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Profile

Virginia Monte is an innovative and highly visual Theatrical Director and Designer- a versatile practitioner with extensive insight into not only performance theory and pedagogy, but the design and artistry underlying the disciplines of set design, scenic artistry, costumes, properties, and puppetry, as well as fine art, artistic theory, semiotics, illustration and marketing design. Currently based out of Rochester, NY, Virginia has directed/designed productions regionally throughout the United States, as well as for Off-Broadway, Off-Off Broadway, and international venues. Virginia is the founding Artistic Director of WallByrd Theatre Co. and has designed work for companies such as Godlight Theatre (NYC), Oran Mor (Glasgow), and the Rochester Shakespeare Players (NY).

Education

Master of Arts (With Merit)
2014

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
Directing Classical and Contemporary Text

Bachelor of Arts
2008

Stetson University, Deland FL
Major: Art
Minor: Theater Arts, Art History. Concentration in Vocal Performance.

Studied with the Lorenzo Di Medici Program; Florence, Italy.

Publication

Carson, Cecile M.D. (2015). Virginia Monte: Theater of the Spirits (pp. 6-11). A Journal of Contemporary Shamanism, Volume 8 Issue 1.

Professional Skills

Directing Skills: Michael Chekhov Technique, Nadine George Technique, Physical Theatre
Design: Costume Design, Costume Drafting, Wardrobe, Property Design, Property Artisan, Puppetry Artisan, Puppetry Operation, Set Design, Scenic Paint Charge, Illustration, Fine Art, Graphic Design, Make-Up Design, Wig Design.
Literary: Playwright, Dramaturge, Art History, Semiotics, Shakespearean Text Development
Additional Experience: Off-Broadway Accredited Designer, NYC Fringe Designer, JourneyDance Guide

Awards

2016 "Best Local Theater Production of 2016 (at a Community Space)" for RCP & WallByrd ROMEO AND JULIET, Rochester City Paper's Best of Rochester 2016; Rochester, NY.

2016 Artist in Residence with the MUCCC Theatre; Rochester, NY.

2011 "Outstanding Costume Design" for TADA!'s RABBIT SENSE, The National Youth Theatre Award; New York City, NY.

2004 Jury selected reading of original play THE ARTIST, GEVA's Young Writer's Festival; Rochester, NY.

2004 Jury selected performance of original play THE ARTIST, Everyone's Theatre Company Festival of One-Acts; Rochester, NY.

Directorial CV

2016	Dracula: A New Theatrical Reading	Director/Designer	WallByrd Theatre Co. (Rochester Fringe)	Rochester, NY
	The Kiss	Director/Designer	WallByrd Theatre Co. (Rochester Fringe)	Rochester, NY
	Romeo and Juliet	Director/Designer	WallByrd Theatre Co. & Rochester Shakespeare Players	Rochester, NY
	Sneakypete Underhand's Devious Dealings	Director and Designer	Penfield Players	Rochester, NY
2015	The Duchess of Malfi	Director and Designer	WallByrd Theatre Co.	Rochester, NY
	The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)	Director and Designer	WallByrd Theatre Co.	Rochester, NY
2014	In the Shadow of the Glen	Director and Designer	Irish Players of Rochester	Rochester, NY
	Pool (No Water)	Director	WallByrd Theatre Co. (Rochester Fringe)	Rochester, NY
	Same Sex Shakespeare 2014 (12th Night)	Director	Rochester Shakespeare Players	Rochester, NY
	The Winter's Tale	Director and Designer	Rochester Shakespeare Players	Rochester, NY
2013	Same Sex Shakespeare 2013 (Hamlet)	Director	Rochester Shakespeare Players	Rochester, NY
2012	The Fragmented Life of Dorothy Lawrence	Co-Director and Designer	Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	Glasgow, UK
	The Duchess of Malfi	Asst. Director/ Makeup Designer	Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	Glasgow, UK
	Hollow	Director, Designer, Co-Writer	The Arches 'On the Verge' Festival	Glasgow, UK
	King Lear	Co-Director	The Globe Theatre (RCS)	London, UK
2011	The Kiss	Asst. Director/Costumes	Oran Mor 'Play, Pie, and Pint'	Glasgow, UK
	Pool (No Water)	Co-Director	Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	Glasgow, UK
2010	Mr. 80%	Director and Designer	Cheeky Monkey Theatre Co.	New York, NY
2009	Buddy Boys	Director	Manhattan Theatre Source	New York, NY
	Winter 2009 Writer-Director Forum	Asst. Director/ Stage Manager	Looking Glass Theatre	New York, NY
	The Seagull (excerpt)	Director/Designer	Theatre Vision/ Playtime Inc.	New York, NY
2007	Stick 'Em Up	Director	Sands Theater Center	Deland, FL
	Aria Da Capo	Director/ Designer	Stover Theatre (Stetson)	Deland, FL

