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EDUCATION

MFA in Theatre Design, Northwestern University, 2013 Primary Emphasis: Lighting Design, Secondary Emphasis: Scenic Design

BFA Theatre Production Arts, Ithaca College, 1999 Technical Concentration in Theatrical Lighting

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TROLLWOOD PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL, FARGO, ND

MAY-AUG. 1999-2017

Lighting Director for a high quality Broadway-style musical in a 3000 seat outdoor amphitheatre. Duties include, managing timeline, paperwork & budget; collaboration with director while LD is off-site, maintaining show & preserving integrity of design, training and instructing high school students on proper procedures for hanging, circuiting, installing, testing and repairing lighting equipment, as well as maintaining strict safety practices for both students and professional staff. Hire and supervise 4 direct employees, collaborate and coordinate with other production departments. As an employee, support and uphold Trollwood's mission "...to inspire those we serve through the arts to realize their full potential and be a positive influence in the global community." Mentor and be a positive role model for students on a daily basis.

HOUSE THEATRE COMPANY, CHICAGO, IL

2015-2017

Associate Lighting Designer for *Magnificents* (April 2015), Originally Designed by Lee Keenan and *Death and Harry Houdini* (April 2017), Originally Designed by Ben Wilhelm. Transferred the lighting design to the Arsht Center in Miami FL. Responsible for coordinating with Arsht production staff, focusing, cueing, implementing and adapting the design while maintaining artistic integrity of the original.

EVANSTON DANCE ENSEMBLE, EVANSTON, IL

2014-2017

Production Manager for *FAB!* (March 2017), *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* (Dec. 2016, Dec. 2014), *The Music Moves* (March 2015) and *The Big Night* (March 2014). Responsible for coordinating with Northwestern University production staff, and ensuring production needs are met. Plan and organize load-in, tech, performances and strike. Assist with various technical production needs including hang/focus, sound troubleshooting, rigging and operation of flyrail.

BALLET MET SEPT. 2016

Assistant Lighting Designer for Lighting Designer Jack Mehler. Duties included assisting on implementation of lighting design for *Twisted 2* in the Ohio Theatre in Columbus, OH. ALD Responsible for focusing, cueing and adapting while maintaining artistic integrity of the original design.

TROLLWOOD PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL, FARGO, ND

DEC. 2015-MAY 2016

Hiring Manager for 2016 Summer Season. Find candidates with the right fit for TPAS programming. Hire all technical staff for the Mainstage Musical, Totally Trollwood and June Session classes, approximately 60 employees.

LOOKINGGLASS THEATRE COMPANY, CHICAGO, IL

2013-2014

Assistant Lighting Designer for Jeff-Awarded *Little Prince*, Designed by William C. Kirkham and *In the Garden*, Designed by JR Lederle. Duties included assisting on implementation of lighting design including paperwork, notes and communication with Master Electrician and Production Staff.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, IL

MARCH 2001-SEPT. 2010

Assistant Lighting Supervisor for 400-student theatre department producing 8 shows a year in 4 different venues. Duties included implementation of professional, graduate and undergraduate designs; instructing students about equipment & safety; aiding with planning, scheduling, & purchasing; serving as Lighting Supervisor in Supervisor's absence.

SILK ROAD THEATRE COMPANY, CHICAGO, IL

2007-2013

Company Member & Lighting Designer for 99 seat flexible black box in the Historic Chicago Temple Building. Silk Road Rising commissions and develops new plays that enrich the fabric of American storytelling, showcasing playwrights of Asian and Middle Eastern backgrounds. Silk Road Rising strives to develop projects that advance civic engagement and public discourse.

LAR LUBOVITCH DANCE COMPANY, 40th ANNIV, TOUR

NOV. 2008

Assistant Lighting Designer for Lighting Designer Jack Mehler. Duties included assisting on implementation of lighting design in the Harris Theatre in Chicago. ALD toured the lighting design to Northrop Auditorium, Minneapolis, MN. Responsible for focusing, cueing and implementing design while maintaining artistic integrity of the original.

PHEASANT RUN DINNER THEATRE, ST. CHARLES, IL

APRIL 2001 – MARCH 2002

Master Electrician for 200 seat dinner theatre. Responsible for purchasing equipment, supplies and special effects; preparing show paperwork; facilitating load-in; hiring electricians; executing hang, focus & notes with a crew of four.

