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PROFESSIONAL DESIGN EXPERIENCE

CURRENT SCENIC DESIGN PROJECTS:

TheatreWorks

Palo Alto, California

The Book of Will (director: Robert Kelley – opens June, 2020)

Center Repertory Theatre

Walnut Creek, California

In the Heights (director: Amanda Folena – opens May, 2020)

The Mountain Play

Mt. Tamalpais, California

Hello Dolly (director: Jay Manley – opens May, 2020)

San Jose State University

San Jose, California

The Dreamer Project (director: Kathleen Normington – opens November, 2019)

The Threepenny Opera (director: Kirsten Brandt – opens April 2020)

Spartan Films

San Jose, California

How to Tell a Mother Her Child is Dead (Production Design for Short Film –
director: Harry Mathias – November, 2019)

RECENT SCENIC DESIGN PROJECTS

Florida Studio Theatre

Sarasota, Florida

The Cottage (director: Jason Cannon – August, 2019)

The Jewel Theatre

Santa Cruz, California

Breaking the Code (director: Kirsten Brandt – March, 2019)

TheatreWorks

Palo Alto, California

The Language Archive (director Jeffrey Lowe – July, 2019)

Fun Home (director: Robert Kelley – October, 2018 – *Theatre Critics Circle Award for Set Design*)

Spartan Films

San Jose, California

Breakfast (Production Design for Short Film - director: Nick Martinez – August, 2019)

RECENT AWARDS

Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award for Scenic Design

March, 2019

Fun Home at TheatreWorks

Additional nomination for *Native Gardens* at TheatreWorks

Silicon Valley Creates Laureate Award

June, 2019

Backstage Laureate Award

PROFESSIONAL SCENIC DESIGNS

TheatreWorks

Palo Alto, California

The Language Archive (director Jeffrey Lowe – July, 2019)

Fun Home (director: Robert Kelley – October, 2018 – *Theatre Critics Circle Award for Set Design*)

Native Gardens (director: Amy Gonzalez – August, 2018)

Finks (director: Giovanna Sardelli – June, 2018)

Constellations (director: Robert Kelley – August, 2017)

Crimes of the Heart (director: Giovanni Sardelli – January, 2017)

Outside Mullingar (director: Robert Kelley – October, 2016)

The Country House (director: Robert Kelley – August, 2015)

Sweeney Todd (director Robert Kelley - October 2014)

Hound of the Baskervilles (Regional premiere) (dir. Robert Kelley - April 2014)

Somewhere (Regional premiere) (director: Giovanna Sardelli - January 2013)

33 Variations (Regional premiere) (director: Robert Kelley – October 2012)

The Pitmen Painters (West Coast premiere) (dir.: Leslie Martinson - Jan 2012)

Snow Falling on Cedars (Regional premiere) (director: Robert Kelley - 2011)

To Kill a Mockingbird (director: Robert Kelley - 2010)

Twentieth Century (Regional premiere) (director: Robert Kelley - 2009)

Twelfth Night (director: Robert Kelley - 2007)

The Elephant Man (director: Robert Kelley - 2007)

Dessa Rose (West Coast premiere) (director: Robert Kelley - 2006)

Dolly West's Kitchen (American premiere) (director: Robert Kelley - 2005)

Crowns (Mountain View & San Francisco) (director: Tony Haney - 2005)

Shakespeare in Hollywood (director: Robert Kelley - 2005)

Book of Days (director: Robert Kelley - 2003)

Legacy Codes (World premiere) (director: Amy Gonzalez - 2003)

Bat Boy (Palo Alto & San Francisco productions) (dir.: Linda Goodrich - 2003)

All My Sons (director: Kent Nicholson - 2003)

Oo-Bla-Dee (director: Shirley Jo Finney - 2002)

Be Aggressive (director: Wendy Goldberg - 2002)

Where's William? (touring children's show - 2002)

Over the River and Through the Woods (director: Robert Kelley - 2001)

Floyd Collins (director: Robert Kelley - 2001)

Fences (director: Harry Elam - 2000)

Talley's Folly (director: Robert Kelley - 1998)

The Night of the Iguana (director: Ken Kelleher – 1998)

Voir Dire (director: Amy Gonzalez - 1997)

Center Repertory TheatreWalnut Creek, California

In the Heights (director: Amanda Folena – opens May, 2020)
Shirley Valentine (director: George Maguire – March, 2018)
Sisters Matsumoto (director: Mina Morita – April, 2017)
Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike (director: Mark Phillips – 2015)
Cowgirls (director: Eleanor Reissa - 2004)
Don't Dress for Dinner (director: Gillian Eaton - 2003)
Collected Stories (director: Gillian Eaton - 2003)
Amy's View (director: David Hay - 2002)

Opera San JoseSan Jose, California

Pagliacci (director: Chuck Hudson – November, 2018)
The Magic Flute (director: Michael McConnell - 2003)

Florida Studio TheatreSarasota, Florida

The Cottage (director: Jason Cannon – August, 2019)

Chautauqua TheatreChautauqua, New York

Romeo & Juliet (director: Dawn Monique Williams – August, 2017)

American Musical Theatre of San JoseSan Jose, California

Christmas Dreamland (World premiere) (director: Tim Bair - 2005)
West Side Story (director: Stephen Bourneuf - 2005)
The Big Bang (director: Christopher Scott - 2003)
Damn Yankees (director: Dianna Shuster - 2002)