William Shakespeare's ROMEO + JULIET

Romeo and Juliet

by William Shakespeare

July 2016
The Highland Bowl Amphitheater, Rochester NY
WallByrd Theatre Co., Rochester Community Players

Director, Set Designer, Costume Designer, Armor Build, Sound Designer, Poster Designer

Photo's by Annette Dragon

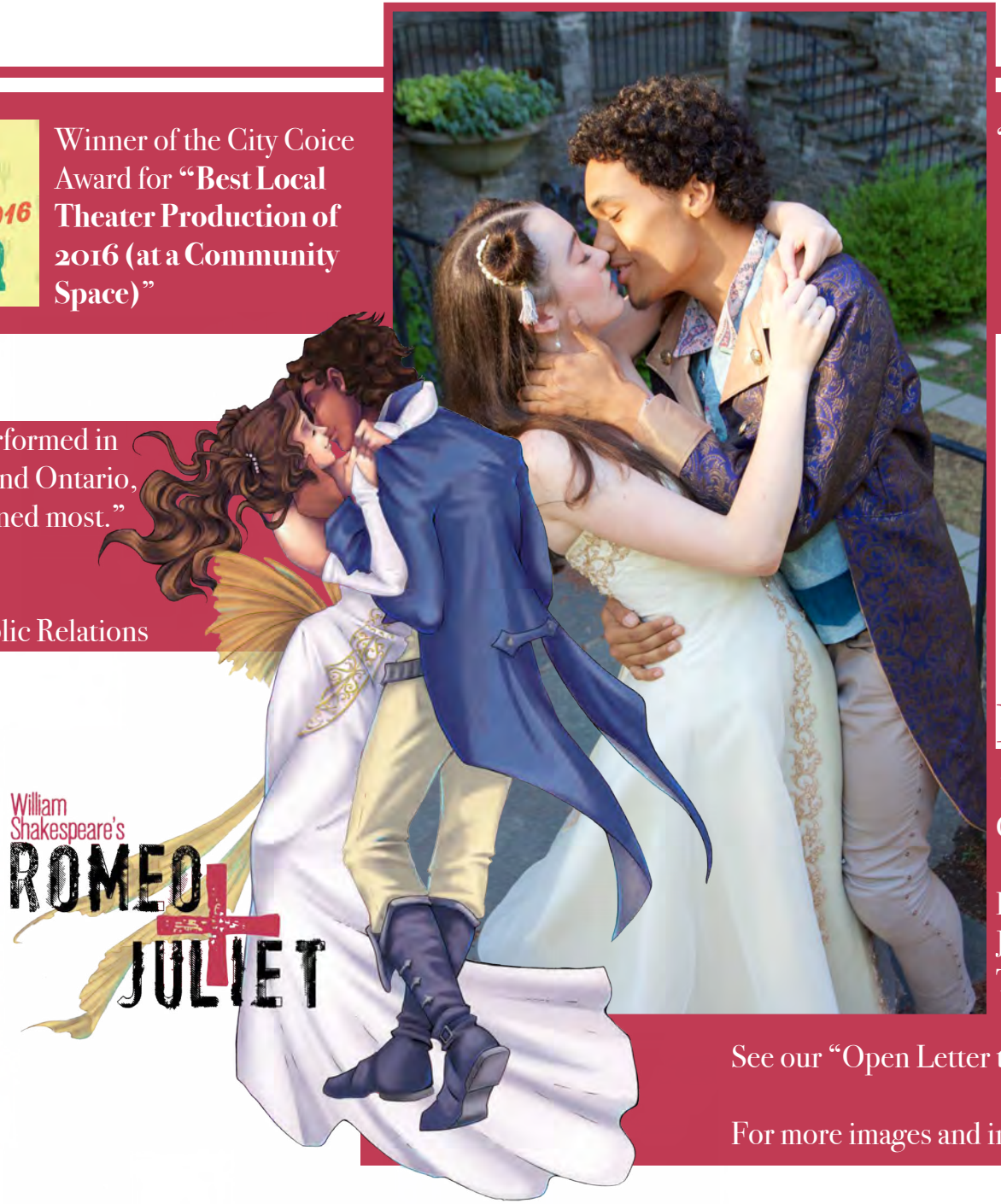
Winner of the City Coice Award for **"Best Local Theater Production of 2016 (at a Community Space)"**

