

# Kiah Kayser

## Curriculum Vita

Scenic Designer/Painter

Contact:

[kiah.kayser@gmail.com](mailto:kiah.kayser@gmail.com)

[www.kiahkayser.com](http://www.kiahkayser.com)

651.304.7112

2492 Adam Clayton Powell #11

NYC, NY 10030

### Education:

University of Arkansas, Scenic Design

**Master of Fine Arts**

**2017**

Cobalt Studios-Summer Session

**2016**

Iowa State University, Emphasis in Design and Technology/Acting and Directing

**Bachelor of Science**

**2014**

### Employment History:

Freelance Scenic Designer	Various Companies		Spring 2019- Present
Guest Faculty	Hollins University	Roanoke, VA	Fall 2018- Present
Scenic Artist	Variety 57	New York, NY	2017- Present
Charge Artist	Ohio Light Opera	Wooster, OH	2017- Present
Scenic Artist/Carpenter	University of Arkansas	Fayetteville, AR	2014-2017
Scenic Artist/Carpenter	Iowa State University	Ames, IA	2011-2014

### Courses Taught:

Intro to Scenic Painting	Scenic Design	Intro to Technical Theatre (TA)
Scenic Painting (TA)	Intro to Performing Arts	Intro to Technical Production (TA)
Backstage Magic Camp (Story Theatre Company)		

## Research and Creative Activities:

### SCENIC DESIGN

#### Playhouse on the Square - Memphis, TN

*Peter Pan* Dir. Warner Crocker Fall 2019

#### Circuit Playhouse - Memphis, TN

*Ain't Misbehavin'* Dir. Larjuanette Williams Spring 2020

*School House Rock, Live!* Dir. Whitney Brannan Spring 2020

*Madagascar* Dir. Whitney Brannan Spring 2019

*Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook* Dir. Claire Rutkauskas Fall 2018

#### Iowa Stage - Des Moines, IA

*Adore Us! Line* Dir. Maxwell Schaeffer Winter 2020

#### University of Memphis - Memphis, TN

*\*The Marriage of Figaro* Dir. Benjamin Wayne Smith \*Spring 2020

#### Hollins University - Roanoke, VA

*Curious Incident of the Dog...* Dir. Ernie Zulia and Susie Young Fall 2020

*Fun Home* Dir. Ernie Zulia and Rachel Nelson Spring 2019

*The Wolves* Dir. Susie Young and Hayley Phillipart Spring 2019

*The Love Code* Dir. Saffron Henke Winter 2019

*Community Garden* Dir. Lauren Ellis Winter 2019

*Rosencrantz and Guildenstern...* Dir. Ernie Zulia Fall 2018

#### Blackbird Theatre - Nashville, TN

*Twilight of the Gods* Dir. Jason Tucker Fall 2018

#### Randomly Specific Theatre - NYC, NY

*The Weekend Will End* Dir. Jacob Titus Spring 2018

#### Regeneration Theatre - NYC, NY

*As Is* Dir. Marcus Gualberto Spring 2018

*Five and Dime... Jimmy Dean* Dir. Erin Soeler Fall 2017

#### Onomatopoeia Theatre Company - NYC, NY

*A Piece of My Heart* Dir. Thomas Gordon Fall 2017

#### TheatreSquared- Fayetteville, AR

### **Ohio Light Opera - Wooster, OH**

<i>*Let Em' Eat Cake</i>	Dir. Julie Wright Costa	Summer 2019
<i>*Patience</i>	Dir. Steve Daigle	Summer 2019
<i>Music in the Air</i>	Dir. Steve Daigle	Summer 2019
<i>Girl Crazy</i>	Dir. Steve Daigle	Summer 2019
<i>Candide</i>	Dir. Steve Daigle	Summer 2018
<i>La Perichole</i>	Dir. Julie Wright Costa	Summer 2018
<i>Primrose</i>	Dir. Julie Wright Costa	Summer 2017

### **Norwalk Community College - Norwalk, CT**

<i>Addams Family</i>	Dir. Christine Magone	Spring 2018
----------------------	-----------------------	-------------

### **Roselle Park High School - Roselle Park, NJ**

<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Dir. Doug Panetta	Spring 2018
-----------------------------	-------------------	-------------

### **University of Arkansas - Fayetteville, AR**

<i>Assassins</i>	Dir. Amy Herzberg	Spring 2017
<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>	Dir. Kate Frank	Fall 2016
<i>Twelfth Night</i>	Dir. Jenny McKnight	Fall 2015
<i>The Chairs</i>	Dir. Khaloud Sawaf	Spring 2015

### **Centre Stage Theatre - NYA, MN**

<i>Annie</i>	Dir. Brian Isles	Summer 2015
--------------	------------------	-------------