Colorado Shakespeare FestivalBoulder, Colorado

Richard III (director: Tina Packer - June 2012)
Treasure Island (director: Carolyn Howarth - July 2012)
Romeo & Juliet (director: Lynne Collins - June 2011)
The Comedy of Errors (director: Carolyn Howarth - July 2011)
King Lear (director: Lynne Collins - 2010)
Our Town (director: Victoria Erville - 2010)
Taming of the Shrew (director: Stephanie Shine - 2010)
Hamlet (director: Philip Sneed - 2009)
Much Ado About Nothing (director: Lynne Collins - 2009)
To Kill a Mockingbird (director: Jane Page - 2009)
Macbeth (director: Lynne Collins - 2008)
The Three Musketeers (director: Carolyn Howarth - 2008)
Love's Labours Lost (director: Gavin Cameron-Webb - 2008)
All's Well That Ends Well (director: Lynne Collins - 2007)
Around the World in 80 Days (director: Philip Sneed - 2007)

The Starlight TheatreRockford, Illinois

Phantom of the Opera (director: Michael Webb – June, 2016)
Mary Poppins (director: Michael Webb - June, 2015)
The Last Five years (director: Michael Webb - June, 2015)
Memphis (director: Michael Webb - June, 2015)
Young Frankenstein (director: Michael Webb - June, 2015)

A Little Night Music (director: Michael Webb – February, 2015)
A Flea in her Ear (director: Michael Webb - September, 2014)
Christmas Carol (director: Michael Webb - December, 2014)
A Little Night Music (director: Michael Webb – February, 2015)
Sound of Music (director: Michael Webb - June 2014)
Tintypes (director: Michael Webb - June 2014)
Honk (director: Michael Webb - June 2014)
Spamalot (director: Michael Webb - June 2014)
Akhnaton (director: Michael Webb - March 2014)
Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (director: Michael Webb – Sept. 2013)
The Wizard of Oz (director: Michael Webb - December 2013)
Fiddler on the Roof (director: Michael Webb - February 2014)
Starlight Express (director: Michael Webb - June 2013)
Xanadu (director: Michael Webb - June 2013)
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (dir.: Michael Webb - June 2013)
Les Miserables (director: Michael Webb - June 2013)
Fiddlers Three (director: Michael Webb - (March 2013)
Avenue Q (director: Michael Webb - February 2013)
Christmas with the Conroys (director: Michael Webb - December 2012)
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (director: Michael Webb - October 2012)
A Midsummer Nights Dream (director: Michael Webb - September 2012)
Sweeney Todd (director: Michael Webb - June 2012)
Into the Woods (director: Michael Webb - June 2012)
Nine to Five (director: Michael Webb - June 2012)
Little Women (director: Michael Webb - June 2012)
Rocky Horror Picture Show (director: Michael Webb - February 2012)
Murder Is Easy (director: Michael Webb - March 2012)
A Christmas Carol (director: Michael Webb - November 2011)
King Lear (director: Michael Webb - October 2011)
Go Back For Murder (director: Michael Webb - 2011)
Phantom of the Opera (director: Michael Webb - 2011)
Drowsy Chaperone (director: Michael Webb - 2011)
Hairspray (director: Michael Webb - 2011)
After Dark (World premiere) (director: Michael Webb - 2011)
Grey Gardens (director: Michael Webb - 2011)
The Tempest (director: Michael Webb - 2010)
Henry VIII (director: Michael Webb - 2010)
Hoosier Lore (director: Michael Webb - 2010)
Chicago (director: Michael Webb - 2010)
Aida (director: Michael Webb - 2010)
Annie (director: Michael Webb - 2010)
Rent (director: Michael Webb - 2010)
Coriolanus (director: Michael Webb - 2009)
Hamlet (director: Michael Webb - 2009)
Christmas with the Conroys (director: Michael Webb - 2009)
Cottonpatch Gospel (director: Michael Webb - 2010)
And Then There Were None (director: Michael Webb - 2010)
David the King (World premiere) (director: Michael Webb - 2009)
Evita (director: Michael Webb - 2009)

The King & I (director: Michael Webb - 2009)
The Producers (director: Michael Webb - 2009)
Peril At End House (director: Michael Webb - 2009)
American Buffalo (director: Michael Webb - 2009)
Caroline or Change (director: Michael Webb - 2008)
King John (director: Michael Webb - 2008)
Cymbeline (director: Michael Webb - 2008)
Jonah (World premiere) (director: Michael Webb - 2008)
Last Easter (Midwest premiere) (director: Michael Webb - 2008)
The Wiz (director: Michael Webb - 2008)
Little Shop of Horrors (director: Michael Webb - 2008)
Thoroughly Modern Millie (director: Michael Webb - 2008)
Ragtime (director: Michael Webb - 2007)

Berkeley Repertory Theatre

Berkeley, California

Sundiata (World premiere) (director: Coleman Domingo - 2002)

The Cleveland Playhouse

Cleveland, Ohio

A Grand Night for Singing (scenic & lighting design) (dir.: Loretta Greco - 1996)
Unsung Cole (scenic & lighting design) (director: Scott Kanoff - 1996)
Songs the Harrigans Sang (scenic & lighting design) (dir.: Bill Hoffman - 1996)
The Lesson (scenic, costume & lighting) (dir.: Jonathan Kronenberger - 1995)
The Spirit of Life (lighting design) (director: David Eliet - 1995)
The Lower Rooms (director: Victoria Pero - 1994)

Marin Theatre Company

Mill Valley, California

Cowgirls director: Eleanor Reissa - 2004)
Avenue X director: Eleanor Reissa - 2004)
Syncopation (director: Eleanor Reissa - (2003)
The Real Thing (director: Lee Sankowich - 2003)

