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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA Gainesville, Florida	MFA THEATRE – SCENIC DESIGN	GPA: 4.0	EXPECTED GRADUATION MAY 2026
DRURY UNIVERSITY Springfield, Missouri	BA THEATRE BA ARTS ADMINISTRATION WRITING MINOR	GPA: 3.91	2019 – 2023 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

SCENIC DESIGN

*denotes currently in progress

SHOW	ORGANIZATION	DIRECTOR	YEAR
THE VISIT*	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	CHARLIE MITCHELL	2026
MACBETH	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	KAITLIN HENDERSON	2025
PIPELINE	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	RYAN HOPE TRAVIS	2024
AGBEDIDI 2023	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	RUJEKO DUMBUTSHENA	2023
AN IDEAL HUSBAND	DRURY UNIVERSITY	JUSTIN GANNAWAY	2023
HEDDA GABLER	SPRINGFIELD CONTEMPORARY THEATRE	JEFFREY MINDOCK	2023
SPRING AWAKENING	DRURY UNIVERSITY	PAIGE ROGERS	2022
THE BOURGEOIS GENTLEMAN	DRURY UNIVERSITY	MICK SOKOL	2022
THE MAD ONES	INDEPENDENTLY PRODUCED	AHILYN ACEVES	2022

ASSISTANT SCENIC DESIGN

SHOW	ORGANIZATION	DIRECTOR	DESIGNER	YEAR
KEN LUDWIG'S BASKERVILLE	OCALA CIVIC THEATRE	LAWRENCE LESHER	MIHAI CIUPE	2024
SPITFIRE GRILL	OCALA CIVIC THEATRE	GREG THOMPSON	MIHAI CIUPE	2024
CRUMBLE	DRURY UNIVERSITY	HADDY KREIE	DOUG MACKENZIE	2023

SCENIC CHARGE ARTIST WORK

SHOW	ORGANIZATION	DESIGNER	YEAR
AGBEDIDI 30 TH	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	MICHAEL JAMES	2024
THE PROM	TENT THEATRE	CASEY KEARNS	2023
ANYTHING GOES	TENT THEATRE	JEANNIE BEIRNE	2023
BASKERVILLE	TENT THEATRE	JEFF MCLAUGHLIN	2023

SCENIC ARTIST WORK

SHOW	ORGANIZATION	DESIGNER	CHARGE ARTIST	YEAR
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	KAITLIN HANNAH	KAITLIN HANNAH	2025
THE MUSIC MAN	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	STEPHEN MENARD	STEPHEN MENARD	2024
THE PROM	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	KAITLIN HANNAH	KAITLIN HANNAH	2023
CRAZY FOR YOU	TENT THEATRE	JEFF MCLAUGHLIN	OLEANDER ZEISSIG	2022
MOON OVER BUFFALO	TENT THEATRE	CHRIS DEPRIEST	OLEANDER ZEISSIG	2022
XANADU	TENT THEATRE	MICHELLE HARVEY	OLEANDER ZEISSIG	2022

PROPS DESIGN

SHOW	ORGANIZATION	DIRECTOR	YEAR
THE TEMPEST	DRURY UNIVERSITY	MICK SOKOL	2022
GOD'S EAR	DRURY UNIVERSITY	HADDY KREIE	2021
SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL	DRURY UNIVERSITY	JOSH INMON	2020

OTHER THEATRE AND FILM EXPERIENCE

ROLE	SHOW	ORGANIZATION	YEAR
WRITER/SCREENWRITER	CAFETERIA (AN AUTOETHNOGRAPHIC FILM)	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	2025
ACTRESS – “FRAU BERGMAN”	SPRING AWAKENING	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2022
ACTRESS – “IRENE'S MOTHER”	THE FAULTS IN US (SHORT FILM)	DRURY FILM FESTIVAL	2022
WRITER/SCREENWRITER	HI-FI, HIBACHI, AND THE HEIST YET TO HAPPEN (SHORT FILM)	DRURY FILM FESTIVAL	2022
PRODUCTION DESIGNER	THE METAPHYSICAL SALESMAN (SHORT FILM)	DRURY FILM FESTIVAL	2022
HEAD STAGE MANAGER	THE THANKSGIVING PLAY	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2022
COSTUME DESIGNER	FUTURE, HERE	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2022
DRESSER	AMELIE	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2022
SPOTLIGHT OPERATOR	XANADU	TENT THEATRE	2022
DRESSER	GOD'S EAR	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2021