"A truly astounding performance!"

– Kenneth Warner,
Democrat & Chronicle

"I've seen Shakespeare performed in the Stratfords of England and Ontario, and this production outshined most."

– Dresden Engle
Dresden Public Relations



Media Refrences

WROC-TV interview with Mark Gruba » Here

Democrat & Chronicle "Romeo and Juliet Rock Highland Bowl in Fresh Take"» Here

See our "Open Letter to Rochester" video» Here

For more images and information visit » WallByrd.com

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Art by Virginia Monte

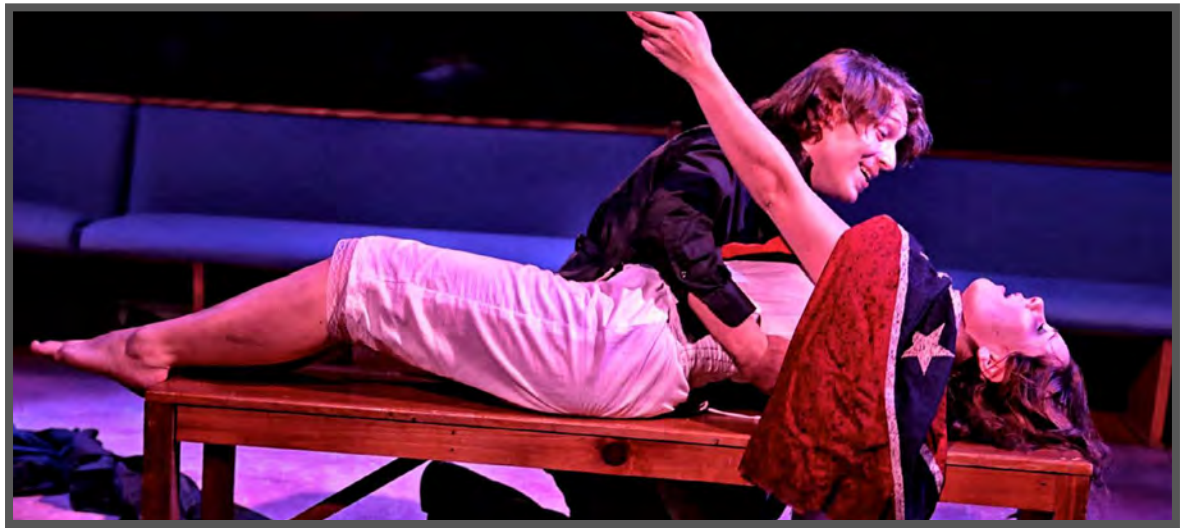
THE DUCHESS OF MALFI

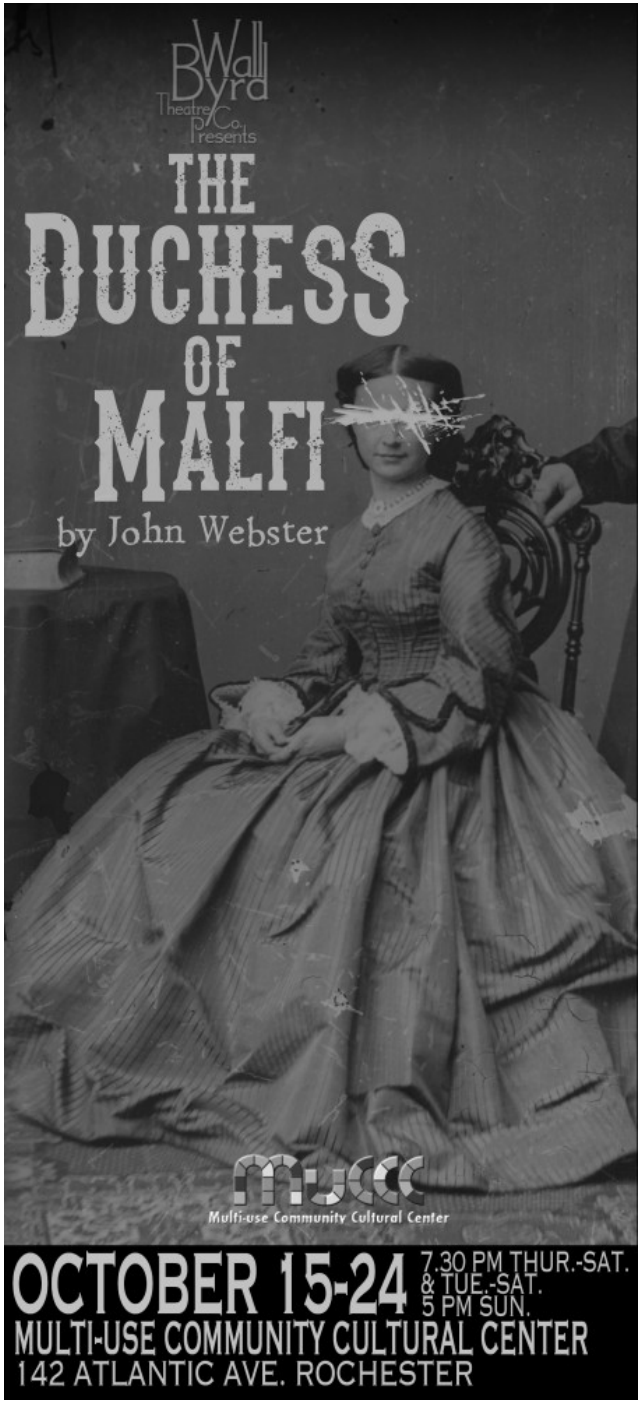
The Duchess of Malfi

by John Webster

October 2015
MUCCC: Multi-Use Community Cultural Center; Rochester, NY
WallByrd Theatre Co.