Jerry Herman Ring Theatre

University of Miami, Florida

Carmen {World Premiere} (written & directed: Moises Kaufman – Nov. 2014)
25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (director: Greg Brown – Sept. 2014)
Urinetown (director: Lynn McNutt - 2011)

The Magic Theatre

San Francisco, California

3F, 4F (World premiere) (director: Pam MacKinnon - 2005)

The Stardust Casino

Las Vegas, Nevada

A Stardust Christmas (Christmas concert starring John Brack - 2003)

Kaiser Permanente Education Theatre

Northern & Southern California

The Best Me (H.E.A.L) (touring production - 2006)
Nightmare on Puberty Street (touring production - 2002)
Zip's Great Day (touring production - 2000)

Beauty & the Beast (March, 2018, November 2012 & 2005)
Guys & Dolls (2018 & 2001)
A Christmas Story (November, 2017)
The Lion King (July, 2017)
Cinderella (2017, 2012 & 1998)
The Wizard of Oz (2016, 2010 & 2005)
Suessical (2016, 2010 & 2004)
Once Upon a Mattress (2015 & 2003)
Les Miserables (2015, 2009 & 2003)
Shrek (February 2019 & July 2014)
Oliver! (May 2014 & 2007)
Sound of Music (March 2014)
Peter Pan (November 2013, 2008 & 2001)
Pirates of Penzance (May 2013 & 2005)
Fiddler on the Roof (March 2013 & 2006)
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (2018, 2012 & 2006)
Cats (2018, 2011 & 2006)
Annie Get Your Gun (2011)
Pinocchio (2011)
Bye Bye Birdie (2011)
Willy Wonka (2010)
Narnia (2010)
Footloose (2010)
Annie (2009)
Aladdin (2009 & 2001)
Sleeping Beauty (2009)
The Music Man (2009)
Sound of Music (2008 & 2002)
High School Musical (2008)
All Shook Up (2008)
Charlotte's Web (2008)
Play in a Box – touring school project (2008)
Thoroughly Modern Millie (2007)
Sweet Charity (2007)
West Side Story (2004)
Stories on Stage (2003)
Children of Eden (2003)
The Wiz (2002)
Annie (2002)
Grease (2000)
The Music Man (2000)
Anne of Green Gables (1999)
Once on this Island (1999)
Babes in Toyland (1998)
The Velveteen Rabbit (1997)

Foothill Theatre CompanyNevada City, California

Long Shadow (director: Conrad Bishop - 2005)*O'Carolan's Farewell to Music* (director: Peter Glazer - 2005)*Woody Guthrie's American Song* (director: Lynn Collins - 2004)*When it Goes Haywire* (World premiere) (director: Carolyn Howarth - 2004)*The Nerd* (director: Nancy Carlin - 2004)**University of Michigan**Ann Arbor, Michigan

American Idiot (director: Linda Goodrich - November 2015)*Bat Boy* (director: Linda Goodrich - November 2012)*Chicago* (director: Linda Goodrich - April 2012)**Butler University**Indianapolis, Indiana

Romeo & Juliet (director: Tim Hardy - November 2013)**The Monomoy Theatre**Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Annie Get Your Gun (director: Alan Rust - 2004)*Peter Pan* (director: Ed Burgess - 1999)*Carousel* (director: Alan Rust - 1999)*Oklahoma!* (director: Alan Rust - 1997)*Hello Dolly!* (director: Alan Rust - 1996)*The Music Man* (director: Alan Rust - 1995)*Camelot* (director: Alan Rust - 1994)*The Winslow Boy* (director: Susan Gregg - 1994)*Marvin's Room* (director: Laura Esterman - 1994)*Dancing at Lughnasa* (director: Malcolm Morrison - 1994)*The Taming of the Shrew* (director: Jim Abar - 1994)*The King and I* (director: Alan Rust - 1993)*A Midsummer Night's Dream* (director: Henson Keys - 1993)*The Lion in Winter* (director: Malcolm Morrison - 1993)*Ten Little Indians* (director: Jonathan Kronenberger - 1993)**The Wildwood Festival**Little Rock, Arkansas

Pinocchio (sets & costumes) (2003)*The Barber of Seville* (director: Terry Sneed - 2003)*Lucia di Lammermoor* (2002)*The Mikado* (2002)**San Jose Children's Musical Theatre**San Jose, California

Into the Woods (director: Kevin Hauge - 2000)*Annie* (director: Kevin Hauge - 2001)*Bugsy Malone* (director: Kevin Hauge - 2002)*Footloose* (director: Kevin Hauge - 2002)**The Remy Bumppo Theatre**Chicago, Illinois

The Voyage Inheritance (director: James Bohnen - 2008)

29th Street TheatreNew York City, New York

Pick Up Axe (New York Premiere) (director: Jim Abar - 1998)**Judith Anderson Theatre**New York City, New York

Top Girls (director: April Shawhan - 1998)**Harold Clurman Theatre**New York City, New York

Top Girls (director: April Shawhan - 1998)**Active Arts Theatre**Oakland, California

Strega Nona (National Tour starting in 2009) (director: Tracy Ward)**Solano College Theatre**Fairfield, California

