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SCENIC DESIGNER

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DESIGN EXPERIENCE: * Denotes Scenic Charge

Director:

Company/Venue:

2025	<i>Dhaba on Devon</i>	Chat Yew	Writers Theatre - Glencoe, IL
2025	<i>The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i>	Stephen Schellhardt	Paramount Theatre at The Copley, IL
2025	<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	Kevin Long	Harper College Performing Arts Center
2025	<i>No Such Thing</i>	Malkia Stampley	Rivendell Theatre Ensemble - Chicago, IL
2025	<i>Art</i>	Marti Lyons	Remy Bumpo at Theatre Wit
2024	<i>Next to Normal</i>	Marc G. Beth	Elgin Community College, IL
2025	<i>A Lie of the Mind</i>	Azar Kazemi	Raven Theatre- Chicago
2024	<i>The Odd Couple</i>	Brian Gill	Harper College Performing Arts Center
2024	<i>Happy Days are Here Again</i>	Azar Kazemi	Steep Theatre at 1700 Steppenwolf
2024	<i>This One Will Grow*</i>	Cheryl Snodgrass	Glass Apple Theatre at The Raven - Chicago, IL
2024	<i>Rent</i>	Andrew Bero	Elgin Community College, IL
2024	<i>Cinderella</i>	Johanna Miller	Metropolis Performing Arts, IL
2024	<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus</i>	Lorenzo Rush Jr.	Marriott Theatre for Young Audiences, IL
2024	<i>Hot Wing King</i>	Lili-Anne Brown	Writers Theatre - Glencoe, IL
2024	<i>The Prodigal Daughter</i>	Jerrell Henderson	Raven Theatre- Chicago
2024	<i>Flood</i>	Kenny Prestinizi	Shattered Globe at Theatre Wit
2024	<i>Mothers</i>	Halena Kays	The Gift Theatre at Filament
2024	<i>Crimes of the Heart</i>	Kevin Long	Harper College Performing Arts Center
2024	<i>A Home What Howls</i>	Laura Alcala Baker	Steppenwolf (Theatre for Young Adults)
2023	<i>The Wolves</i>	Ericka Ratcliff	The University of Chicago
2023	<i>Bernarda!</i>	Wendy Mateo	Teatro Vista at 1700 Steppenwolf
2023	<i>Heroes of the Fourth Turning*</i>	Joan Sergay	Northwestern University
2023	<i>Blues for An Alabama Sky</i>	Mikael Burke	Remy Bumpo at Theatre Wit
2023	<i>Kinky Boots</i>	Connor Giles	Highland Park Players at Loyola Academy, IL
2023	<i>Motherhouse (EquityJeff-nom for Best Prod-play)</i>	Azar Kazemi	Rivendell Theatre Ensemble - Chicago, IL
2023	<i>Lettie</i>	Kevin Long	Harper College Performing Arts Center
2023	<i>Anna in the Tropics (Equity Jeff Nom- Best Set)</i>	Laura Alcala Baker	Remy Bumpo at Theatre Wit- Chicago, IL
2022	<i>Cinderella</i>	Desdemona Chiang	Village Theatre - Issaquah (Seattle), WA
2022	<i>Dracula</i>	Brian McKnight	Glass Apple Theatre at The Raven - Chicago, IL
2022	<i>School of Rock</i>	Connor Giles	Highland Park Players - Northbrook, IL
2022	<i>Sound of Music</i>	Travis Neese	Big Noise Theatre - Des Plaines, IL
2022	<i>Botticelli in the Fire</i>	Bo Frazier	First Floor Theatre at The Den - Chicago, IL
2022	<i>Tiger Style</i>	Brain Balcom	Writers Theater - Glencoe, IL
2022	<i>Rose</i>	Elizabeth Margolius	Renaissance Theaterworks - Milwaukee, WI
2022	<i>The Addams Family</i>	Mitzi Smith	North Central College - Naperville, IL
2022	<i>Falstaff</i>	Harry Silverstein	The Music School at DePaul University- Chicago, IL
2022	<i>The Drag Seed</i>	Cheryl Snodgrass	Hell in a Handbag Productions - Chicago, IL
2022	<i>Into The Woods</i>	Brent Walker	Big Noise Theatre - Des Plaines, IL
2022	<i>Gloria</i>	Tyrone Phillips	University of Illinois- Chicago
2022	<i>In Every Generation</i>	Devon deMayo	Victory Gardens - Chicago, IL
2022	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i>	Kevin Long	Harper College Performing Arts Center
2021	<i>Knuffle Bunny (remounted)*</i>	Randy White	Young People's Theatre - Chicago, IL
2021	<i>Lighthouses in the Desert *</i>	Cheryl Snodgrass	Glass Apple Theatre at The Raven - Chicago, IL

