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EDUCATION

Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre-Screen Arts (Production/Design) & Art

GPA: 3.967 (as of February 2025)

Relevant Courses: Play Production, Stagecraft, Scenic Design, Scenic Painting,
Lighting Design & Technology, Theatre Crew Ensemble

Study Abroad: Lausanne, Switzerland

Scotland, UK (Edinburgh Theatre)

August 2021 – Present
Expected Graduation May 2025

September 2022 – April 2023
June 2024 – August 2024

NextGen Showcase 2024-25, Remote

Themed Entertainment Educational Program

June 2024 – Present
Expected Completion May 2025

EXPERIENCE

Art Director & Graphic Designer, NextGen Showcase 2024-25, Online

NextGen Showcase (Student)

June 2024 – Present

- Art Director & Graphic Designer for Solstice Studios, mentored by Lacy Campbell and Dave Lascaut
- Develop a fictional themed entertainment offering over 10 months through the blue sky, concept, and schematic phases
- Manage communication of the project's story in all mediums (narrative, illustration, audio-visual, etc.)
- Engage in weekly international meetings and develop creative deliverables for the design team
- Contribute to the project's design by creating concept art, 3D models, sketches, elevations, and other visual needs
- Review and ensure deliverables are prepared for hard deadlines
- Attend in-person conferences (IAAPA, TEA SATE) and present phase updates to industry professionals

Business Development Intern, Jim Henson's Creature Shop, Hollywood, CA

The Jim Henson Company (Intern)

September 2024 – December 2024

- Identify and evaluate potential third-party projects for the Creature Shop
- Research markets and find applications for the Creature Shop's capabilities
- Assist in the asset creation and management for Creature Shop social media and business development
- Assist with puppetry film/theatrical shoots and shadow the puppet fabrication process

Stage Technician, Pepperdine University Center for the Arts, Malibu, CA

Pepperdine University Center for the Arts (Student Worker)

April 2024 – Present

- Work in a live theatrical performance environment and operate technical theatre systems (fly rail, light board, sound board, projections)
- Load-in and -out of professional and student performances, including hanging technical equipment, wiring circuitry, rigging scenic units and props
- Manage 20+ set crew individuals on deck during performances

Scene Shop Assistant, Los Angeles, CA

Pepperdine University Theatre Department (Student Worker); *East West Players* (Overhire)

August 2023 – Present

- Read scaled drafting plates, paint elevations, and other scenic documents
- Create miniature scale models referencing drafting plates and renderings
- Construct, paint, and decorate scenic units and props for student and professional productions
- Operate power tools, pneumatic tools, and aerial work platform lifts

SELECT THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Iphigenia Among the Taurians

Scenic Designer

Pepperdine University

Eleemosynary

Scenic Designer

Pepperdine University

Lost Girl

Props Designer/Supervisor

Pepperdine University

no one is coming to save us

Scenic Designer

Pepperdine Edinburgh Program

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Associations:** Themed Entertainment Association (TEA), International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA), United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT)
- **Skills & Software:** Theatrical Production, Scenic Carpentry, Scenic Painting, Scenic Design, Show Set Design, Prop Making, Miniature Model Making | Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft 365 Suite, Vectorworks, SketchUp
- **Language:** English (Fluent), French (Intermediate: reading, writing, speaking) • **Valid Driver's License:** Yes