How to Succeed... Without Really Trying (director: Dianna Shuster - 2009)*Bat Boy* (director: George Maguire - 2007)*Sweeney Todd* (director: George Maguire - 2006)*Suessical* (director: George Maguire - 2005)*Beauty & the Beast* (director: George Maguire - 2005)*Fences* (director: Peter Callender - 2005)*Cabaret* (director: George Maguire - 2004)*Harvey* (director: Nancy Carlin – 2004)*The Laramie Project* (director: Hector Correa - 2003)*Amadeus* (director: George Maguire - 2003)*The Lion in Winter* (director: George Maguire - 2003)*Sound of Music* (director: George Maguire - 2002)*Tintypes* (director: Kit Wilder - 2002)*Angels in America*(director: George Maguire - 2001)*A Streetcar Named Desire* (director: George Maguire - 2001)**The Hartt School**Hartford, Connecticut

Romeo & Juliet (director: Malcolm Morrison - 2001)*Trojan Women* (director: Stevie Zimmerman - 2001)*You Can't Take it with You* (director: Henry Fonte - 2001)*The Perfect 36* (director: Alan Rust - 2001)*Kiss Me Kate* (director: Alan Rust - 2000)*A Midsummer Night's Dream* (director: Malcolm Morrison - 2000)*Anything Goes!* (director: Ed Burgess - 2000)*Twelfth Night* (director: Henry Fonte - 2000)*Brigadoon* (director: Alan Rust - 1999)*The Time of Your Life* (director: Alan Rust - 1999)*Carnival* (director: Frank Root - 1999)*Battleship Potemkin* (World premiere) (director: Henry Fonte - 1998)*Carmen* (director: Michael Schirola - 1998)*Die Fledermaus* (director: Jack Zei - 1998)*Guys & Dolls* (director: Alan Rust - 1998)*The Robber Bridegroom* (director: Pam Hill - 1997)*The Turn of the Screw* (director: Dale Girard - 1997)

Starstruck Theatre CompanyFremont, California

Peter Pan (director: Lori Stokes - 2014)*Peter Pan* (director: Lori Stokes - 2007)**Cabrillo Stage**Aptos, California

Annie Get Your Gun (director: John McCluggage - 2005)*West Side Story* (director: Dustin Leonard - 2003)**Douglas Morrison Theatre**Hayward, California

Arsenic & Old Lace (director: Dale Albright –August, 2017)*Real Women Have Curves* (director: Katja Rivera – August, 2016)*By the Way, Meet Vera Stark* (Regional Premiere – director: Dawn Monique Williams – 2015)*Rosencranz & Guildenstern are Dead* (2004)*Boys from Syracuse* (2003)*Mister Roberts* (2002)*Guys & Dolls* (2002)*Oliver!* (2002)*The Man of La Mancha* (2001)*Sylvia* (2000)*My Sister Eileen* (1999)*Talley's Folly* (1999)*The Bedroom Farce* (1998)*Veronica's Room* (1998)*Auntie Mame* (1998)**Diablo Light Opera Company**Walnut Creek, California

La Cage aux Folles (2004)*Sweeney Todd* (2001)*Oklahoma!* (1998)**Carlmont High School**Belmont, California

Guys & Dolls (director: Bernadette Fife - February 2013)**Theatrical Arts International**Los Angeles, California

Misery (2003)**Cumberland Valley Performing Arts Center**Pennsylvania

Kiss Me Kate (2017)*Phantom of the Opera* (2011)*Les Miserables* (2010)**San Jose Stage Company**San Jose, California

Incorruptible (director: Kit Wilder - 2002)**Theatre Rhinoceros**San Francisco, California

Route 80 (director: Amy Resnick - 1997)*Cake & Lips* (director: Ray McCrory - 1997)

Teatro Vision	San Jose, California
<i>Harvest Moon</i> (director: Amy Gonzalez - 1999)	
OperaSmarts	Livermore, California
<i>Pirates of Penzance</i> (director: Deborah McQueen - 2009)	
<i>Into the Woods</i> (director: Deborah McQueen - 2007)	
<i>The Magic Flute</i> (director: Deborah McQueen - 2006)	
The Willows Theatre	Concord, California
<i>Merrily We Roll Along</i> (director: Andrew Holtz - 2001)	
<i>Mountain Days</i> (<u>World premiere</u>) (director: Rich Elliot - 2001)	
<i>Jekyll & Hyde</i> (<u>West Coast premiere</u>) (director: Rich Elliot - 2000)	
<i>Dreamgirls</i> (director: Andrew Holtz - 2000)	
<i>Brimstone</i> (<u>West Coast premiere</u>) (director: Rich Elliot - 1998)	
<i>My Sister Eileen</i> (director: Dan Cawthon - 1998)	
<i>Woody Guthrie's American Song</i> (director: Rich Elliot - 1997)	
<i>The Sound of Music</i> (director: Rich Elliot - 1997)	
<i>Rags</i> (director: Rich Elliot - 1996)	
<i>Annie Warbucks</i> (director: Cindy Goldfield - 1996)	
Stanford University	Palo Alto, California
<i>The Memory of Water</i> (1997)	
Napa Valley College Theatre	Napa, California
<i>A Little Night Music</i> (2002)	
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
<i>Cinderella</i> (British Pantomime Version) (director: Richard Mangan - 1995)	
Saratoga Drama Group	Saratoga, California
<i>Ragtime</i> (director: C. Michael Traw - 2008)	
Peninsula Center Stage	San Francisco, California
<i>Camelot</i> (director: Dennis Lickteig - 1996)	
Contra Costa Musical Theatre	Walnut Creek, California
<i>How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying</i> (director: Dan Uroff - 1999)	
Woodminster Theatre	Oakland, California
<i>The Secret Garden</i> (1998)	
Townhall Theatre Company	Lafayette, California
<i>Sisters Rosensweig</i> (1996)	
Palo Alto Players	Palo Alto, California
<i>Six Women with Brain Death</i> (1997)	
<i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i> (1997)	

