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COSTUME DESIGN / TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCE

A Christmas Carol	Co-Costume Designer	A Place To Be/Dir. Kyle Boardman
The Metromaniacs	Costume Designer	St. Marks Players/Dir. Ward Kay
WANNABE	Costume Designer	DC Fringe Festival/Dir. Reginald Richard
In On It	Costume Designer	HEDG Productions/Dir. Sydney Thier
To Tea Or Not To Tea	Costume Designer	HEDG Productions/Dir. Sydney Thier
New Voices in Dance	Costume Designer	James Madison University/Choreo. EmM & Aliza Matthews
Firebringer	Co-Costume Designer	James Madison University/Dir. Ava Molzen & Rachel Fini
The Feast	Asst. Costume Designer	James Madison University/Dir. Andrew Wantula
Legally Blonde	Co-Costume Designer	Running Dog Productions/Dir. Elena Hochkeppel
Radium Girls	Co-Costume Designer	Running Dog Productions/Dir. Elena Hochkeppel
The Addams Family	Co-Costume Designer	Running Dog Productions/Dir. Elena Hochkeppel
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Co-Costume Designer	Running Dog Productions/Dir. Paisley LoBue

Costume Technician: *A Christmas Carol, The Metromaniacs, WANNABE, In On It, To Tea Or Not To Tea, New Voices in Dance, The Humans, R.U.R., Chicago, Rent, Firebringer, A Midsummer Night's Dream (x2), Once, Head Over Heels, Isle of Noises, Sideshow, Legally Blonde, Radium Girls, The Addams Family, Hamlet, Pippin, It's A Wonderful Life*

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Production Assistant/Costume Designer (Feb 2025-Dec 2025)

A Place To Be, Leesburg VA

- Designed original costumes that enhanced storytelling while meeting the practical needs of performers with autism, down syndrome, and varying other disabilities.
- Led rehearsal activities and provided one-on-one support to help performers build confidence and prepare for performances.

Costume Shop Employee/Stock Liaison (Jan 2022-May 2023)

James Madison University Costume Shop, Harrisonburg VA

- Constructed, repaired, and pressed garments using industrial sewing equipment while supervising student peers.
- Managed, restocked, and organized costume inventory to keep the shop running efficiently.

Teacher, FACS & Cybersecurity (July 2024-June 2026)

Loudoun County Public Schools, Ashburn VA

- Developed and taught engaging Culinary Arts and Cybersecurity lessons through hands-on labs and project based instruction.
- Differentiated instruction for 300+ students with varying levels of ability and disability, creating an inclusive classroom environment.
- Built strong relationships with students, families, and colleagues to ensure a collaborative and supportive learning environment.

AWARDS

WINNER Best Costume Design in a Play
The Metromaniacs, 2025 DC WATCH Awards

WINNER Audience Award Best in Fest
WANNABE, 2024 DC Fringe Festival

EDUCATION

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA - Theatre, B.A., Teaching Artistry Concentration, 2023 Grad

SKILLS

- Industrial & commercial sewing machine/serger
- Flat patterning
- Advanced organizational skills
- Attention to detail
- Flexibility & problem solving

PORTFOLIO

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