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Education

Michigan State University, East Lansing MI

DEC 2024

Bachelor of Fine Arts - Theatre Design and Technology

GPA 3.95

Exploring British Theatre - Study Abroad in London, England

JUNE 2024 - AUG 2024

- Balanced taking classes, group activities, and absorbing local culture
- Participated in 7-credit immersive theatre and cultural experience
- Complicite Ensemble Work and Devising Workshop with Bronya Deutsche
- Acting Shakespeare Workshop with Kevin Trainor

Work Experience

Cedar Point, Sandusky OH

Prop Runner for "The Conjuring: Beyond Fear"

SEPT 2025 - NOV 2025

Reset props for each group walking through the haunted house, with ~2 minutes between groups Costume Shop/Wig Shop Assistant AUG 2025 - NOV 2025

- Assisted in various areas of the costume shop; including stitching, wig maintenance, and receiving
- Drove company car to complete errands and drop off costume pieces to venues

Costume Stitcher MAY 2025 - AUG 2025

- Worked with a team of three other stitchers to alter and build the costumes for the park's Live Entertainment performances and costumed characters
- Worked on every stage of costume construction from patterning, cutting, stitching, and finishing

Wharton Center for Performing Arts, East Lansing MI - Local Stagehand MAY 2022 - MAY 2025

- Worked Load Ins/Outs for 12 touring Broadway productions, including Les Miserables, Life of Pi, and *Hairspray* on props, carp, and pushing crews
- Completed instructions from tour staff and maintained open communication to ensure safety
- Utilized understanding of theatrical terminology and practices

Michigan State University Main Library, East Lansing MI

Late Night Circulation Desk Supervisor

JAN 2025 - MAY 2025

- Oversaw Circulation department workflow; including supervision/training of student staff, resolving patron complaints, explaining library policies, creating and troubleshooting computer records, and cash handling
- Responsible for safety of patrons, security within the building, and safeguarding the collections

Circulation Student Employee

NOV 2022 - DEC 2024

- Directly engaged with community members, students, and other staff through service skills
- Checked out items and processed returns using the computer system and personal organization
- Took phone calls, processed fines, and answered questions about locations within library and available resources while assisting patrons one on one

Special Collections Student Employee

SEPT 2021 - SEPT 2023

- Correctly put away materials using Library of Congress catalog system
- Used attention to detail and Excel to process and catalog new materials
- Efficiently tagged and labeled new materials to be put on the shelves

Jo-Ann Fabrics, East Lansing MI - Team Member/Cashier

FEB 2025 - MAY 2025

 Supported company and coworkers by remaining flexible during closing liquidation process and completing various tasks as assigned by management

MSU Department of Theatre Costume Shop - Costume Stitcher

SEPT 2023 - DEC 2024

- Utilized hand and machine sewing to complete alterations, as well as create new garments
- Labeled and organized complete and in-progress costume pieces for easy access and future use

Tibbits Opera House, Coldwater MI - Head of Properties

JUNE 2023 - AUG 2023

- Completely oversaw the organization, construction, transportation, and completion of all props for the 4-show summer lineup, catering to a record-breaking box office season
- Maintained detailed and up-to-date paperwork for spending and tracking
- Attended production meetings, daily work days, rehearsals, and performances to ensure everything was the best it could be within assigned budget

MSU Department of Theatre, East Lansing MI - Undergraduate Main Stage Designer

- Designed props and costumes for 3 shows at MSU
- Arranged designs over a 10 week pre-production period and 6 week construction period
- Utilized creative and analytical skills to bring compelling designs to life

Salem South Lyon District Library, South Lyon MI

Circulation/Customer Service Specialist

DEC 2020 - AUG 2021

- Patiently helped patrons by answering questions, checking out library items, and taking phone calls
- Processed items coming into and leaving the library using computer systems and transferring information to paper

Page/Book Shelver

MAY 2019 - AUG 2021

- Alphabetized, organized, and put away books correctly according to Dewey Decimal System
- Pulled specific books from shelves to go out as holds
- Completed extra tasks for librarians such as creating displays or shifting books

Jo-Ann Fabrics, Brighton MI - Cashier

OCT 2020 - MARCH 2021

- Managed long holiday lines checking out customers
- Exhibited customer service, communication, dependability, and attention to detail

Skills

Computer/Media: 3D Modeling (Fusion 360), Google Workspace, Microsoft 365, Procreate, Vectorworks **Costuming:** Pattern Alteration, Pattern Designing (Drafting and Draping), Hand Sewing, Machine Sewing (Domestic & Industrial), Textile Knowledge, Wig Maintenance

