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#### EDUCATION

- M.F.A. in Theatre Design & Production,
  The University of Texas at Austin
- B.A. in Theatre and Drama,
  National Taiwan University

#### SKILLS

- · Concept Development
- Illustration
- Graphic Design
- Print Production Expertise
- · Photography & Editing
- Web Design & Maintenance
- Cross-Department Communication
- Project Management
- · Detail-Oriented Approach
- · Creative Problem Solving
- Versatile Team Player & Independent Achiever
- · Scenic & Costume Design

### TECHNOLOGIES

- Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Premium, InDesign, Illustrator, Acrobat, Lightroom)
- CAD Software (Autodesk AutoCAD, SketchUp, Vectorworks)
- Graphic Design Software (Figma, Procreate, Canva)
- Website Builder (Wix, Wordpress)
- Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Outlook)

#### AWARDS

- 2022 OPERA America, The Robert L.B. Tobin Director-Designer Prize
- 2020 WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival, Silver Remi of Music Video-Student
- 2019 National Film Festival for Talented Youth, Audience Award & New Talent Jury

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

## **Graphic Designer**

Freelancer, 2015-Now

- Created visual concepts for client projects, including performance flyers, film props, and marketing materials.
- Produces graphic designs for multiple media platforms, optimizing visuals for digital, print, and social media to enhance engagement.
- Works with clients and teams to refine briefs and achieve project goals within deadlines and budgets.
- Manages design process from concept to final delivery, streamlining stages like sketching, illustration, and layout adjustments.

## **Scenic & Costume Designer**

Freelancer, 2015-Now

- Provided and presented visually captivating designs in collaboration with creative teams.
- Collaborated closely with fabrication teams to successfully bring designs to life.
- Demonstrated effective leadership and ensured efficiency within the design department.
- Maintained open communication channels with various departments to ensure a cohesive visual presentation.
- Strategically planned and meticulously monitored the design budget to optimize resources and meet project goals.

## **Teaching Assistant**

The University of Texas at Austin, 2018-2022

- Created lesson plan and taught Advanced Production Laboratory class for a year.
- Assisted lead teachers in planning and implementing lesson plans, instructional activities, and assessments for a diverse classroom of students
- Collaborated with teachers and other teaching assistants to develop and implement accommodations and modifications for students with diverse needs.
- Conducted one-on-one tutoring sessions to provide additional support and reinforcement of concepts taught in class.

## **Production, Space and Facility Manager**

Nation Taiwan University, 2016-2018

- Created and managed budgets, season calendars, and projectspecific schedules.
- Oversaw reimbursement processes, purchases, and payroll during production, ensuring smooth financial operations.
- Coordinated and executed all aspects of installation and refurbishment projects.
- Led website redesign initiatives and maintained the website to ensure an up-to-date and engaging online presence.
- Scheduled routine inspections and collaborated with external vendors for emergency repairs.