2021	<i>The Music Man Jr .</i>	David Zizic	Northbrook Theatre
2021	<i>Talley's Folly</i>		Oil Lamp Theatre - Chicago, IL
2021	<i>Shipwrecked</i>	Corey Bradberry	Oil Lamp Theatre - Chicago, IL
2021	<i>Too Heavy for Your Pocket*</i>	Kevin Long	Harper College Performing Arts Center
2020	<i>The Tomorrow Show</i>	Chris Anthony	The Theatre School - DePaul University - Chicago, IL
2020	<i>Dirty Rotten Scoundrels</i>	Lauren Rawitz	Metropolis Performing Arts Center- Palatine, IL
2020	<i>Beat Bugs</i>	Roseanne Sheridan	The Children's Theatre of Madison - Wisconsin
2020	<i>Shakespeare In Love *</i>	Kevin Long	Harper College Performing Arts Center
2020	<i>The Pillowman *</i>	Laura A. Baker	The Gift Theatre
2020	<i>Knuffle Bunny*</i>	Randy White	Northbrook Theatre- Theatre for Young Audiences
2019	<i>Always ... Patsy Cline</i>	Brigitte Ditmars	Firebrand Theatre at The Den Theatre
2019	<i>American Idiot *</i>	Laura Pullio	Harper College Performing Arts Center
2019	<i>P.Y.G. or The MisEdumacation of Dorian Belle*</i>	Lilli-Anne Brown	Jackalope Theatre - Chicago, IL
2019	<i>The Cat in the Hat *</i>	Leda Hoffmann	Northbrook Theatre for Young Audiences
2019	<i>Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile</i>	Amanda Link	Lifeline Theatre - Chicago, IL
2019	<i>Big Fish *</i> (Non-Eq Jeff-nom for Best Prod-musical)	Stephen Schellhardt	BoHo Theatre at The Greenhouse
2019	<i>Mamma Mia! *</i>	Courtney Crouse	Highland Park Players - Northbrook, IL
2019	<i>Queen of the Mist</i>	Elizabeth Margolius	Firebrand Theatre at The Den's Bookspan
2019	<i>Bright Star (Non-Eq Jeff-nom for Best Prod- musical)</i>	Ericka Mak	BoHo Theatre at The Greenhouse
2019	<i>Pinkalicious!*</i>	Jess Fiene	Northbrook Theatre – Theatre for Young Audiences
2018	<i>A Scientific Method</i>	Devon de Mayo	Rivendell Theatre Ensemble- Chicago, IL
2018	<i>Ghosts</i>	Erin Murray	Redtwist Theatre - Chicago, IL
2018	<i>Caroline or Change</i> (Equity Jeff Award for Best Production- musical midsize)	Lili-Anne Brown	Firebrand Theatre at The Den - Chicago, IL
2018	<i>Follies*</i>	Kevin Long	Harper College Performing Arts Center
2018	<i>You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*</i>	Stephen Schellhardt	imagineU – Northwestern University
2018	<i>Yo, Vikings! The Musical*</i>	Lydia Schmidt	Northbrook Theatre – Children's Company
2018	<i>Surely, Goodness, and Mercy</i>	Wardell Julius Clark	Redtwist Theatre
2017	<i>Elephant and Piggie's: We are in a Play! *</i>		Northbrook Theatre -Theatre for Young Audiences
2017	<i>The Pajama Game*</i>	Dominic Missimi	Highland Park Players at Northbrook Theatre
2017	<i>Stick Fly</i>	Ilesa Duncan	Northwestern University Louis Theatre
2016	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	Michael Cotey	Northwestern University Louis Theatre
2016	<i>Everything Will Be Different*</i>	Susan Bowen	Northwestern University Wallis Theatre
2015	<i>As You Like It</i>	Risher Reddick	Northwestern University Barber Theatre
2014	<i>Death Defying Acts*</i>	Josh Hurley	Saint Sebastian Players
2014	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream*</i>	Holly Robison	Strangeloop Theatre, at The Side Project
2014	<i>I Ought to Be in Pictures*</i>	Robert Costanzo	Emergent Theatre at JCC Chicago
2013	<i>Bo Thomas and the Case of the Sky Pirates*</i>	Leigh Barrett	Babes With Blades at The Raven
2013	<i>Coyote on a Fence*</i>	Mikey Laird	Emergent Theatre at The Den
2013	<i>Matryoshka*</i>	Jack Carpenter	The Plagiarists at Red Tape
2013	<i>Lefties*</i>	Jamie Prael	Saint Sebastian Players
2012	<i>Desperate Affection*</i>	Fred Wellisch	Emergent Theatre at The Athenaeum
2011	<i>Only Kidding</i>	Frank Nall	Emergent Theatre at Chicago Center Perform. Arts
2008	<i>A Streetcar Named Desire*</i>	Damon Kiely	The Theatre School- Merle Reskin Theatre
2008	<i>The Burial at Thebes*</i>	Barry Brunetti	The Theatre School- Merle Reskin Theatre
2006	<i>Good Worker*</i>	Carlos Murillo	The Theatre School- Athenaeum Studio 3

