

Michelle D. Harvey

Visual Storyteller / USA 829 – Scenic Design



Scenic Design – Freelance (100+ Designs Since 1998):

- Create uniquely designed environments for spaces ranging from 100 seat intimate spaces to 1000+ seat venues based on the script, research, and director's vision
- Collaborate and communicate with the design team to develop cohesive designs while working within established budgets of time, money, and personnel
- Provide CAD drawings, paint elevations, models, and any other documentation necessary to complete the design and communicate with the production team
- Notable Experiences (full list of design credits available on website):
 - Dallas Children's Theatre National Tours: 2016-17, 2018-19, 2019-20*
 - Creating designs that will work in a variety of theatrical spaces, can be quickly set up and struck by small group including actors and fit into a medium size box truck
 - Concert/Performance Events with The Turtle Creek Chorale and Spectacular Senior Follies:
 - Design and build environments for rented spaces with a one to two-day load-in and space for 80 to 200+ performers
 - Collaborate with director and/or artistic director to create unique looks for a variety of musical styles while also maintaining the theme for the event
 - Hire and oversee load-in/strike crew and manage time in facility
 - Theatre 3, Dallas Tx: *A Little Night Music*, *Memphis*, *Picnic*
 - Reimagine typically large-scale musicals and plays to work in a unique, intimate arena style stage with limited backstage space

Professional Employment:

- 2006-2019- Production Supervisor: Scenic Art and Properties – Maverick Theatre Company
- 2008-2012 (Summer)- Production Assistant/Draftsperson – Zoom.7/Mary Kay Seminar, Dallas
- 2007 (Summer)- Charge Scenic Artist – The Illinois Shakespeare Festival
- 2001-2006: Technical Director / Production Manager – Kent State University Trumbull Campus
- 2001-2006 (Summer): Associate Artistic Director / Resident Designer – KSUTC Summer Stock

Educator (since 2003)

- 2019-Present: Missouri State University
 - Tenure Track: Assistant Professor: Design, Tech & Stage Management: Scenic Design
 - Teach 3-4 classes per semester including Drawing and Rendering, Drafting, Design Principles, Scenic Painting, Advanced Design, Portfolio
 - Design Mainstage productions as necessary
 - Mentor student designers on Mainstage and student productions
- 2006-2019: The University of Texas at Arlington
 - Professor of Practice (NTT): Scenic Design, Scenic Painting, and Props
 - Similar duties as above
 - Supervise the paint and properties area for all departmental productions.

Professional Memberships:

- United Scenic Artists Local 829 (USA 829) – Scenic Design – Since 2015
Member # 10646
- United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) – Since 2001
 - 2014 – 2022: Awards and Resolutions Committee
 - 2013 – 2016: Commissioner. Scene Design & Technology Commission
 - 2007 – 2013: Vice-Commissioner for Programming – Scene Design & Technology Co
- USITT Heart of America Region – Chair – Since 2022
- OISTAT – Since 2001

Awards and Honors

- 2018: USITT Design Expo- Design for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* chosen in juried exhibit to be included in TD&T Summer 2018 issue
- 2017: Column Award nomination: Best Scenic Design of a Musical – Equity and Irma P. Hall Black Theatre Awards Best Scenic Design nomination for *Memphis* produced by Theatre 3
Additional available in CV

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Education:

- The University of Arizona
MFA Scenic Design - 2001
- The Ohio State University
BA Theatre, 1998
Cum Laude

Skills:

- **Computer**
 - Vectorworks: 2D/3D¹
 - Photoshop¹
 - Isadora¹
 - Makerware¹
 - Premiere Pro²
 - After Effects²
 - Silhouette Design Studio²
 - AutoCAD³
 - Animation³
¹Advanced
²Intermediate, ³Basic
- **Other**
 - Projection/Video design
 - Proficient in 3D printing and modeling
 - Faux finishing
 - Trompe L'Oeil
 - Soft goods
 - Upholstery
 - Carpentry
 - Driver's License

References:

Joseph Price
Managing Director
Interact Center for Vis. & Per. Arts

Sarah Wiggin
Artistic Director / Professor
Tent Theatre / Missouri State U.

K. Doug Miller
Musical Theatre Conservatory
Director & Resident Director
Dallas Children's Theatre

*Tour cancelled due to COVID19