Busbarn Theatre CompanyLos Altos Hills, California

On the Verge (2001)**Ohio University**Athens, Ohio

A Streetcar Named Desire (director: Robert Winters - 1999)*A Midsummer Nights Dream* (director: Henson Keys - 1992)**Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep School**San Francisco, California

(resident Scenic Designer & Lecturer) (2 shows per year, 1996 – 2001)

LIGHTING, COSTUME, DUAL, OR SCENOGRAPHIC DESIGN**The Cleveland Playhouse**Cleveland, Ohio

A Grand Night for Singing (scenic & lighting design) (dir.: Loretta Greco - 1996)*Unsung Cole* (scenic & lighting design) (director: Scott Kanoff - 1996)*Songs the Harrigans Sang* (scenic & lighting design) (dir.: Bill Hoffman - 1996)*The Lesson* (scenic, costume & lighting) (dir.: Jonathan Kronenberger - 1995)*The Spirit of Life* (lighting design) (director: David Eliet - 1995)**Shotgun Players**Berkeley, California

Baal (director: Patrick Dooley - 1996)*The Maids* (set, lighting, and costume designer) (director: Katie Bales - 1997)**Canton Players Guild**Canton, Ohio

Jesus Christ Superstar (lighting designer) (Director: Rick Lombardo - 1995)**Bayfront Theatre**San Francisco, California

Pino Stands Alone (costume design - 1996)**Ohio University**Athens, Ohio

Mad Forest (Scenic, projection, & costume design) (director: William Fisher - 1994)**ASSISTANT SCENIC DESIGN EXPERIENCE****Salzburg Festspielhaus**Salzburg, Austria

Boris Godunov (designer / director: Herbert Wernicke, 1994)**Jewish Repertory Theatre**New York City, New York

Edith Stein (designer: Ursula Belden, 1994)**American Place Theatre**New York City, New York

Hal Prince Musical Theatre Workshops (designer: Ursula Belden, 1993)

RELATED WORK & INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Facility Supervisor - Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts (1997 – present)

The Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts has three performance spaces: a 589 seat proscenium theatre with counterweight system, a flexible seating black box theatre, and an outdoor amphitheater with lawn seating for 300.

Performed a multitude of tasks including:

- Supervising and aiding the client in the safe installation and operation of their production or function at the city owned facility
- Supervising MVCPA crew for production and work calls
- Supervising volunteer crews with varying skill levels
- Training and supervising volunteer crews on the counterweight system
- Stage rigging & counterweight system maintenance
- Building and installing scenery
- Hanging, circuiting, and focusing lights
- Programming and running the control board
- Designing and running lights for various productions, including dance
- Aiding in set up of sound equipment
- On-site supervision of performance operations & Interface with House Manager
- Repair of soft goods and scrim
- Maintenance and repair of lighting equipment

Architectural Design

Design & architectural drawings for renovation of a residence in Sawyer, Michigan. Created new configurations of walls, windows, doors, and electrical systems. (2015)

Proctor for Union Exam in Scenic & Costume Design, United Scenic Artists, local 829. (2013 - current)

Charge Scenic Artist, Artist in Residence, Peninsula Youth Theatre (1997 – 2019)

Charge Scenic Artist & Resident Designer, The Starlight Theatre, (2008 – 2015)

Production Manager, The Willows Theatre (2000 - 2001)

Technical Director, The Willows Theatre (2001)

Interior Design & Renovation for San Antonio Shopping Center location, Esther's German Bakery (2008)

Design and draping of exterior patio walls of Chez Joel, Chicago, IL (2005)

Design of Gala and Auction Stage for Rebuilding Together Peninsula - Menlo Park, CA (2005)

Interior renovation & design of Jazz Club for Cue Productions - Concord, CA (2003)

Design of the John Muir Amphitheatre (1018 seat outdoor theatre) City of Martinez, CA (2001)

Scenic Artist for various murals & exhibits, San Jose Tech Museum of Innovation. (1998)

Scenic Artist for all productions, American Musical Theatre of San Jose. (1996-1998)

Resident Scenic Artist for all productions, The Cleveland Playhouse. (1994-1995 season)

Props Master for *Mississippi Delta*, Marin Theatre Company. (1995)

Design of the Facade for Foxhill Garden Club for the New England Garden Show. (1993)

Assistant Props Master for the season Berkshire Theatre Festival. (1992)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

United Scenic Artists, IATSE local USA829

Member: spring of 2002- current

Western Region Trustee: fall 2019 - current

United Scenic Artists, Local USA 829, is a labor union and professional association of Designers, Artists and Craftspeople, many who are world famous, organized to protect craft standards, working conditions and wages for the entertainment and decorative arts industries. The members of Local USA 829 are Artists and Designers working in film, theatre, opera, ballet, television, industrial shows, commercials and exhibitions.

United States Institute of Technical Theatre

Member: spring of 2017- current

USITT was founded in 1960 as an organization to promote dialogue, research, and learning among practitioners of theatre design and technology. Today it has grown to include members at all levels of their careers and has embraced the new technologies being used in entertainment. USITT is now the leader in life-long learning opportunities for the entertainment design and technology industry.