Director, Set Designer, Costume Designer, Sound Designer, Poster Designe





Listed as one of the Top Ten Picks for the 2015-2016 theater season by the Rochester City Newspaper

"Take a dash of Charles Bronson in *Death Wish*, add a liberal helping of Liam Neeson in *Taken*, put in a pinch of the *Saw* movies and sprinkle with *Hamlet*. Voilà. Virginia Monte's absolutely brilliant production of *The Duchess of Malfi*."
– John Borek

"…There's plenty to admire about this production. If *The Duchess of Malfi* is any indication, Wallbyrd has an incredible amount of potential."
– Leah Stacy, City Newspaper

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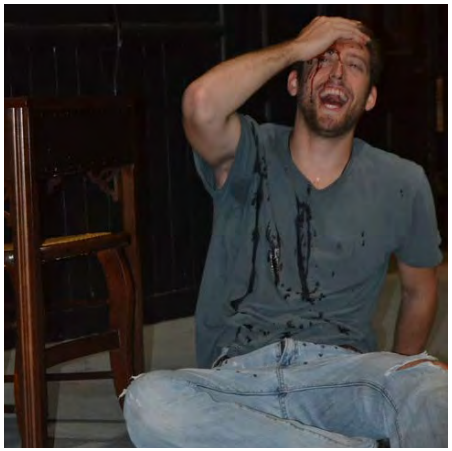

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield

July 2015

New Life Presbyterian Church, Rochester NY

WallByrd Theatre Co.

