

RESUMÉ

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Design for Theatre, Opera and Film
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PRODUCTION DESIGNER

Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit, MI

The Medium, Carmina Burana

Blackbird Theatre, Ann Arbor, MI

Midsummer Night's Dream, the Tempest

Performance Network, Ann Arbor, MI

Sins of Sor Juana, She Loves Me, A Doll's House, Amadeus, Dirty Blonde, Baker's Wife, Souvenir, Entrances and Exits, The Little Dog Laughed, Nine Parts of Desire, Geoffrey & Jeffrey, Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead, Fences, Christmas Carol'd, Little Shop of Horrors, Woman Before A Glass, Marie Antoinette Color of Flesh, The Piano Lesson, Red

Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Serious Moonlight Fundraising Event

Cherry Hill Theatre, Canton, MI

Mrs. Shakespeare

Tree Top Theatre Co, Ann Arbor, MI

Whistler

Shakesperience Co., Hamtramck, MI

The Tempest, Comedy of Errors

Appletree Theatre Co., Highland Park, IL

Ain't Misbehavin'

Swollen Arts Productions, Detroit, MI

Virginia

Waterworks Theatre Co., Royal Oak, MI

Two Gentlemen of Verona

SCENIC DESIGNER AND SCENIC ARTIST

Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit, MI

The Maker of Illusions, The Very Last Green Thing, HMS Pinafore

Meadowbrook Theatre, Rochester, MI

Mindgame

Tipping Point Theatre, Northville MI

I love you—You're Perfect--Now Change, Proof, The Importance Of Being Earnest

St Dunstan's Theatre – Bloomfield Hills, MI

The Producers, She Loves Me

Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI

Angels in America—Part 1

Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery, AL

Trojan Women

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SCENIC DESIGNER AND SCENIC ARTIST (continued)

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Maiden's Prayer, Fuddy Meers, Maggie Rose, Struggling Truths, Taking Leave, White Rose, Special Relativity, Elizabeth Rex, Spirit House, Necessary Targets, Man of La Mancha, Kimberly Akimbo, Humble Boy, Boston Marriage, Summer and Smoke, Three Penny Opera, Ice Glen, Life in the Theatre, I Am My Own Wife, Retreat from Moscow, Fantasticks!, Language Lessons, Candida, Clean House, Sonia Flew, Drowsy Chaperone

Off Broadway Theatre, Milwaukee, WI

Mrs. Shakespeare Dishes the Dirt

Boarshead Theatre, Lansing, MI

Dance Like No One's Watching, King o' the Moon, Moonglow

Roeper Theatre Company, Birmingham, MI

Romeo & Juliet

Croswell Opera House, Adrian, MI

Beauty and the Beast

Jewish Ensemble Theatre, West Bloomfield, MI

Falsettos, Shiva Queen, Anne Frank and Me, Cemetery Club, Never the Sinner, The Immigrant, The Day We Met, Prisoner of Second Ave., Broken Glass, Twilight of the Golds, Conversations With My Father, Another Antigone, Horowitz & Mrs. Washington, Romeo & Juliet, Talley's Folly, Laramie Project, Tommy J & Sally, Visiting Mr. Green, Denial, The Chosen, Dirty Story, Nobody's Gilgul, Boy Gets Girl, I'm Not Rappaport, Door to Door, 74 Georgia Ave, Last Yankee, Fiddler on the Roof, Dybbuk for Two People, The Blank Page, The Big Bang, The Tale of the Allergist's Wife, God of Carnage

Detroit Repertory Company, Detroit, MI

Daytrips

Circa 21 Theatre, Rock Island, IL

Phantom of the Opera

Appletree Theatre, Highland Park, IL

The Swan

Hilberry Repertory Company, Detroit, MI

Noises Off, Arms and the Man, On the Razzle, Alice in Wonderland, Chicago, Sea Horse, Speed the Plow, Find Me, Normal Heart, Woman in Black, Cocktail Hour

COSTUME DESIGNER

Performance Network, Ann Arbor, MI

A Picasso, The Blonde, The Brunette and the Vengeful Redhead

SCENIC ARTIST

International Auto Show, Detroit MI – Ford Reveal Show Floor

Lifetime Movies, Detroit MI – Something in the Dark

International Auto Show, Detroit MI - Jeep Exhibit

Grace and Wild, Farmington Hills, MI - Volkswagen Commercial Backdrop

SAE Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI - Stage Backdrop

Grand Rapids Ballet - Grand Rapids, MI - Backdrop for Nutcracker

Meadowbrook Theatre, Pontiac, MI - Piano Lesson, Shadowlands, Corpse!