The United States Institute for Theatre Technology, Inc. (USITT) connects performing arts design and technology communities to ensure a vibrant dialog among practitioners, educators, and students.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019 San Jose State University, Office of the Provost & University Library: *Annual Authors & Artists Award* for scenic design of *The Language Archive*
- 2019 Silicon Valley Creates – *Backstage Artist Laureate Award*
- 2019 Bay Area Theatre Critic’s Circle Award, Outstanding Set Design: *Fun Home*
- 2019 Bay Area Theatre Critic’s Circle Award nomination, Outstanding Set Design: *Native Gardens*
- 2018 San Jose State University, Office of the Provost & University Library: *Annual Authors & Artists Award* for scenic design of *Native Gardens*
- 2018 San Jose State University, College of Humanities & Arts: *Research, Scholarship & Creative Activity Award*
- 2018 Theatre Bay Area Award nomination for Outstanding Set Design: *Outside Mullingar*
- 2018 Shellie Award for Outstanding Set Design: *Sisters Matsumoto*
- 2017 Broadway World Award nomination for Outstanding Set Design: *Outside Mullingar*
- 2017 Broadway World Award nomination for Outstanding Set Design: *Crimes of the Heart*
- 2017 Broadway World Award nomination for Outstanding Set Design: *Arsenic & Old Lace*
- 2017 Broadway World Award nomination for Outstanding Set Design: *Constellations*
- 2016 Bay Area Theatre Critic’s Circle Award nomination, Outstanding Set Design: *The Country House*
- 2016 Theatre Bay Area Award nomination for Outstanding Set Design: *By the Way, Meet Vera Stark*
- 2010 Keynote Speaker & student design adjudicator, USITT / ACTF Northwest Regional Conference
- 2009 Bay Area Theatre Critic’s Circle Award nomination for Outstanding Set Design: *Twentieth Century*
- 2008 Ovation Award for Scenic Design: *Macbeth*
- 2007 Falstaff Award nomination for Scenic Design: *Twelfth Night*
- 2007 Elly Award nomination for Scenic Design: *Bat Boy*
- 2006 Elly Award for Scenic Design: *Beauty & the Beast*
- 2006 Elly Award nomination for Scenic Design: *Sweeney Todd*
- 2006 Arty Award for Best Scenic Design of a Drama: *Fences*
- 2006 Arty Award for Best Scenic Design of a Youth Musical: *Beauty & the Beast*
- 2006 Arty Award nomination for Best Scenic Design of a Musical: *Beauty & the Beast*

- 2006 Arty Award nomination for Best Scenic Design of a Musical: *Sweeney Todd*
- 2006 Arty Award nomination for Best Scenic Design of a Musical: *Suessical*
- 2005 World Design Expo: designs selected for exhibition and inclusion in publication
- 2005 Bay Area Theatre Critic's Circle Award nomination, Outstanding Set Design of a Musical: *Crowns*
- 2005 Dean Goodman Choice Award for Scenic Design: *Beauty & the Beast*
- 2005 Dean Goodman Choice Award for Scenic Design: *Dolly West's Kitchen*
- 2005 Elly Award nomination for Scenic Design: *Cabaret*
- 2005 Elly Award nominations for Scenic Design: *Seussical*
- 2005 Elly Award nominations for Scenic Design: *Fences*
- 2004 Dean Goodman Choice Award for Scenic Design: *All My Sons*
- 2004 Shellie Award nomination for Scenic Design: *Cowgirls*
- 2004 Arty Award for Scenic Design: *Lion In Winter*
- 2004 Bay Area Theatre Critic's Circle Award nomination, Outstanding Set Design for a Musical: *Bat Boy*
- 2003 Elly Award in Scenic Design: *The Sound of Music*
- 2003 Elly Award nomination for Scenic Design: *Amadeus*
- 2003 Inland Theatre Award for Scenic Design: *Sweeney Todd*
- 2003 Arty Award for Scenic Design: *The Sound of Music*
- 2002 Dean Goodman Choice Award for Scenic Design: *A Streetcar Named Desire*
- 2002 Dean Goodman Choice Award for Scenic Design: *Over the River and Through the Woods*
- 2002 Elly Award nomination for Scenic Design: *Harvey*
- 2001 Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Set Design for a Musical: *Jekyll & Hyde*
- 2001 Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award Nomination, Outstanding Set Design for a Musical: *Floyd Collins*
- 2001 Dean Goodman Choice Award for Scenic Design: *Fences*
- 2001 Dean Goodman Choice Award for Scenic Design: *Don't Dress for Dinner*
- 2000 Shellie Award for Outstanding Scenic Design: *Oklahoma!*
- 2000 Dean Goodman Choice Award for Scenic Design: *Angels in America*

- 2000 Arty Award for Scenic Design: *Angels in America*
- 1999 Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Set Design for a Drama: *Night of the Iguana*
- 1999 Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Set Design for a Musical: *Brimstone*
- 1999 Dean Goodman Choice Award (formerly Drama Logue) for Scenic Design: *Night of the Iguana*
- 1995 Selected Exhibitor at the Prague Quadrennial for Scenic & Costume Designs: *Mad Forest*
(recent student works exhibit)
- 1993 Southeastern Theatre Conference Third Place Award for Scenic Design: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 1990 Finalist in Scenic Design: *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday* (Regional American College Theatre Festival)
- 1988 Finalist in Scenic Design: *A Kind of Alaska* (Regional American College Theatre Festival)

Recent Press:

- **Feature article in the San Jose Mercury News:** Headline: “*Fun Home*’ set designer brings her own memories to memory play”. First line of article reads: “With a tough coming-out story of her own, San Jose State University professor and scenic designer Andrea Bechert found more than just work as she designed the sets for “*Fun Home*.” [Full article found here:](https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/10/04/fun-home-set-designer-brings-her-own-memories-to-memory-play/) <https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/10/04/fun-home-set-designer-brings-her-own-memories-to-memory-play/>. Published October 4, 2018
- Numerous positive reviews in Bay Area papers for scenic designs with various companies. Following are links to a few of the articles:
 - “Andrea Bechert’s stunning set makes a big impression when you enter the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. It brings to life two backyards divided down the middle of the stage, one with an immaculately manicured garden with topiary and an unnaturally regular lawn, and the other more or less a patch of dirt, all possibility and nothing more, sheltered by a big friendly tree. These two yards are, in a way, the stars of the show.” [link to full article](#)
 - “...before any of the principal characters ever appear on stage, Andrea Bechert's impressive scenic design transports the audience to the Washington, D.C. suburb the playwright has imagined. Bechert teaches design and technology at San José State University. If there are any students reading this who want to learn about stagecraft, they should sign up for one of her classes. Bechert created the backyard facades of two adjacent brick homes. They summon up the milieu of a stately East Coast neighborhood, and what that neighborhood represents. These evocative two-story houses are so tall they reach up to the theater rafters. One yard's manicured lawn is lined with purple iris and hydrangea. The window shutters are painted a cheerful blue. The shutters on its twin next door have been neglected. Weeds poke up from the earth, and the limbs of a giant oak tree stretch far and wide. When the characters do enter the stage from their respective back doors, these exterior signs line up with the interior lives of both couples.” [Link to full article](#)

- “Just one look at Andrea Bechert’s set speaks volumes — a partially deconstructed house with an elegant interior and run-down exterior, as if past and present were coexisting side by side. Some of the walls are missing so that the arch of the roof and a second-floor window hang in midair.” [Link to full article](#)
- “Andrea Bechert’s magnificent set design is a study in scale and nuance crowned by a sprawling Southern manse sitting center stage. It’s a down-home palace crammed with nooks and crannies. The meandering delights of a back porch, a sturdy tree and a wonderfully vintage mint-green kitchen ground this TheatreWorks Silicon Valley production in a delicious sense of lived-in complexity. Everywhere you look on this set, there are new layers to explore.” [Link to full article](#)
- “Andrea Bechert’s spacious set depicts a quaint gray and blue building facade strewn with vines in front of a blue silhouette skyline dominated by cupolas with crosses.” [Link to full article](#)
- “Andrea Bechert’s set gives the audience a taste of what’s to come as the audience enters the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, a visual mashup of nightclub, recording studio and congressional hearing chamber.” [Link to full article](#)
- “Adding to the realism is Andrea Bechert’s heavily detailed kitchen set in Act I and soothing Greek beach in Act II ...” [Link to full article](#)
- “The set, by Andrea Bechert, is one of the most beautiful I’ve seen; each yard a thing of detailed wonder and full of realistic botanicals....” [Link to full article](#)
- “Scenic Designer Andrea Bechert creates a stunning suburban landscape.” [Link to article](#)
- “Framed by a vast floating array of twinkling lights (elegant set by Andrea Bechert) that suggest far off stars or brain synapses firing away...” [Link to full article](#)
- “There’s a lot to appreciate in director Dale Albright’s lively production, but at the top of the list is Andrea Bechert’s superbly detailed set of a large, posh and quirkily decorated living room.” [Link to full article](#)
- “Andrea Bechert’s tidy and elegantly detailed rotating set, nails all the play’s rhythms: the explosive anger, the quiet deathbed confession, the yearning, the banter, the rapture.” [Link to full article](#)
- “Spotlight On Professional Scenic Designer Andrea Bechert” [link to online article](#)

TEACHING AND GUEST ARTIST EXPERIENCE

San Jose State University

Department of Film & Theatre

Assistant Professor *(Fall 2016 – present)*

Research & Creative Emphasis

- Scenic Design
- Costume Design
- AutoCAD for the designer in the entertainment industry
- Scale Model making for film & theatre
- Scenic painting & sculpting in the entertainment industry
- Properties design, construction, and management
- History of Decor
- Production crew training, industry standards, and career preparation in theatre

Courses taught:

- Model Making & Drafting for Film & Theatre (TA 158 & TA 161)
- Scenic Design (TA 154)
- Costume Design (TA 153)
- Painting & Props for Film & Theatre (TA 91)
- History of Theatre (TA 120 / ENGL 120)
- Activity Projects in Theatre Production (TA 191 – upper division)
- Activity Projects in Theatre Production (TA 91 - lower division)
- Theatre Appreciation (TA 10)
- Individual Studies (TA 180)

University of Chicago

Institute for Molecular Engineering

STAGE Lab Production Manager *(November, 2015 – July, 2016)*

The new Institute for Molecular Engineering (IME) explores innovative technologies that address fundamental societal problems. One of the IME's six major research themes is Art, Science and Technology. At the helm of this theme is STAGE: Scientists, Technologists, and Artists Generating Exploration.

STAGE is a laboratory for creating and developing multimedia theatre pieces inspired by science and technology. The Lab strives to create emotionally engaging stories driven by scientific ideas and themes, and uses technology to help tell these stories in a more meaningful way. The creative process is a highly collaborative one involving professional artists, distinguished scientists, and talented students from all disciplines.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Oversee entire production process for all STAGE projects
- Maintain the STAGE Theatre's physical and organizational infrastructures
- Create, manage, and oversee overlapping production calendars for all projects & meetings
- Create budgets for each project, including all personnel, materials, and touring expenses
- Hire designers, technicians, and crew for each project, and oversee contracts
- Coordinating any use of the STAGE theatre and STAGE spaces, and overseeing transfer of STAGE productions to outside venues, including international

Faculty, Scenic Designer, and Scenic Artist (Fall semester, 2014)

- Served as Scenic Designer for a new production of *Carmen*, written and directed by Moises Kaufman, in collaboration with Techtonic Theatre Company.
- *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (director: Greg Brown – Sept. 2014)

Courses taught:

- Drawing for the Theatre. Fall, 2014
- History of Décor. Fall, 2014

Guest Designer & Master Class lecture (September, 2010)

- Guest scenic designer for *Urinetown*.
- Collaborated with and mentored students in design.
- Taught a Master Class on scenic design while in residence.

