook Theatre** -Theatre for Young Audiences  
**Highland Park Players** at Northbrook Theatre  
**Northwestern University** Louis Theatre  
**Northwestern University** Louis Theatre  
**Northwestern University** Wallis Theatre  
**Northwestern University** Barber Theatre  
**Saint Sebastian Players**  
**Strangeloop Theatre**, at The Side Project  
**Emergent Theatre** at JCC Chicago  
**Babes With Blades** at The Raven  
**Emergent Theatre** at The Den  
**The Plagiarists** at Red Tape

2013	<b>Lefties*</b>	Jamie Prael	<b>Saint Sebastian Players</b>
2012	<b>Desperate Affection*</b>	Fred Wellisch	<b>Emergent Theatre</b> at The Athenaeum
2011	<b>Only Kidding</b>	Frank Nall	<b>Emergent Theatre</b> at Chicago Center Perform. Arts
2008	<b>A Streetcar Named Desire*</b>	Damon Kiely	<b>The Theatre School-</b> Merle Reskin Theatre
2008	<b>The Burial at Thebes*</b>	Barry Brunetti	<b>The Theatre School-</b> Merle Reskin Theatre
2006	<b>Good Worker*</b>	Carlos Murillo	<b>The Theatre School-</b> Athenaeum Studio 3

#### **ASSISTANT DESIGN/STUDIO ASSISTANT:**

**ANDREW BOYCE :** *Lady from the Sea* (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 :** *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)

#### **RELATED EXPERIENCE:**

06/2017 – present	<b>Freelance Model Maker</b> (Courtney O'Neill, Scott Davis, Linda Buchanan, Arnel Sancianco)	
02/2014 – 03/2019	<b>Graphic Designer</b>	<b>Babes With Blades Theatre Company</b>
July 2017, 2018, 2019	<b>Scenic Designer for Main-Stage Productions</b> – 4 shows/summer 2017: <i>Animal Farm, Antigone, Stupid Fucking Bird, Men on Boats</i> 2018: <i>Bob: A Life in Five Acts, Neverland, The Day We Fell, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night</i> 2019: <i>Dance Nation, Anonymous, Sense and sensibility, Everybody</i>	<b>National High School Institute- NU</b>
09/2014 – 06/2016	<b>Graduate Assistant: Scenic, Paint, &amp; Prop Shop</b>	<b>Northwestern University</b>
06/2012 – 06/2014	<b>Graphic Designer</b>	<b>Saint Sebastian Players</b>
03/2011 – 06/2014	<b>Production Manager/Graphic Designer</b>	<b>Emergent Theatre Company</b>
09/2006 – 01/2018	<b>Freelance Scenic Artist</b> -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	<b>Projections Designer - Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre</b> - Vittum Theatre, Dusable Museum, Athenaeum Theatre, Harris Theatre, Ruth Page Dance Center	

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

Spring 2022	<b>Adjunct Instructor - DePaul University</b> - Undergraduate - Intro to AutoCAD, Digital Rendering for Designers
Winter 2022	<b>Adjunct Instructor - DePaul University</b> - Undergraduate - Hand Drafting for the Theatre
Winter/Spring 2020	<b>Visiting Lecturer</b> – <i>University of Illinois- Chicago</i> - Undergraduate - Intro to Scenography
Winter/Spring 2019	<b>Visiting Lecturer</b> – <i>University of Illinois-</i> Undergraduate - Intro to Scenography, Design Drawing for Theatre
Winter 2018	<b>Adjunct Instructor</b> – <i>Northwestern University</i> - Undergraduate - Introduction to Scenic Design
Summer 2017, 2018	<b>Design Instructor/Student Mentor</b> – <i>Northwestern</i> - National High School Institute's Theatre Program (Cherubs)
Winter 2017	<b>Graduate Instructor</b> – <i>Northwestern University</i> - Undergraduate - Introduction to Scenic Design
Fall 2015	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> – <i>Northwestern University-</i> Undergraduate – Introduction to Scenic Design

**EXHIBITS:**

- 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

**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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