### **Story Theater Company - Ames, IA**

<i>Little Mermaid</i>	Dir. Kivan Kirk	Summer 2015
<i>Tale of Snow White</i>	Dir. Kiersten Naberhaus	Winter 2014
<i>Wizard of Oz</i>	Dir. Brittney Rebuhn	Winter 2013

### **Iowa State University - Ames, IA**

<i>Chasing George Washington</i>	Dir. Brad Dell	Fall 2019
<i>A Steady Rain</i>	Dir. Christina Brandt	Spring 2014
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Dir. Brad Dell	Fall 2013
<i>The Gin Dialogues</i>	Dir. Austin Kopsa	Spring 2013
<i>God of Carnage</i>	Dir. Kelsey Millar	Spring 2012

## **ASSISTANT SCENIC DESIGN**

### **TheatreSquared - Fayetteville, AR**

<i>All the Way</i>	Des. Michael Riha	Fall 2016
--------------------	-------------------	-----------

### **Ohio Light Opera - Wooster, OH**

<i>Lady of The Slipper</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2017
<i>Countess Maritza</i>	Des. Justin Miller	Summer 2017
<i>The Student Prince</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2017
<i>H.M.S. Pinafore</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2017
<i>Anything Goes</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2017
<i>The Music Man</i>	Des. Justin Miller	Summer 2017
<i>La Vie Parisienne</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2016
<i>Have a Heart</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2016
<i>Annie Get Your Gun</i>	Des. Kimberly Powers	Summer 2016

### **University of Arkansas - Fayetteville, AR**

<i>Kin</i>	Des. Shawn Irish	Fall 2014
------------	------------------	-----------

### **Iowa State University - Ames, IA**

<i>Three Musketeers</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Winter 2013
-------------------------	--------------------	-------------

### **CHARGE ARTIST**

### **University of Memphis - Memphis, TN**

<i>The Magic Flute</i>	Des. Karen Arredondo	Spring 2019
<i>Puccini Plus</i>	Des. Kathy Haaga	Fall 2019

### **Opera Memphis - Memphis, TN**

<i>Suor Angelica &amp; Gianni Sschicchi</i>	Des. Ryan Ruggaber	Winter 2020
---	--------------------	-------------

### **TheatreSquared- Fayetteville, AR**

<i>Water by the Spoonful</i>	Des. Gianni Downs	Fall 2015
<i>Peter and the Starcatcher</i>	Des. James Fenton	Fall 2015
<i>Around the World in 80 Days</i>	Des. James Fenton	Fall 2014
<i>Proof</i>	Des. Michael Riha	Fall 2014

### **Ohio Light Opera - Wooster, OH**

<i>Perchance To Dream</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2019
<i>The Devil's Rider</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2019
<i>Music in the Air</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Summer 2019
<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>	Des. Charles Murdock	Summer 2019
<i>Into the Woods</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2019

<i>Girl Crazy</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Summer 2019
<i>South Pacific</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2019
<i>Clo Clo</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2018
<i>La Perichole</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Summer 2018
<i>Iolanthe</i>	Des. Kimberly Powers	Summer 2018
<i>Candide</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Summer 2018
<i>50 Million Frenchmen</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2018
<i>Babes in Arms</i>	Des. Victor Shonk	Summer 2018
<i>The Pajama Game</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2018
<i>Lady of The Slipper</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2017
<i>Countess Maritza</i>	Des. Justin Miller	Summer 2017
<i>The Student Prince</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2017
<i>H.M.S. Pinafore</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2017
<i>Anything Goes</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2017
<i>The Music Man</i>	Des. Justin Miller	Summer 2017

#### **Prairie Repertory Theatre- Brookings, SD**

<i>Sound of Music</i>	Des. Billy Wilburn	Summer 2015
<i>Church Basement Ladies</i>	Des. Corey Shelsta	Summer 2014
<i>Love, Sex, and the IRS</i>	Des. Corey Shelsta	Summer 2014
<i>The Foreigner</i>	Des. Corey Shelsta	Summer 2014
<i>State Fair</i>	Des. Kate Kanne	Summer 2014
<i>Leading Ladies</i>	Des. Corey Shelsta	Summer 2013
<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Des. Billy Wilburn	Summer 2013

#### **University of Arkansas- Fayetteville, AR**

<i>American Idiot</i>	Des. Michael Riha	Spring 2016
<i>Eurydice</i>	Des. Joseph Farley	Spring 2016
<i>Hayfever</i>	Des. Josh Samaniego	Fall 2015
<i>The Cherry Orchard</i>	Des. Kimberly Powers	Spring 2015
<i>The Foreigner</i>	Des. Joseph Farley	Spring 2015
<i>Kin</i>	Des. Shawn Irish	Fall 2014
<i>Godspell</i>	Des. Michael Riha	Fall 2014

