

Desira Pesta

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USA LOCAL 829

FILM

STAY AWAKE, Starring **Chrissy Metz**, Feature, Director: Jamie Sisley, Producer: Maiden Voyage, (**Official Selection 72nd Berlinale**) (2022)
UNTITLED GABRIELA TAGLIAVINI / NETFLIX PROJECT, Feature, Director: Gabriela Tagliavini, Asst. Costume Designer to Carisa Kelly, (2022)
SUMMER ANIMALS, Director: Haley Elizabeth Anderson, Producers: Adrien Cothier, Artemis Shaw (2021) **Jury Award Winner SXSW 2021**
MAGIC HOUR, Starring **Miriam Shor**, Feature, Director: Jacqueline Christy, Producer: José Rivera (Post-Production)
PERFECT AS CATS, Director: Kevin Vu, Producer: Raines Plambeck **Official Selection San Sebastian Film Festival 2020**
IKEJIME, Starring **Lucy Walters**, Director: Adrien Cothier, Producer: Caspar Von Bismarck (Post-Production)
SISTERS, Director: Alec Davis, Producers: Yi Tang & Dan Marino (2020)
FOREVER TONIGHT, Director: Swetha Regunathan, Producers: Nashwa Zaman & Khaula Malik (Post-Production)
MY NAME IS THOMAS CAIN, Starring **Barbara Sukowa**, Director: Joseph Longo, Producers: Mandy Giampolo, Chloe Wallace (2019)
MATA LAYA PATA, Director: Kevin Vu, Producer: Kevin Vu (2018)
PURPLE HAZE, Director: Gabriel Bier-Gislason, Producer: Anders Berg, (2017)
SORRY MOM, Director: Tim Delaney, Producer: Shaomin Chew, (2017)
JUPITER DISCO, Director: Alfonso Jaramillo-Gomez, Producer: Peter Conradi, (2017)
RED PEARL, Feature, Dir. Stacy Barton & Jessica McGaugh, (2015)

COMMERCIALS/STYLING

MONDAY.COM Commercial, Directors: Bobby Webster/Alden Ford, Atlantic Pictures, 2022
XFINITY Commercial, Director: Neal Brennan, Agency: Caviar, Assistant Stylist to Jennifer Greene, 2022
MONDAY.COM 'Vikings' Commercial, Directors: Justin Tyler / Alden Ford, Atlantic Pictures, 2021
WINN DIXIE Super Bowl Commercial 2020, Director: Bobby Webster, Agency: Tongal, Production Company: Superluminal Film, 2020
WINN DIXIE Shop 'Til You Drop "The Winn Win Twins" Commercial (creation of characters), Director: Bobby Webster, Superluminal Film, 2020
HELLMANN'S SUPER BOWL COMMERCIAL Starring Amy Schumer, Dir. Peter Farrelly, Caviar, Assistant Stylist to Jennifer Greene, (2021)
NIKE 'CARRY ME', Starring **Elena Delle Donne**, National Commercial, Dir. Isaiah Seret, Biscuit Filmworks, Asst. Costume Designer to Malgosia Turzanska (2019)
BOOKING.COM 'Resolutions', National Commercial, Dir. John Hillcoat, Serial Pictures, Assistant Costume Designer to Malgosia Turzanska (2019)
STEINMART 'Showoffs', National Commercial, Agency: Fry Hammond Barr Incorporated, Assistant Stylist to Ciera Wells-Jones (2017)
SIERRA TRADING POST, National Commercial, Agency: Grey, Prod. Company: Townhouse, Assistant Stylist to Haley Lieberman (2017)
BOMBAS SOCKS, Web Commercial, Dir. Jason Stefaniak, Prod: Thati Peele, Assistant Stylist to Tarrell Mitchell (2017)

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

DISTRESSING/AGEING/CUSTOM FABRIC PAINTING for Broadway & Film, Jeff Fender Studio, Brooklyn NY, (Mean Girls, Aladdin, Frozen, Mrs. Maisel) (2018-2019)
FASHION HISTORY EDUCATOR, Polygence.org 2020-Present
SEWING INSTRUCTOR, New York University Tisch School of the Arts Undergraduate Costume Department, (2016-2017)
SEWING INSTRUCTOR, Brooklyn Craft Company, Kollabora, 3rd Ward Brooklyn, The Sewing Studio, Etsy HQ, Private Classes (2007-2013)
DESIRA PESTA Design/Build/Wear, Small-Run Ready to Wear Clothing for Men & Women sold online and worldwide, Brooklyn NY, (2005-2013)
SEAMSTRESS, The Row, Bebe, Ohne Titel, NYU Undergrad Costume Shop, Jeff Fender Studio, Freelance, Desira Pesta Design/Build/Wear (2007-present)

EDUCATION

MFA COSTUME DESIGN // New York University Tisch School of the Arts // Leigh Rand Memorial Scholarship
BFA PAINTING & DRAWING // Syracuse University School of Visual & Performing Arts
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SKILLS

COSTUME DEPT

Sync on Set
CASHET
Costume Tracking
Budgeting
On Set Continuity
Background Dressing
Skilled Researcher
Historical Fashion
Shopper
Returns
Fabrics Knowledge
NYC Fabric Stores
Historical/Period Garments

ARTISTIC

Hand Illustration
Painting/Watercolor
Lookbooks
Photoshop
Storyboarding
Costume Sketching

SEWING

Advanced Sewing
Industrial machine
Hand sewing
Alterations
Draping
Sculpture

AGEING-DYEING

Fabric Painting
Distressing
Ageing
Specialty Ageing
Screen-printing
Natural Dyeing

PERSONAL

Fast-Paced
Organization Junkie
Resourceful
Creative in a bind
15 Years in NYC

ADDITIONAL

Carpentry
Power Tools
General Handiness
Drivers License
Valid Passport

REFERENCES

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