Faculty - (Replaced Ursula Belden, Head of Production Design & Technology, 2008)

Graduate Level Courses taught:

- Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Scenic Design
- Model Making
- Drafting for the Stage
- Scenic Painting for the Stage
- Advanced Scenery Techniques
- Practical Design Study

Undergraduate Level Courses taught:

- Advanced Scenic Design
- Model Making
- Drafting for Theatre
- Scenic Painting for the Stage
- Advanced Scenery Techniques
- Practical Design Study

Visiting Faculty, Guest Designer, and Guest Scenic Artist (Numerous Quarters, 1997-2010)

Courses taught:

- Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Graduate Scenic Design
- Advanced Undergraduate Scenic Design
- Graduate Level Drafting
- Undergraduate Level Drafting
- Scenic Painting for the Stage

Graduate Level Courses taught:

- Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Scenic Design
- Drafting for the Stage
- Scenic Painting for the Stage

Undergraduate Level Courses taught:

- Advanced Scenic Design
- Drafting for Theatre
- Scenic Painting for the Stage

University of Michigan

Department of Theater

Guest Scenic Designer & Lecturer

Lecture: “*The Art & Craft of Scenic Design*” . Fall 2015

Guest Scenic Designer for production of *American Idiot*, directed by Linda Goodrich. Fall 2015

Guest Scenic Designer for production of *Bat Boy*, directed by Linda Goodrich. Fall 2012

Lecture: “*My Life in Post-It Notes; How to Juggle 20 Shows a Year and Keep your Sanity*”. Spring 2012

Guest Scenic Designer for University Production of *Chicago*, directed by Linda Goodrich. Spring 2012

Stanford University

Department of Theater

Visiting Faculty & Guest Designer (1998)

Courses taught:

- Scenic Design
- Drafting & Model Making

United States Institute of Technical Theatre & American College Theatre Festival

Keynote Speaker & student design adjudicator (2010)

Keynote address “*My Life in Post-It Notes; How to Juggle 20 Shows a Year and Keep your Sanity*” for the Northwest Regional Conference in Reno 2010.

University of Hartford

The Hartt School

Guest Scenic Designer & Lecturer (1997- 2001)

- Designed several productions over 4 school years. Lectured to the School of Theatre regarding the design process for the current production. Mentored technical theatre students in scenic painting, scenic design, and properties.

Peninsula Youth Theatre

Designer & Scenic Artist / Artist in Residence (1997 - current)

- Trained and supervised volunteer parent crews in technical direction, scenic painting and props for the past 15 years for productions I have designed.
- Taught youth theatre classes in scenic painting and mask making in 2003 & 2004.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory School

Lecturer, Guest Scenic Designer & Scenic Artist (1996-2001)

- Designed several productions over 4 school years. Taught classes in technical theatre and design. Worked with and supervised student crews in scenic painting and props.

American Musical Theatre of San Jose

Taught Scenic Painting Master Class (1999)

- Taught a master class in scenic painting (offered to the public, 25 students) with Pete Kelley.

University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)

Guest Scenic Designer (1995)

- Guest scenic designer of *Cinderella*. Collaborated with and mentored students in design.

RELATED SKILLS

- technical drafting
- model construction
- sculpting (foam and wood)
- scenic painting and techniques
- color theory & color mixing
- welding & metalwork
- carpentry in hard and soft woods
- AutoCAD 2017
- Photoshop CS5
- Power Point
- furniture construction & restoration
- upholstery
- production management
- budget control
- shop management & safety
- crew supervision
- high organizational skills
- Union contracts & standards
- Architectural design
- mask making
- prosthetics
- foam construction & casting
- millenary work
- dyeing & fabric painting
- industrial sewing & soft goods
- silk screening
- armor construction
- fluent German
- Certified SSI diver
- Collaboration & Humor

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts	Production Design & Technology Ohio University, Department of Theatre, 1994
Bachelor of Science	Theatre Design & Technology Northern Arizona University, Department of Theatre, 1990

REFERENCES

(Contact information available upon request)

- Robert Kelley** Artistic Director and Founder
TheatreWorks, Palo Alto, California
- Michael Lincoln** Head of the School of Theatre
Professor of Lighting Design & USA Lighting Designer
Ohio University School of Theatre
- Michael Butler** Artistic Director
Center Repertory Theatre, Walnut Creek, California
- Philip Sneed** Executive Director
Arvada Center for the Arts & Humanities
Former Artistic Director, Colorado Shakespeare Festival
- Holly Cole** Professor of Design & USA Costume Designer
Ohio University School of Theatre
- Scott Whisler** Executive Director
Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts
- Daniel Denhart** Professor of Technical Theatre, Technical Director for School of Theater
Ohio University School of Theatre
USITT Chair of the Design Expo Committee
- Steve Mannshardt** USA Lighting Designer & former Production Manager
TheatreWorks, Palo Alto, California
- Alan Rust** Artistic Director of The Monomoy Theatre
Head of the Acting Program
The Hartt School, University of Hartford