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theatre - new york *(selected scenic design credits)*

-Resident Scenic Designer, **Personal Space Theatrics** [PST] *(environmental theatre, various venues, NYC)* **2003-2013**
-Resident Scenic Designer, **The Hewitt School** *(educational theatre @ Hewitt Performing Arts Center, NYC)* **2004-07**
-Resident Scenic Designer, **International WOW Company** [WOW] *(experimental/political theatre, various venues, NYC)* **2001-05**

Jack Was Kind <i>(in-person premiere)</i>	dir: Nicholas Cotz	Irish Repertory Theatre (NYC)	2022
Alternating Currents <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Kareem Fahmy	Urban Stages & 5-borough tour (NYC)	2018
The Mecca Tales	dir: Kareem Fahmy	The Sheen Center (NYC)	2017
This Time <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Kareem Fahmy	The Sheen Center (NYC)	2016
Couriers & Contrabands <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Kareem Fahmy	TBG Theatre (NYC)	2015
rogerandtom	dir: Nicholas Cotz	PST @ HERE Arts Center (NYC)	2013
The Kid Who Would Be Pope	dir: Gabriel Barre	NYMF @ Theatre at St. Clement's (NYC)	2011
A Field of Glory <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Lynn Taylor-Corbett	Theatre 54 (NYC)	2010
Safari Party	dir: Nicholas Cotz	PST @ Algonquin Theatre (NYC)	2008
The Boy Friend	dir: Kirsten Lind	Hewitt School P.A.C. (NYC)	2007
BecauseHeCan	dir: Nicholas Cotz	PST @ Greenwich Street Theatre (NYC)	2006
Alice in Wonderland	dir: Daniel Denver	Hewitt School P.A.C. (NYC)	2006
...And Then There Were None	dir: Daniel Denver	Hewitt School P.A.C. (NYC)	2006
Captain Gravy's Wavy Navy <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Elizabeth Lucas	NYMF @ 45th Street Theatre (NYC)	2006
Don Juan in Chicago	dir: Steve Wargo	PST @ Theatre 54 (NYC)	2005
Murder <i>(NY premiere)</i>	dir: Nicholas Cotz	PST @ P.S. 122 (NYC)	2005
The Trojan Women: A Love Story	dir: Josh Fox	Frances Ann Cannon Workshop Theatre (NYC)	2005
A Christmas Carol	dir: Steve Wargo	PST @ TBG (Barrow Group) Theatre (NYC)	2005
Limitless Joy <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Josh Fox	WOW @ Flamboyant Theatre (NYC)	2005
The Tempest	dir: Daniel Denver	Hewitt School P.A.C. (NYC)	2005
Peter Pan	dir: Daniel Denver	Hewitt School P.A.C. (NYC)	2005
The Expense of Spirit <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Josh Fox	WOW @ Ohio Theatre (NYC)	2004
The Loneliness of Noam Chomsky	dir: Noël Salzman	Chashama / HERE (NYC)	2004
The Happy Prince <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Shawn Churchman	NYMF @ Samuel Beckett Theatre (NYC)	2004
Orchidelirium <i>(U.S. premiere)</i>	dir: Steve Wargo	PST @ Theatre 54 (NYC)	2004
Nicotine <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Nicholas Cotz	PST @ Theatre 54 (NYC)	2004
The Fantasticks	dir: Alexia White	Hewitt School P.A.C. (NYC)	2004
Moonbirds <i>(NY premiere)</i>	dir: Nicholas Cotz	PST @ Theatre 54 (NYC)	2003
The Closet Chronicles <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Ben Hodges	Ground Floor Theater (NYC)	2003
Box <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Robert Saietta	The Brick (NYC)	2003
On The Verge	dir: James Alexander Bond	Sande Shurin Theater (NYC)	2003
Orphan on God's Highway <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Josh Fox	WOW @ LaMaMa E.T.C. (NYC)	2001
The Bomb <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Josh Fox	WOW @ Flamboyant Theatre (NYC)	2001
Soon My Work <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Josh Fox	WOW @ Milagro Theatre (NYC)	2000
HyperReal America <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Josh Fox	WOW @ La Tea Theatre (NYC)	2000
One Hit Wonder <i>(world premiere)</i>	dir: Shawn Churchman	Altered Stages (NYC)	2000
Waiting For Godot	dir: Padraic Lillis	Gallery Players (NYC)	1997
Some Things You Need to Know...	dir: David Denson	Greenwich Street Theatre (NYC)	1996
Bloody Poetry	dir: Melissa Kievmann	Westbeth Theatre Center (NYC)	1993
Measure For Measure	dir: Melanie Cavin	NYU Shop Theatre (NYC)	1993
Mrs. Dalloway and the Aeroplane	dir: Raúl Esparza	NYU Shop Theatre (NYC)	1992
The First Warning/The Dumbwaiter	dir: Ed Elefterion	NYU Studio Theatre (NYC)	1991
Leonce & Lena / The Madman & the Nun	dir: Eric LaMarca	NYU Studio Theatre (NYC)	1991
The Maids	dir: Nedim Saban	NYU Studio Theatre (NYC)	1990