Director, Set Designer, Costume Designer, Sound Designer, Poster Designer

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The Kiss, 2016
Director, Designer
WallByrd Theatre Co. (Rochester Fringe); Rochester NY
Selected as City Paper's "Critics Pick" for must see show in 2016.

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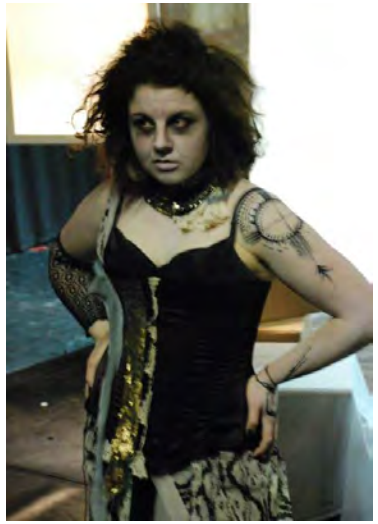


Bellow Left:
Same Sex Shakespeare 2013 (Hamlet), 2013
Director, Designer
Rochester Shakespeare Players (Rochester Fringe); Rochester NY

Above:
Hollow, 2012
Director, Designer, Co-Writer
The Arches 'On the Verge' Festival; Glasgow, UK

Bellow Right:
Same Sex Shakespeare 2014 (12th Night), 2014
Director, Designer
Rochester Shakespeare Players (Rochester Fringe); Rochester NY

New York

Winkie*	Joe Tantalo, Dir.	Godlight Theater Co.
In the Heat of the Night*	Joe Tantalo, Dir.	Godlight Theater Co.
Up to You	Janine Nina Trevens, Dir.	TADA! Theatre Co.
History Mysterys	Janine Nina Trevens, Dir.	TADA! Theatre Co.
Rabbit Sense	Joanna Greer, Dir.	TADA! Theatre Co.
Books on Tape (Manhattan Fringe)	Brock H. Hill, Dir.	Tongue in Cheek Theater
Frost/Nixon	Steve Velardi, Dir.	Heights Players

International

Hollow	Virginia Monte, Dir.	The Arches 'On the Verge Festival' UK
The Kiss	Sasha Kyle, Dir.	Oran Mor, UK

Regional

Romeo and Juliet	Virginia Monte, Dir.	WallByrd Theatre Co., Rochester Shakesleare Players, NY
Sneakypete Underhand's Devious Dealings	Virginia Monte, Dir.	Penfield Players, NY
Grease	Brenda Nitsch, Dir.	Webster Thomas HighSchool,NY
The Duchess of Malfi	Virginia Monte, Dir.	WallByrd Theatre Co., NY
The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)	Virginia Monte, Dir.	WallByrd Theatre Co., NY

The Winter's Tale, 2014
Rochester Shakespeare Players; Rochester, NY

Cats, 2010
Texas Family Musicals; Granbury, TX

Aria da Capo, 2007
Stover Theatre (Stetson); DeLand, FL

Rabbit Sense, 2011
TADA! Theatre Co.; New York, NY

Regional Continued

Our Suburb	Kerry Young, Dir.	JCC Center Stage, NY
The Man Who Came to Dinner	Jean Gordon Ryon, Dir.	Screen Plays/ GEVA, NY
The Wiz	Brenda Nitsch, Dir.	Webster Thomas HighSchool,NY
Joseph and the Amazing...	Sam DiPosa, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Smoke on the Mountain	Kevin Kratzke, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Dames at Sea	Sam DiPosa, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Harvey	Steven Einspahr, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Mousetrap	Steven Einspahr, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Arsenic and Old Lace	Sam DiPosa, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Cats	Cailin Heffernan, Dir	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Twist and Shout*	Sean McGuirk, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Die Zauberflote	Russell Franks, Dir.	Stetson University Opera, FL
Inherit the Wind	Gary Rogers, Dir.	Sands Theater Center, FL
Seussical	Michael Wahl, Dir.	Pittsford Summer Enrichment, NY
Peter Pan	Michael Wahl, Dir.	Pittsford Summer Enrichment, NY