SHAKESPEARE THEATRE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

MAY 2002

Assistant Master Electrician for a large outdoor production of *Merchant of Venice*. Responsible for show preparation including hang tapes, Lightwright and other paperwork. Assisted with installation of large rental package. Responsible for hiring electricians and supervising crew during hang and focus through tech.

CHAMBER THEATRE PRODUCTIONS, BOSTON, MA

SEPT. – DEC 1999

Master Electrician for national TYA tour of *Encore!* Responsible for the daily load-in/out of a technically ambitious lighting package under tight time and labor constraints while maintaining integrity of lighting design in a variety of venues. Supervised local crews ranging from students/volunteers to IATSE stagehands.

LIGHTING DESIGN AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Joseph Jefferson Award for Lighting Design, Dorian, House Theatre of Chicago, 2014

Gay Chicago Magazine After Dark Award for Overall Design Technical Acheivement, *Golden Child* Silk Road Theatre Project, 2007

LIGHTING DESIGN

| SHOW | DIRECTOR | COMPANY | DATE |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Visiting | Carrie Lee Patterson | Artemisia | April 2017 |
| The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe | Bea Rashid | Evanston Dance Ensemble | Dec 2016 |
| Machinal | Laura A. Lodewyck | North Central College | May 2016 |
| Sight Unseen | Rives Collins | Adventure Stage Chicago | April 2016 |
| Light in the Piazza | Adam Goldstein | North Central College | Nov 2015 |
| A Play About My Dad | Marti Lyons | Raven Theatre | Oct 2015 |
| Crimes of the Heart | Brad Akin | Step-Up Productions | May 2015 |
| Alladin Jr. | Wendy Avon | Wilmette Children's Theatre | March 2015 |
| The Walk Across America for Mother Earth | Bonnie Metzgar | Steppenwolf/Red Tape | Feb 2015 |
| Angry Fags | Derek Van Barham | Steppenwolf/Pride Films&Plays | Feb 2015 |
| Heat Wave | Rinska Carrasco-Prestinary | Steppenwolf/Cold Basement | Feb 2015 |
| Iphigenia & Other Daughters | Kelly Howe | North Central College | May 2014 |
| Dorian | Tommy Rapley | House Theatre | April 2014 |
| Golden Boy | Jon Berry | Griffin Theatre Company | Feb 2014 |
| Strangers Babies | Brad Akin | Steep Theatre Company | Jan. 2014 |
| Paulus | Jimmy McDermott | Silk Road Rising | Nov. 2013 |
| Into the Woods | James Beaudry | North Central College | Nov. 2013 |
| Drunken City | Johnny Diresta | Steppenwolf Garage | June 2013 |
| Fat Pig | David Prete | Steppenwolf Garage | June 2013 |
| The Internationalist | Erin Murray | Steppenwolf Garage | June 2013 |
| The Pajama Game | Peter Sullivan | Northwestern University | Feb. 2013 |
| You Can't Take It With You | Bill Brown | Northwestern University | Nov. 2012 |
| Purple Heart | David Prete | Northwestern University | May 2012 |
| Glass Menagerie | Johnny Diresta | Northwestern University | Feb. 2012 |
| Never The Sinner | Dennis Zacek | Northwestern University | Oct. 2012 |
| DNA Trail | Steve Scott | Silk Road Rising | Feb. 2010 |
| Pangs of the Messiah | Jennifer Green | Silk Road Rising | March 2009 |
| Yohen | Steve Scott | Silk Road Rising | Nov. 2008 |
| Durango | Carlos Murillo | Silk Road Rising | May 2008 |
| Merchant on Venice | Stuart Carden | Silk Road Rising | Sept. 2007 |
| Golden Child | Stuart Carden | Silk Road Rising | March 2007 |
| Dorian | Tommy Rapley | Bailiwick | Aug. 2006 |
| Time And The Conways | Jon Berry | Griffin Theatre Company | Sept. 2005 |
| Annie | Cynthia Gaspardo | Elgin Community College | Feb. 2005 |
| Mikado | Sarah Holman | Wheaton College Opera | Jan. 2005 |
| Impossible Marriage | Allen Rein | Northwestern University | May 2004 |
| Finished from the Start | Martin Balmaceda | Wheaton College Opera | April 2004 |
| The Prodigal Son, Noye's Fludde | Sarah Holman | Wheaton College Opera | Jan. 2004 |
| Sailing from the Moon | Kisa Lickert | Smoke & Mirror Productions | May 2003 |
| New Anatomies | Allen Rein | Foreground Theatre Company | May 2003 |
| Cyber Serenade | Kevin Heckman | Stage Left | April 2003 |
| Karma | Mark Gagne | Live Bait | Feb. 2003 |
| I Can't Explain The Beauty | David Kodeski | Live Bait | Oct. 2002 |
| Good Woman of Setzuan | David Schmitz | Stage Left | April 2002 |
| Chicago | Jeff Jones | Pheasant Run Dinner Theatre | March 2002 |
| Anne Frank | Todd Mielcarz | Moraine Valley College | Feb. 2002 |
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| <u>SHOW</u> | DIRECTOR | <u>COMPANY</u> | DATE |
| Mommy Abula'sCarnival of Wonders | Allen Rein | Clock Productions | Feb. 2001 |
| Cinderella | Walter Stearns | Emerald City Theatre Company | April 2001 |
| Memorandum | Kevin Heckman | Stage Left | April 2001 |
| Chocolate | Rebecca Meyer-Larson | Trollwood Perf. Arts School | Aug. 2001 |
| Frosty | Ann Filmer | Emerald City Theatre Company | Nov. 2001 |
| Julius Caesar | Larry Bryan | National Pastimes | Nov 2000 |
| Leader of the Pack | Wayne Kischer | Trollwood Perf. Arts School | Aug. 2000 |
| The Fantastic Toyshop | James Zager | Moraine Valley College | Nov. 2000 |
| Dance Me to the End | Amiti Perry | Kitchen Theatre | March 1999 |
| Loving Nancy | Kenny Berkowtz | Kitchen Theatre | March 1999 |
| Programmed for Survival | Angela Manango | Kitchen Theatre | March 1999 |
| Molly Sweeny | Sarah Lampert | Kitchen Theatre | April 1999 |
| Collected Stories | Marie-Louise Miller | Kitchen Theatre | May 1999 |
| Stage Blood | Norm Johnson | Kitchen Theatre | Feb. 1999 |
| Lysistrata | Greg Bostwick | Ithaca College | Dec. 1998 |
| The Love of Don Perlimplin | Iain Campbell | Ithaca College | Oct. 1998 |
| Francis Bacon | Wendy Dann | Kitchen Theatre | April 1998 |
| Desdemona: A Play About A Handkerchief | Rachel Lampert | Kitchen Theatre | Oct. 1997 |
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Graduate Teaching Certificate Program, 2013-2014

