Emily Simpson

Theatrical Scenic Designer, Technical Director, & Props Artisan

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

BFA in Theatre Design & Technology - Penn State University | Schreyer Honors College Emphases in Technical Direction & Scenic Design · Minor in French and Francophone Studies

Employment

2023 **Props Apprentice** - the Glimmerglass Festival

Cooperstown, NY

Fabricated props for two new opera productions, and one new children's opera; plus worked on repairing and remaking props as needed for two additional remounted operas. Worked as part of a 9-person props team. Main skills used include softgoods work, welding, & crafts. Attended a variety of professional development workshops. Supervisor: Emily Tabler

2022 **Props Intern** - The REV Theatre Co Auburn, NY

Worked alongside the Props Supervisor and Props Artisan to build & source props for 3 musicals & some touring children's productions. Assisted in props load-ins and notes. Primarily carpentry, softgoods, fake food, and craftswork. Supervisor: Marshall Pope

2021-Present **Stage Hand** - Center for the Performing Arts at Eisenhower Auditorium State College, PA Worked load-in & load-out calls for a variety of touring productions, including national tours of 'Waitress', 'Hairspray', 'Stomp', etc. Assisted in show and prep calls for shows put on by the PSU School of Theatre and other university events hosted by the venue. Supervisor: Rick MacZura

2021-Present Stage Hand - Bryce Jordan Center

State College, PA

Load-ins & outs for various tours, including Carrie Underwood, AEW, Kenny Chesney, etc; as well as worked for various PSU campus events hosted by the stadium, including career days, THON, and the Captial Campaign. Supervisor: Chad Swires

Productions

Year	Position	Show	Director
Glimmerglass Festival (Cooperstown, NY)			
2023	Props Apprentice	Candide	Eric Sean Fogel
2023	Props Apprentice	La Bohème	E. Loren Meeker
2023	Props Apprentice	Rinaldo	Louisa Proske
2023	Props Apprentice	Romeo et Juliette	Simon Godwin
2023	Props Apprentice	The Rip Van Winkles	Brenna Corner
The REV Theatre Co (Auburn, NY)			
2022	Props Intern	Catch Me If You Can	Brett Smock
2022	Props Intern	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	Brett Smock
2022	Props Intern	State Fair	Brett Smock
Penn State University Centre Stage (State College, PA)			
2024	Technical Director	Urinetown	David Kersner
2023	Props Manager	Natasha, Pierre, & the	
		Great Comet of 1812	Christine O'Grady Roberts
2023	Technical Director	Emilia	Jenny Lamb
2023	ATD	Into the Woods	Rick Lombardo
2022	Scenic Designer	RENT	Christine O'Grady Roberts
2022	Props Artisan	Cabaret	Chaz Wolcott
2022	Lead Carpenter, Props Artisan	Brigadoon	Jennifer Delac
2022	Props Manager	Nostalgia Night	John Simpkins
2021	Deck Crew/Props Runner	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Sam Osheroff
2021	Props Artisan, Carpenter	The Wild Party	Allison Moroony
2021	Assistant Props Manager	The Curious Incident of the	
		Dog in the Night-time	Rick Lombardo
Penn State University Student Project Pieces (State College, PA)			

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2023 **Props & Scenic Designer** *Ordinary Days* Zack Steele

2022 **Props Manager** Bone Play Malcolm MacKenzie

Awards - Penn State University

Oliver Smith Award for Excellence in Design & Production

honors and recognizes students who demonstrate excellence in design, technology, & craftsmanship

2023 Recipient for Scenic Design

2022 Recipient Scenic Crafts

Skills

Scenic Carpentry
MIG Welding
Fly rail operations
Hand & power tool operation
ShopBot CNC Operation
Basic Stage Rigging

Upholstery Hand & Machine Sewing Scenic Painting Molding & Casting Scenic Model Making Props Craftsmanship AutoCAD Vectorworks Adobe Photoshop Adobe Illustrator VCarve Microsoft Suite Google Suite Skylift operation
JLG operation
CPR certified
First Aid certified
Intermediate French
Virginia Drivers License

References

Available upon request