theatre - international

roger&tom	dir: Nicholas Cotz	Tallinna Linnateater (Tallinn, Estonia)	2014
Assassins	dir: Ray Rackham	Pleasance Theatre (London, UK)	2012

film

Production Designer	Pat Metheny: Orchestrion 3D	FogoLabs/Cinemusica	dir: Pierre Lamoureux	2012
Production Designer	Fade To White <i>(feature)</i>	Red Sand Media	dir: Elizabeth A. Lucas	2009

theatre - regional, touring & stock (selected scenic design credits)

Pulp Vérité (<i>"design dramaturg," Zoom lab</i>)	dir: Kareem Fahmy	Playwrights Center (Minneapolis, MN)	2021
A Christmas Carol (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Peter Hackett	Northern Stage (VT)	2014, 2016
The Mountaintop	dir: Nick Mangano	Capital Repertory Theatre (Albany, NY)	2014
The Sparkley Clean Funeral Singers <small>(world premiere - sets & projections)</small>	dir: Martha Banta	Capital Repertory Theatre (Albany, NY)	2013
Titanic (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Paula Hammons Sloan	<i>(centennial North American tour - 28 venues)</i>	2012
Next To Normal (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Mark Fleischer	Adirondack Theatre Festival (NY)	2012
Man of La Mancha (<i>starring John Davidson</i>)	dir: Andrew Glant-Linden	Ocean Theatre Company (NJ)	2012
Sweeney Todd	dir: Dominick Ruggiero	Gateway Playhouse (NY)	2011
Hairspray (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Paula Hammons Sloan	Eldorado Showroom (NV)	2011
Brush The Summer By (<i>world premiere</i>)	dir: Mark Fleischer	Adirondack Theatre Festival (NY)	2010
Mack and Mabel	dir: Eric Hafen	Surflight & Bickford Theatres (NJ) <i>(co-prod.)</i>	2010
Fame (<i>sets & video imaging</i>)	dir: Tony Mansker	Mystic Lake Showroom (Minneapolis, MN)	2010
Plaid Tidings	dir: Mark Martino	Gem Theatre (Detroit, MI)	2010
Miracle on 34th Street (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Paula Hammons Sloan	Tropicana Showroom (Atlantic City, NJ)	2009
Footloose	dir: Tony Mansker	Tropicana Showroom (Atlantic City, NJ)	2009
Battlecry (<i>world premiere</i>)	dir: Gabriel Barre	Reigle Auditorium (Gettysburg, PA)	2009
Ragtime (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Christine Kahler	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2009
Altar Boyz (<i>sets & video</i>)	dir: Stafford Arima	Adirondack Theatre Festival (NY)	2008
Love Song (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Gabriel Barre	Adirondack Theatre Festival (NY)	2008
Ragtime	dir: Elizabeth A. Lucas	Cape Repertory Theatre (MA)	2008
The Leader of the Pack (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Mark Martino	Cape Playhouse (MA)	2008
Swing! (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Paula Hammons Sloan	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2008
The Shape of Things	dir: Doug Moser	Stamford Theatre Works (CT)	2008
Bee-Luther-Hatchee	dir: Pat Floyd	Stamford Theatre Works (CT)	2008
tick, tick... BOOM!	dir: Gabriel Barre	Adirondack Theatre Festival (NY)	2007
A Funny... Forum (<i>starring John Davidson</i>)	dir: Gabriel Barre	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2007
Nobody's Heart (<i>world premiere</i>)	dir: Shawn Churchman	Stamford Theatreworks (CT)	2007
A Wonderful Life (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Allison Bergman	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2007
Silver Dollar (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Christine Kahler	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2007