The Graduate Teaching Certificate Program offered through Northwestern's Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, is a comprehensive one-year teaching development program for advanced graduate students. Program members meet throughout the year to discuss scholarship on teaching and learning, to reflect on the design and implementation of courses, and to participate in pedagogical workshops.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

| Intro Lighting Design | Adjunct Faculty | North Central College | Spring 2016 |
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| Theatre Foundations Course | Adjunct Faculty | Columbia College | Fall 2014 |
| Intro Lighting Design | Adjunct Faculty | Northwestern University | Fall 2014 |
| Intro Lighting Design | Adjunct Faculty | North Central College | Spring 2014 |
| Intro Lighting Design | Graduate Instructor | Northwestern University | Winter 2013 |
| Intro Lighting Design | TA for Sarah Hughey | Northwestern University | Fall 2013 |
| Electrics Practicum | Staff Instructor | Northwestern University | 2001-2011 |
| Lighting Design and Basic Electrics | Staff Instructor | Trollwood Performing Arts School | 1999-2016 |

ADDITIONAL SKILLS:

Computerized Lighting Consoles (ETC Eos, Ion, Expression), ETC Off-line editor, Intelligent Lighting Fixtures (Mac 2K & Mac 500, VL3000 Spot, Studio Spot, Studio Color, X-Spot), Lightwright, Vectorworks, Mac/IBM proficient including Word, Excel and Power Point, Hand Drafting, Practical Wiring, Lighting Equipment Maintenance, Budget Management & Purchasing, Production Management, Stage Management & Project Management experience