David Philyaw

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Professional Summary

Well-rounded theatrical designer and technician with a passion for circus, opera, and musical theatre.

Skills

Fluency in Vectorworks, Lightwright, ETC Eos, Adobe Suite, AutoCAD, QLab, and Microsoft Office Certified OSHA 30 (Construction)

Install and maintenance of conventional and intelligent lighting fixtures, followspot operation, and LED tape projects Clear and organized communicator with calmness under pressure. Collaborative team player. English (fluent), German (basic), aerial silks and straps (basic)

Full Time Technical Experience

Lead Technician

Manhattan School of Music (NYC)

*November 2023 - present

Managing overhire crews for load-in/load-out of large scale musical theatre and opera, organizing/documenting theatrical lighting inventory, wiring set practicals, performing equipment maintenance/upkeep, and functioning as a crew swing.

Event Technician & Lighting Engineer

Lawrence University (Appleton, WI)

October 2015 - June 2019*

Responsible for professional-quality event setup and operation at a multi-venue public and collegiate performance/conference/ wedding space, including audio-visual support for mics/instruments/presentations/recitals, lighting hang/focus/design/ operation, and general technical troubleshooting.

Selected Technical Credits

Production Electrician	An American Dream (2024)	Manhattan School of Music, ADES Performance Space, (NYC)
Assistant P.E.	Nine (2024)	Manhattan School of Music, Neidroff-Karpati Hall, (NYC)
Electrician, Board Op	Blue Man Group (2022-2024)	Blue Man Group, Astor Place Theatre (NYC)
Lighting Designer	Der Kaiser von Atlantis (2024)	Manhattan School of Music, ADES Performance Space, (NYC)
Lighting Designer	Die Fledermaus (2025)	NYU Steinhardt, Iris Cantor Theatre, (NYC)
Shop Prep Electrician	Good Night, Oscar (2023)	Christie Lites (NYC)
Electrician	Broadway Bares (2023, 2024)	Hammerstein Ballroom (NYC)
Electrician	Public Obscenities (2023)	Soho Rep (NYC)
Electrician	Cornelia Street (2023)	Atlantic Theatre Company (NYC)
Electrician	Nut/Cracked (2022)	The Bang Group, The Flea Theatre (NYC)
Electrician	The Polar Express (2022)	Rail Events Incorporated, Whippany Railway Museum (Whippany, NJ)
L.D., P.E., Programmer	Little Shop of Horrors (2019)	Lawrence University, Stansbury Theater (Appleton, WI)
L.D., P.E.	My Life is A Country Song (2019)	New American Folk Theatre (Chicago, IL)
Board Op	The Count Ory (2018)	Lawrence University, Stansbury Theater (Appleton, WI)
Board Op	A Man of No Importance (2016)	Lawrence University, Stansbury Theater (Appleton, WI)
P.E.	Much Ado About Nothing (2016)	Lawrence University, Cloak Theater (Appleton, WI)
P.E., L.D.	Cirque Tallulah (2015)	Rabun County Skywalk Festival (Rabun Gap, GA)
P.E., L.D.	Cirque Tortuga (2014)	Rabun Gap Nacoochee School, Rearden Theater (Rabun Gap, GA)
Followspot Op, Painter	A Grand Night For Singing (2016)	Highlands Playhouse (Highlands, NC)
Stagehand, Painter	Steel Magnolias (2016)	Highlands Playhouse (Highlands, NC)

Education

B.A. Theatre Arts — concentration in technical theatre and design

Lawrence University (Appleton, WI)

References

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gap due to service industry work, freelance theatrical work, and COVID. Service resume available upon request.