Little Shop of Horrors (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Bill Fabris	Stage One (Wichita, KS)	2007
Silver Dollar (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Christine Kahler	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2007
Thoroughly Modern Millie	dir: Mark Martino	Cape Playhouse (MA)	2007
The Trip to Bountiful (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Shawn Churchman	Stage One (KS)	2006
Miss Saigon (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Christine Kahler	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2006
The Lion In Winter	dir: James Alexander Bond	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2005
The Who's Tommy (<i>sets & projections</i>)	dir: Christine Kahler	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2005
Jekyll & Hyde	dir: Elizabeth A. Lucas	Theatre @ Trump Plaza (Atlantic City, NJ)	2004
Footloose	dir: Elizabeth A. Lucas	Theatre @ Trump Plaza (Atlantic City, NJ)	2004
The Happy Prince	dir: Shawn Churchman	NYMF/Samuel Beckett Theatre (NYC)	2004
The Loneliness of Noam Chomsky	dir: Noël Salzman	Chashama / HERE (NYC)	2004
The Fantasticks	dir: Shawn Churchman	Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre (PA)	2003
My Fair Lady	dir: Elizabeth Lucas	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2003
Crazy For You	dir: Steve McCoy	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2003
As You Like It	dir: James Alexander Bond	Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival (NJ)	2002
The Secret Garden	dir: James Alexander Bond	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2002
Jesus Christ Superstar	dir: David Swan	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2002
Angel Street	dir: Dan Knechtges	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2001
Blithe Spirit	dir: James Alexander Bond	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2001
A Wonderful Life (<i>sets & costumes</i>)	dir: Steve Steiner	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	2001
Dinner With Friends	dir: Ron Bashford	Hangar Theatre (NY)	2001
The Woman in Black	dir: Mark Ramont	Hangar Theatre (NY)	2000
Don't Dress For Dinner	dir: Ron Bashford	Hangar Theatre (NY)	2000
Dames At Sea	dir: Shawn Churchman	Hangar Theatre (NY)	2000
Greater Tuna	dir: Mark Ramont	Hangar Theatre (NY)	2000
Man of La Mancha	dir: Andrew Glant-Linden	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	1999
Singin' in the Rain	dir: Steve Steiner	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	1999
1776	dir: Peter Bennett	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	1999
Joseph... Dreamcoat	dir: Julie Lira	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	1999
The Foreigner	dir: Scott Schwartz	Surflight Theatre (NJ)	1999
The Fantasticks	dir: Shawn Churchman	Hangar Theatre (NY)	1999
Plain & Fancy	dir: Jerry O'Boyle	Joseph Stein Stage (IN)	1998
Carousel	dir: David Cleveland	New London Barn Playhouse (NH)	1998
The Music Man	dir: Abigail Bailey	New London Barn Playhouse (NH)	1998
Grease	dir: Shawn Churchman	New London Barn Playhouse (NH)	1998
The Baker's Wife (<i>sets & costumes</i>)	dir: Scott Schwartz	Joseph Stein Stage (IN)	1997
A Funny Thing ... Forum	dir: Scott Schwartz	New London Barn Playhouse (NH)	1997
Louisiana Purchase	dir: Scott Schwartz	New London Barn Playhouse (NH)	1997
Guys & Dolls	dir: Rick Kerby	New London Barn Playhouse (NH)	1997
La Cage aux Folles	dir: Paul Roberson	Forestburgh Playhouse (NY)	1996