Crafts: Airbrush, Crochet, Fabric Dyeing, Knitting, Mold Making, Resin Casting, Rhinestoning, Screen Printing, Thermoplastics (Wonderflex & Fosshape)

Scene Shop: Basic Carpentry, Basic Fabrication, Drop Layout, Power Tool Use, Puppet Construction, Scenic Painting, Upholstery, Beginner Welding (Arc, MIG, TIG)

Lighting: Beginner Spot Light Operation, Experience with Vectorworks & EOS

Sound: Experience with Adobe Audition and PA Systems

Other: Conversational ASL, Improv, Valid US Driver's License and Passport

ray louise sunshine, they/them costume and props designer

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COSTUME DESIGN			
Mankind	dir. John Lepard	Peppermint Creek	2025
A Beautiful Day Lakes	dir. Brad Willcuts	Pasant Theatre	2024
(asst.) Maytag Virgin	des. Karen Kangas-Preston	Williamston Theatre	2024
(asst.) <i>Clue</i>	des. Kessler Jones	Pasant Theatre	2023
"Hope You're Happy"*	dir. CheyAnne Marie	Music Video	2023
Strange Happenings*	dir. Ryan Welsh	Short Film	2023
The Trail to Oregon!	dir. Abby Grantham	ROIAL Players	2023
The Glass Menagerie	dir. Lane Madison Straub	Arena Theatre	2023
PROPS DESIGN			
Mankind	dir. John Lepard	Peppermint Creek	2025
Spring Awakening	dir. Brad Willcuts	Pasant Theatre	2024
Romeo and Juliet	dir. Ivy Ingleson	ROIAL Players	2023
Lend Me A Tenor	dir. Charles Burr	Tibbits Opera House	2023
Grease	dir. Chad Tallon	Tibbits Opera House	2023
The Little Mermaid	dir. Dougie Robbins	Tibbits Opera House	2023
Nunsense II	dir. Julie Evans	Tibbits Opera House	2023
Charlotte's Web	dir. Ann Folino White	Fairchild Theatre	2023
TECHNICAL THEATRE			
Scenic Painter	Inching Towards Yeolha	des. Shea Snow	2025
Asst. Charge Artist	Crime and Punishment	des. Thalia Lara	2025
Scenic Painter	9 to 5	des. Kessler Jones	2025
Scenic Painter Scenic Painter	Sweat	des. Gaby Castillo	2023
Scenic Painter	Charlotte's Web	des. Thalia Lara	2023
Scenic Painter Scenic Painter	Falstaff	des. Kirk A. Domer	2023
			2022
Scenic Painter	Corktown	des. Kasee Arnett	
Scenic Painter	Hit the Wall	des. Thalia Lara	2022
Puppet Designer/Builder	What If Wilhelmina*	dir. Dionne O'Dell	2022
Props Artisan	Albert Herring	des. Kirk A. Domer	2022

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Michigan State University | BFA in Theatre Design & Technology | Dec 2024 Exploring British Theatre | Study Abroad in London, England | June 2024 - Aug 2024

TRAINING & WORK EXPERIENCE

Costume Shop Employment | Cedar Point Live Entertainment | Sam Fowler
Costume Shop Employment | Michigan State University | Angie Wendelberger
Head of Properties | Tibbits Opera House | Stephanie Burdick
Costume Design, Stage Makeup & Theatrical Crafts | Karen Kangas-Preston
Scenic Design, Scenic Painting & Properties Design | Ranae Selmeyer
Rigging and Flying Technology Workshop | Jamie Nicklas, Vertigo Flying Director

IATSE Local 274 Work at Wharton Center for Performing Arts

Chicago	Load Out	Carpentry Crew	2025
Life of Pi	Load Out	Pusher	2025
MJ The Musical	Load In/Out	Pusher	2025
Shucked	Load In/Out	Props Crew	2025
Les Miserables	Load Out	Pusher	2024
SIX	Load Out	Pusher	2024
Moulin Rouge	Load In/Out	Pusher	2024
Hairspray	Load In/Out	Carpentry Crew	2023
Wicked	Load Out	Pusher	2023
TINA	Load In/Out	Props Crew	2023
Jagged Little Pill	Load In	Carpentry Crew	2023
Dear Evan Hansen	Load In/Out	Carpentry Crew	2022