Film

Day 2	Pandora Machine

*World Premiere

Set Designe

New York

Books on Tape (Manhattan Fringe)	Brock H. Hill, Dir.	Tongue in Cheek Theatre, NY
Dead White Males	Brock H. Hill, Dir.	Tongue in Cheek Theatre, NY
Four Dogs and a Bone	Joe Ragno, Dir.	Little Light Productions, NY

Regional

Romeo and Juliet	Virginia Monte, Dir.	WallByrd Theatre Co., Rochester Shakesleare Players, NY
Sneakypete Underhand's Devious Dealings	Virginia Monte, Dir.	Penfield Players, NY
The Duchess of Malfi	Virginia Monte, Dir.	WallByrd Theatre Co., NY
The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)	Virginia Monte, Dir.	WallByrd Theatre Co., NY
Our Suburb	Kerry Young, Dir.	JCC Center Stage, NY
Hairspray	Ralph Meranto, Dir.	JCC Center Stage, NY
In the Shadow of the Glen	Virginia Monte, Dir.	Irish Players of Rochester, NY
Joseph and the Amazing...	Sam DiPosa, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Dames at Sea	Sam DiPosa, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Cats (Co-Designer)	Cailin Heffernan, Dir	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Twist and Shout*	Sean McGuirk, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
The Night the Music Died	Sam DiPosa, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX

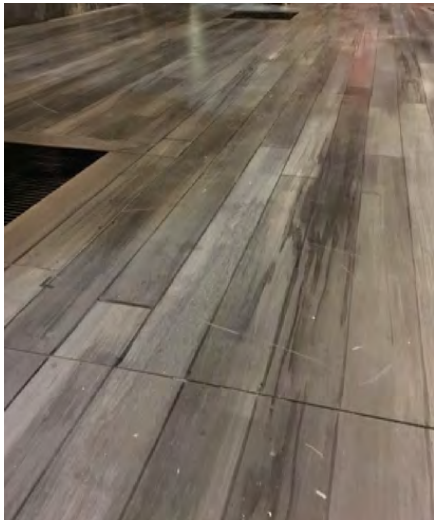
*World Premiere

Hairspray, 2014
JCC CenterStage Theatre; Rochester, NY

Dead White Males, 2010
Tongue in Cheek Theatre; New York, NY

Twist and Shout, 2010
Texas Family Musicals; Granbury, TX

Set Designe



The Ture of the Screw, 2016
Faux wood sample.
Eastman Opera Theatre; Rochester, NY

Cats, 2010
Stage drop illustration and execution.
Texas Family Musicals; Granbury, TX

Dames at Sea, 2010
Paint sample.
Texas Family Musicals; Granbury, TX

Scenic Paint Charge

The Turn of the Screw	Stephen Carr, Dir.	Eastman Opera Theatre, NY
Julius Caesar	Peter Scribner, Dir.	Rochester Shakespeare Players, NY
Annie Get Your Gun	Judy Norton, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Smoke on the Mountain	Kevin Kratzke, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Harvey	Steven Einspahr, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Mousetrap	Steven Einspahr, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Arsenic and Old Lace	Sam DiPosa, Dir.	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Dead White Males	Brock H. Hill, Dir.	Tongue in Cheek Theatre, NYC
Cats	Cailin Heffernan, Dir	Texas Family Musicals, TX
Hello Dolly	Andrew Glant-Linden, Dir.	MT. Washington Valley Theatre Co., NH
Blood Brothers	Andrew Glant-Linden, Dir.	MT. Washington Valley Theatre Co., NH
The Producers	Clay James, Dir.	MT. Washington Valley Theatre Co., NH