ballet & opera

Carmen (ballet)	choreo: Phyllis Pappa	Atlantic Contemporary Ballet Theatre (NJ)	2013
Caught Up in the Swing (ballet)	choreo: Phyllis Pappa	Atlantic Contemporary Ballet Theatre (NJ)	2012
Oklahoma!	dir: Shawn Churchman	Augusta Opera (GA)	2001

other design, assistant design & related work *(selected credits)*

Assistant Scenic Designer	Crazy For You	Maltz Jupiter Theatre (FL)	des: Dan Kuchar	2011
Assistant Scenic Designer	Joseph ... Dreamcoat	Maltz Jupiter Theatre (FL)	des: Dan Kuchar	2010
Prop Artisan	Clear Blue Tuesday (feat. film)	Clear Blue Productions	dir: Elizabeth Lucas	2010
Assistant Scenic Designer	Hairspray	Cape Playhouse (MA)	des: Dan Kuchar	2010
Projection Designer	Beehive	Maltz Jupiter Theatre (FL)	dir: Mark Martino	2009
Projection Designer	Fanny Brice: The Real Funny Girl	Maltz Jupiter Theatre (FL)	dir: David Bell	2009
Photoshop Artist	Mary Poppins	New Amsterdam Theatre (NYC)	des: Bob Crowley	2006
Assistant Scenic Designer	Guys and Dolls	Cape Playhouse (MA)	des: Dan Kuchar	2006
Assistant Scenic Designer	No, No, Nanette!	Cape Playhouse (MA)	des: Dan Kuchar	2005
Assistant Scenic Designer	Picturesque	The Big Apple Circus	des: Dan Kuchar	2004
Assistant Scenic Designer	The Last 5 Years	Florida Stage	des: Dan Kuchar	2003
Décor Fabrication	Merce 50 Anniversary	Merce Cunningham Dancers	dir: Michael Schiralli	2003
Assistant Scenic Designer	Company	Florida Repertory Theatre	des: Dan Kuchar	2002
Assistant Scenic Designer	Thumbs	Helen Hayes Theatre (NY)	des: Dan Kuchar	2002
Layout & Cutter	<i>Cal-Tran Theatrical Drapery</i>	<i>(sewing division of Rosebrand)</i>	propr.: Susan Huck	2001-02
Asst. to the Costume Director	<i>(10 operas)</i>	Santa Fe Opera (NM)	costume dir: David Burke	1999-2000
Assistant Scenic Designer	The Lost Colony	Waterside Theatre (NC)	prod. des: William Ivey Long	1997
Costume Sketch Artist	King David	New Amsterdam Theatre (NYC)	cost. des: William Ivey Long	1997
Prop Master	<i>(5 mainstage shows)</i>	Forestburgh Playhouse (NY)	des: David Duwell	1997
Costume Designer	The Rose & Crown	Chelsea Playhouse (NYC)	dir: Clint Bond	1996
Costume Designer	Riders to the Sea	Chelsea Playhouse (NYC)	dir: Joan Matthiessen	1996
Costume Designer	Madame Bovary	Samuel Beckett Theatre (NYC)	dir: Ed Setrakian	1995
Costume Designer	Peak Sacred	2nd Ave. Dance Company (NYC)	choreo: Doug Varone	1995
Costume Designer	Chairs	2nd Ave. Dance Company (NYC)	choreo: Charlotte Boye-Christensen	1995
Scenic Design Intern	<i>(5 mainstage shows)</i>	Williamstown Theatre Festival (MA)	<i>(various designers)</i>	1990

scenic artist *(selected credits)*

Scenic Artist	Power Book 3: Raising Kanan	STARZ/Lionsgate	charge: Courtlan Green	2020-2023
Scenic Artist	Música	Amazon Studios	charge: Kaem Coughlin	2022
Scenic Artist	In The Heights	Warner Bros.	charge: Leslie Saulter	2019
Scenic Artist	Madam Secretary	CBS Television	charge: Kaem Coughlin	2014-2019
Scenic Artist	Mozart in the Jungle	Amazon Originals	charge: Emily Gaunt	2014
Scenic Artist	The Knick	HBO/Cinemax	charge: Pat Sprott	2013
Scenic Artist	Deception	NBC Television	charge: Joe Garzero	2012
Faux-Finisher	Blithe Spirit	Shubert Theatre (NYC)	des: Peter J. Davison	2009
Scenic Artist	This Beautiful City	Vineyard Theatre (NYC)	des: Neil Patel	2009
Scenic Charge Artist	God's Ear	Vineyard Theatre (NYC)	des: Kris Stone	2008
Scenic Charge Artist	Rafta, Rafta!	The New Group (NYC)	des: Derek McLane	2008
Scenic Charge Artist	Bully Pulpit	Beckett Theatre (NYC)	des: Charlie Corcoran	2008
Scenic Artist	Essential Self-Defense	Playwrights Horizons (NYC)	des: David Korins	2007
Scenic Charge Artist	The Piano Teacher	Vineyard Theatre (NYC)	des: Derek McLane	2007
Scenic Charge Artist	Mary Rose	Vineyard Theatre (NYC)	des: James Schuette	2007
Scenic Charge Artist	Entrances & Exits	Primary Stages (NYC)	des: Charlie Corcoran	2007
Scenic Artist	Prime of Miss Jean Brodie	The New Group (NYC)	des: Derek McLane	2006
Scenic Artist	Defiance	Manhattan Theatre Club (NYC)	des: John Lee Beatty	2006
Scenic Charge Artist	The Internationalist	Vineyard Theatre (NYC)	des: Andromache Chalfant	2006
Scenic Charge Artist	<i>[title of show]</i>	Vineyard Theatre (NYC)	des: Neil Patel	2006
Scenic Charge Artist	42nd Street	Trump Plaza (Atlantic City, NJ)	des: Ted LeFevre	2005
Scenic Artist	Miracle Brothers	Vineyard Theatre (NYC)	des: G.W. Mercier	2005
Scenic Artist	The Mysteries	Classic Stage Company (NYC)	des: Mark Wendland	2004

special skills

Drawing, Painting, Drafting, Modelmaking, Sculpture, Scene Painting, Photoshop, AfterEffects, Vectorworks, Isadora, QLab.

education

M.F.A. (with honors), Scenic and Costume Design	New York University/Tisch School of the Arts	1995
B.F.A. , Scenic and Costume Design	New York University/Tisch School of the Arts	1994

portfolio and references available upon request