ASSOCIATE DESIGN:

2025	Translations	Des: Andrew Boyce	Writers Theatre, IL
2025	Catch Me If You Can	Des: Andrew Boyce	Marriott Theatre, IL
2024	Faust	Des: Cameron Anderson	Academy of Vocal Arts, Philadelphia
2024	Leonora	Des: Cameron Anderson	Chicago Opera Theatre
2024	The Falsettos	Des: Arnel Sancianco	Court Theatre, Chicago
2024.	Les Mamelles de Tiresias + The Seven Deadly Sins	Des: Cameron Anderson	Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia
2024	Ain't Misbehaving'	Des: Andrew Boyce	Drury Lane Theatre, IL
2023	Mesmerized	Des: Collette Pollard	Chicago Children's Theatre
2023	Beautiful	Des: Andrew Boyce	Marriott Theatre, IL
2023	A Chorus Line	Des: Andrew Boyce	Drury Lane Theatre, IL
2023	Layalina	Des: Andrew Boyce	Goodman Theatre, Chicago

ASSISTANT DESIGN CREDITS:

ANDREW BOYCE : 2016- present

You Will Get Sick (Steppenwolf), **The Audience** (Drury Lane) **POTUS** (Berkeley Rep), **Choice** (McCarter Theatre), **The Barber of Seville** (St. Louis Opera Theatre), **Wife of a Salesman** (Milwaukee Rep), **Bad Sisters** (Steppenwolf), **Murder on the Orient Express** (Drury Lane), **Lady from the Sea** (Court Theatre), **The Flick; Crumbs From the Table of Joy; Black Snow** (Julliard), **Susannah** (OTSL), **Dana H** (Goodman), **Sweat** (American Conservatory Theatre), **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 : 2017-2023

Gypsy (Marriott), **Big Fish** (Marriott), **Sound of Music** (Marriott), **Big Fish** (Marriott), **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)

JOHN CULBERT:

Berlin (Court), **Heart Sellers** (Northlight), **Marie and Rosetta** (Northlight + Milwaukee Rep); **The Gospel at Colonus** (Court), **Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead** (Court), **Antigone** (Court)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2021/2022- current	Adjunct Professor - DePaul University - Undergraduate Level Hand Drafting for the Theatre, Intro to AutoCAD, Digital Rendering for Designers
Fall 2024	Adjunct Instructor - Northwestern University - Graduate Level - Photoshop for Designers (Adaptation) co w/ Linda Roethke
Spring 2024	Adjunct Instructor - Northwestern University - Graduate Level - Drawing for the Theatre: Hand Drafting
Fall 2022	Adjunct Instructor - University of Florida Gainesville— Undergraduate - Drafting and Drafting for the Theatre
Winter/Spring 2020	Visiting Lecturer – University of Illinois- Chicago - Undergraduate - Intro to Scenography
Winter/Spring 2019	Visiting Lecturer – University of Illinois- Undergraduate - Intro to Scenography, Design Drawing for Theatre
Winter 2018	Adjunct Instructor – Northwestern University - Undergraduate - Introduction to Scenic Design
Summer 2017, 2018	Design Instructor/Student Mentor – Northwestern - National High School Institute's Theatre Program (Cherubs)
Winter 2017	Graduate Instructor – Northwestern University - Undergraduate - Introduction to Scenic Design
Fall 2015	Graduate Teaching Assistant – Northwestern University- Undergraduate – Introduction to Scenic Design

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

12/2024 - present	Three Embers Restaurant Display Concept Designer Marriott Lincolnshire Resort, IL	
01/2022 – present	Freelance 3-D Digital Model/Rendering Artist CasaBoyce Design Studio (Lela Rose Fashion- Summer 2023), Angie Weber Miller, Collette Pollard	
06/2017 – present	Freelance Model Maker (Sarah Watkins, Angie Weber Miller, Courtney O'Neill, Scott Davis, Linda Buchanan, Arnel Sancianco)	
02/2014 – 03/2019	Graphic Designer	Babes With Blades Theatre Company
July 2017, 2018, 2019	Scenic Designer for Main-Stage Productions – 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>	National High School Institute- NU
09/2014 – 06/2016	Graduate Assistant: Scenic, Paint, & Prop Shop	Northwestern University
06/2012 – 06/2014	Graphic Designer	Saint Sebastian Players
03/2011 – 06/2014	Production Manager/Graphic Designer	Emergent Theatre Company
09/2006 – 01/2018	Freelance Scenic Artist -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	Projections Designer - Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre - Vittum Theatre, Dusable Museum, Athenaeum Theatre, Harris Theatre, Ruth Page Dance Center	

RECOGNITIONS / EXHIBITS :

2024	Joseph Jeff Awards - Nomination for Best Scenic Design for Large Equity Theatre - <i>Hot Wing King</i> (Writers)
2024	Joseph Jeff Awards - Nomination for Best Scenic Design for Midsize Equity Theatre - <i>Blues for An Alabama Sky</i> (Remy Bumpo)
2024	Michael Merritt Awards - Winner- The Michael Maggio Emerging Designer Award
2023	Joseph Jeff Awards - Nomination for Best Scenic Design for Midsize Equity Theatre - <i>Anna in the Tropics</i> (Remy Bumpo)
2022.	Lou Awards (Theatre in Northern Illinois) - Winner - Best Scenic Design - Into the Woods (Big Noise Theatre)
2017	USITT Young Designers' Forum , St. Louis – Invited Presenter- Student Showcase
2017	Showcase East- New York City – Design Student Participant
2009, 2017	Michael Merritt Awards , Chicago – Design Student Participant

PUBLICATIONS:

Summer 2017 **Northwestern Dialogue Magazine** - Cover Art and Interview (Digital Design Technology)

SKILLS:

Microsoft Office (45 WPM); AutoCAD; Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Lightroom; Google SketchUp; Twinmotion/ Unreal Engine 5; 1:48 and 1:24 model building, 3D printing, 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**
- ◆ **BFA – Scenic Design- Magna Cum Laude - The Theatre School at DePaul University (TTS)**
(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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