Hilberry Repertory Co., Detroit, MI - Les Liasons Dangereuses

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PROPERTY DESIGNER

Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit, MI

Resident Designer/Property Master, 1998--Present

Manon Lescaut, The Elixir of Love, Porgy and Bess, Turandot, Lucia di Lammermoor, Madame Butterfly, Eugene Onegin, Samson and Delilah, Tosca, Barber of Seville, Peter Grimes, Der Rosencavalier, Cosi Fan Tutte, La Boheme, Falstaff, Tales of Hoffmann, Otello, Lakmé, La Traviata, Don Pasquale, Il Trovatore, Don Giovanni, Die Fledermaus, Dead Man Walking, Masked Ball, Werther, Carmen, Anoush, Madame Butterfly, Magic Flute, Pirates of Penzance, Pearl Fishers, Rigoletto, Faust, Daughter of the Regiment, Margaret Garner, Norma, La Boheme, Aida, Cenerentola, Salome, Porgy and Bess, Barber of Seville, Romeo and Juliet, Cyrano, Marriage of Figaro, La Sonambula, La Rondine, La Traviata, Madame Butterfly, Nabucco, A Little Night Music, Mikado

Hilberry Repertory Co., Detroit, MI

Winter's Tale, She Stoops to Conquer, Three Penny Opera, Cocktail Hour

Jewish Ensemble Theatre, West Bloomfield, MI

Resident Alien, Falsettos, Shiva Queen, Anne Frank and Me, Never the Sinner

FILM/COMMERCIALS – SET DECORATOR/ART DIRECTOR

For Rysher Entertainment - Judicial Consent (for HBO)

For Scott Shuptrine - Go West, Accessory Sale

For Big City Films - The Music Challenge

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR DESIGNER

Banister Shoe Co., Philadelphia, PA

Lenscrafters, Cincinnati, OH

Hot Dawg & More, Farmington, MI

Posner Gallery, Southfield, MI

EJ Plumb Socks, Cincinnati, OH

Joshowitz Residence, Orchard Lake, MI

Detroit Race Track, Livonia, MI

Wayne Shopping Center Renovation, Westland, MI

Great Expectations Hair Salon, Long Island, NY

Farmington Hills City Offices, Farmington Hills, MI

E. Mueller Residence, Hartland, MI

Jennifer Foss Salon, Canton, MI

D. Mueller Residence, Northville, MI

Basile Residence, Grosse Pte., MI

Bloomfield Residence, Grosse Pte., MI

A. Mueller Residence, Ann Arbor, MI

Davison/Marsalese Summer Home, Saugatuck, MI

Interpretive Classrooms, Detroit Zoological Society, Royal Oak, MI

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AWARDS

Best Scenic Design (Proof) 2011 nominated – roquecritic.com
Best Scenic Design (Piano Lesson) 2011 – Subscribers' Choice Award
Best Property Design (The Drowsy Chaperone) 2011 nominated – Wilde Awards
Best Scenic Design (Little Shop of Horrors) 2010 nominated – Wilde Awards
Best Property Design (Big Bang) 2010 nominated – Wilde Awards
Best Set Design (Little Shop of Horrors) 2010 – Subscribers Choice Award
Best Costume Design (Little Shop of Horrors) 2010 – Subscribers Choice Award
Best Scenic Design (Fences) 2009 Ann Arbor News
Best Scenic Design (Midsummer Night's Dream) 2009 Ann Arbor News
Best Design (Fences) 2009 nominated – Wilde Awards
Best Scenic Design (Fences) 2009 – Subscribers' Choice Award
Best Costume Design (Rosencrantz and Guildenstern) 2009 – Subscribers' Choice Award
Best Design (Baker's Wife) 2008 "Wilde" Award – Between the Lines
Best Scenic Design (Baker's Wife) 2008 – Subscribers' Choice Award
Best Costume Design (Baker's Wife) 2008 – Subscribers' Choice Award
Best Design (Candida) 2007 nominated – Wilde Awards
Best Scenic Design (Language Lessons) 2007– Subscribers' Choice Award
Best Costume Design (Amadeus) 2007 – Subscribers' Choice Award
Best Design (Summer and Smoke) 2005 - Ann Arbor News
Best Design (Humble Boy) 2005 "Opie" award - Oakland Press
Best Design (Last Yankee) 2005 "Wilde" award - Between the Lines
Best Design (Humble Boy) 2005 nominated - Detroit Free Press
Best Scenic Design (Humble Boy) 2005- Subscribers' Choice Award
Best Design (Kimberly Akimbo) 2004 nominated - Oakland Press
The Detroit Free Press "Lawrence Devine Award" for
Outstanding Contribution to the Theatre - 2003
Best Design (Visiting Mr. Green & Denial) 2003 nominated - Detroit Free Press
Best Design (Necessary Targets) 2003 nominated - Oakland Press
Best Design (Elizabeth Rex) 2002 nominated - Detroit Free Press
Best Scenic Design (Elizabeth Rex) 2002- Subscribers' Choice Award
Best Design (Romeo & Juliet) 2002 nominated - Oakland Press
Best Design (Twilight Of The Golds) 2001 nominated - Oakland Press
Best Design (Broken Glass) 2000 "Opie" award - Oakland Press
Best Design (Never the Sinner) 1999 "Opie" award - Oakland Press
Best Design (Noises Off) 1991 nominated - The Detroit News
Hilberry Fellowship Grant (WSU)- 89-92
Best of School and State- American Society of Interior Designers project competitions

AFFILIATIONS

United Scenic Artists Local 829 - Scenic Designer and Scenic Artist

EDUCATION

MFA in Scenography, Summa Cum Laude - Hilberry Repertory Co./Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

BA in Interior Design, Magna Cum Laude - Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Design Program in Environmental and Interior Architecture - Parson's School of Design, New York, NY