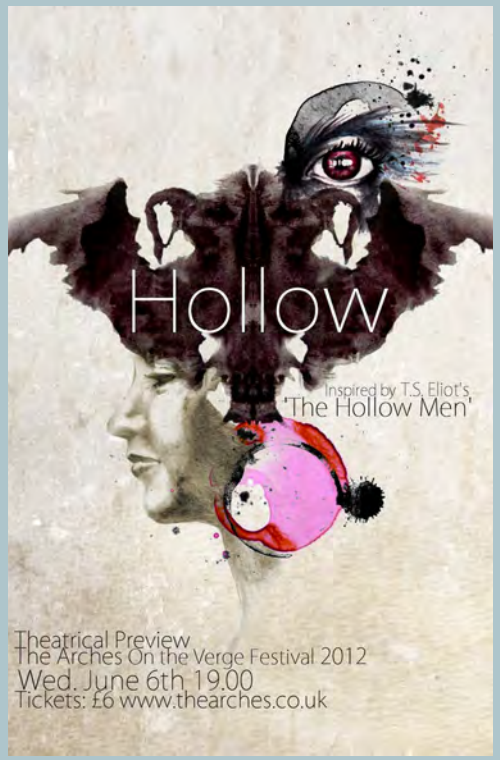
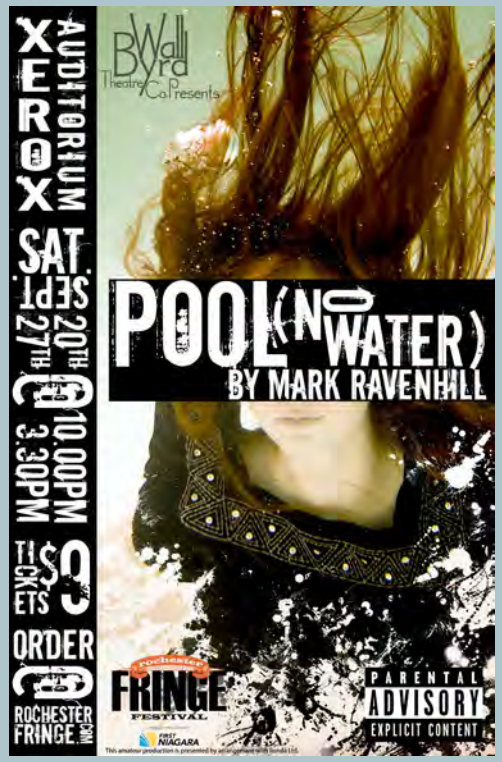
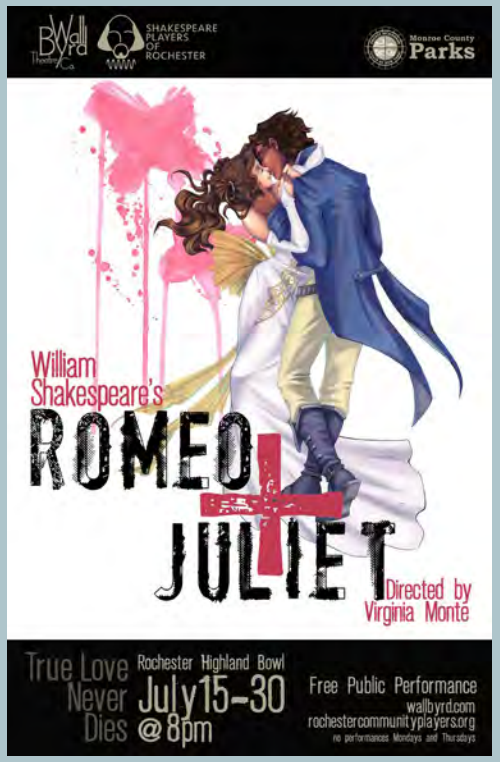
Scenic Painter (select examples)

La Traviata	Jeff Ridenour, Set Designer	Finger Lakes Opera/ SUNY Geneseo, NY
Venus	Mary Griswold, Paint Charge	University of Rochester International Theatre Program, NY
The Elixir of Love	Laura Fine Hawkes, Set Designer	Finger Lakes Opera/ SUNY Geneseo, NY
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Apollo Weaver, P.Charge	GEVA Theatre, NY

Fine Art & Illustration

"Lucrece", 2012
graphite, ink, and gold leafing on illustration paper
16 5/8" X 24" framed (8 3/4" x 15 1/5" unframed)

Original Illustration, 2015
Ipad Procreate app

Poster Design, 2012
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; Glasgow, UK

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