AWARDS

AWARD	INSTITUTION	YEAR
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - THEATRE	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2023
OUTSTANDING SENIOR	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2023
STUDENT CHOICE AWARD – BEST IN TECHNICAL PRODUCTION	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2023
ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2023
OUTSTANDING JUNIOR	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2022
TECHNICAL THEATRE AWARD	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2020-2023

SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP	INSTITUTION	YEAR
PITTMAN POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP	FLORIDA THEATRICAL ASSOCIATION	2025
DRURY UNIVERSITY THEATRE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2023
DR. DORSEY AND HELEN JONES THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP	DRURY UNIVERSITY	2023

ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

- UF SCHOOL OF THEATRE AND DANCE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEMBER – 2024-2025

DRURY UNIVERSITY

- VICE PRESIDENT, ALPHA PSI OMEGA THEATRE HONOR SOCIETY – 2022-2023
- SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL STUDENT INTERN – 2022-2023
- SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER, DRURY UNIVERSITY THEATRE DEPARTMENT – 2022-2023
- STAFF WRITER, DRURY MIRROR MAGAZINE – 2021-2022
- PRESIDENT, STUDENT ADVOCATES OF THE ARTS – 2021-2022

SCHOLARLY WORK

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

- GRADUATE ASSISTANT (GA) – THEATRE SCENE SHOP EMPLOYEE – 2023-2026
- TEACHING ASSISTANT (TA) – THE2000 THEATRE APPRECIATION – SUMMER 2025
- TEACHING ASSISTANT (TA) – TPA2202 STAGECRAFT LAB – FALL 2025
- INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD – TPA4066 SCENE DESIGN – FALL 2024

DRURY UNIVERSITY

- STUDENT EMPLOYEE – THEATRE SCENE SHOP STUDENT SUPERVISOR – 2021-2023

OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

REGAL CINEMAS – CAST MEMBER

- Gainesville, FL - 2024 – PRESENT
 - Usher guests to the proper auditoriums
 - Ensure an enjoyable moviegoing experience
 - Serve concessions and sell tickets while offering promotions and upgrades to drive sales
 - Stay involved with current and upcoming movie releases to cater to guest needs and questions
 - Have working knowledge of movies, guest service, theatre operations, basic projector operation, and food handling to assist in all areas of the theatre

SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – EVENTS COORDINATOR

- Springfield, MO - 2022 – 2023
 - Organized, planned, and executed special events for the Symphony
 - Recruited and led teams of volunteers
 - Assembled VIP and season ticket holder dinners
 - Organized and provided A/V support for Behind the Baton conductor talks prior to concerts
 - Maintained the Symphony's online presence across multiple social platforms
 - Led a development team to acquire items from sponsoring businesses in the community
 - Coordinated the silent auction event at the Symphony's annual gala
 - Gained fluency in donor and patron management software including Greater Giving and Bloomerang
 - Attended receptions and concert events to boost development through patron engagement

SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – MARKETING AND EVENTS INTERN

- Springfield, MO - 2021 – 2022
 - Created graphics and announcements to post on the Symphony's socials
 - Posted listings on volunteerism sites to recruit event volunteers
 - Gained fluency in professional social media management sites including Hootsuite
 - Launched and created graphics for the Symphony's Giving Tuesday fundraising campaign

rue21 – ASSISTANT STORE MANAGER

- Springfield, MO - 2019 – 2021
 - Managed store opening and closing duties
 - Counted registers, tracked daily and weekly sales, and set sales goals for upcoming benchmarks
 - Ensured an excellent guest experience through personal connection
 - Greeted guests, suggested clothing items and accessories, and offered store incentives
 - Coordinated a team of store associates

GORDMANS – FLOOR STAFF/SALES ASSOCIATE

- Springfield, MO - 2017 – 2020
 - Processed sales, returns, applications for credit, and signups for store rewards
 - Ensured that store items were organized, displayed in an enticing manner, and in their proper places
 - Assisted in back-of-store operations including processing of incoming freight
 - Followed a planogram to display merchandise according to company standards