### **Iowa State University- Ames, IA**

<i>Into the Woods</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Spring 2014
<i>Amadeus</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Spring 2014
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Fall 2013
<i>The 25th Annual... Spelling Bee</i>	Des. Andre Johnson	Fall 2013
<i>The Seagull</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Fall 2013
<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Spring 2013
<i>The Three Musketeers</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Spring 2013
<i>Candide</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Fall 2012
<i>Noises Off</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Fall 2012
<i>Rent</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Spring 2012
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Spring 2012

### **SCENIC ARTIST**

#### **Playhouse on the Square - Memphis, TN**

<i>Head Over Heels</i>	Des. Phil Hughen	Fall 2019
<i>A Gentlemen's Guide...</i>	Des. Ryan Howell	Summer 2018

#### **Des Moines Metro Opera- Indianola, IA**

<i>Rusalka</i>	Des. Jacob Climer	Summer 2018
----------------	-------------------	-------------

#### **Red Bull Theater - NYC, NY**

<i>The Metromaniacs</i>	Des. Jim Noone	Spring 2018
-------------------------	----------------	-------------

#### **Variety 57- NYC, NY**

<i>The Ring</i>	Des. Ben Inges	Fall 2017
-----------------	----------------	-----------

#### **Irish Repertory Theatre- NYC, NY**

<i>The Seafarer</i>	Des. Charlie Corcoran	Spring 2018
<i>Disco Pigs</i>	Des. Richard Kent	Winter 2018
<i>The Home Place</i>	Des. James Noone	Fall 2017

### **Ohio Light Opera - Wooster, OH**

<i>Little Dutch Girl</i>	Des. Tymberley Whitesel	Summer 2016
<i>The Dancing Years</i>	Des. Ken Martin	Summer 2016
<i>La Vie Parisienne</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2016
<i>Have a Heart</i>	Des. Daniel Hobbs	Summer 2016
<i>The Mikado</i>	Des. Charlene Gross	Summer 2016
<i>Annie Get Your Gun</i>	Des. Kimberly Powers	Summer 2016
<i>Kiss Me, Kate</i>	Des. Ken Martin	Summer 2016

### **Prairie Repertory Theatre- Brookings, SD**

<i>A Funny Thing... Forum</i>	Des. Corey Shelsta	Summer 2013
<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	Des. Arielle Jacqueline	Summer 2013

### **Repertory Theatre of Iowa**

<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	Des. Jay Jagim	Summer 2015
-------------------------------	----------------	-------------

### **Cedar Rapids Opera**

<i>La Traviata</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Summer 2015
<i>Carmen</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Summer 2013

### **Iowa State University- Ames, IA**

<i>My Grandparents in the War</i>	Des. Jim Trenberth	Spring 2014
<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>	Des. Jay Jagim	Spring 2013
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Winter 2011
<i>Love Labour's Lost</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Fall 2011
<i>Hedda Gabbler</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Fall 2011
<i>Kiss Me, Kate</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Spring 2011
<i>The Miracle Worker</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Spring 2011

### **TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

#### **Norwalk Community College- Norwalk, CT**

<i>The Addams Family</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Spring 2018
--------------------------	------------------	-------------

#### **Roselle Park High School- Roselle Park, NJ**

<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Spring 2018
-----------------------------	------------------	-------------

### **Regeneration Theatre- NYC, NY**

<i>As Is</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Winter 2018
<i>Five and Dime... Jimmy Dean</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Fall 2017

### **Onomatopoeia Theatre Company- NYC, NY**

<i>A Piece of My Heart</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Fall 2017
----------------------------	------------------	-----------

### **PROJECTION DESIGNER**

#### **Hollins University- Roanoke, VA**

<i>Ain't Misbehavin'</i>	Dir. Larjuanette Williams	Spring 2020
<i>School House Rock, Live!</i>	Dir. Whitney Branan	Spring 2020
<i>Fun Home</i>	Dir. Ernie Zulia	Spring 2019
<i>Love Code</i>	Dir. Saffron Henke	Winter 2019

#### **University of Arkansas- Fayetteville, AR**

<i>American Idiot</i>	Dir. Gary John La Rosa	Spring 2016
<i>Twelfth Night</i>	Dir. Jenny McKnight	Fall 2015
<i>Kin</i>	Dir. Amy Herzberg	Fall 2014

### **PROPS MASTER**

#### **University of Arkansas- Fayetteville, AR**

<i>The Foreigner</i>	Dir. Michael Landman	Spring 2015
<i>Kin</i>	Dir. Amy Herzberg	Fall 2014
<i>Godspell</i>	Dir. Brandyn Smith	Fall 2014

### **STAGE MANAGER**

#### **Repertory Theatre of Iowa- Des Moines, IA**

<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	Dir. Brad Dell	Summer 2015
<i>The Merchant of Venice</i>	Dir. Matt McIver	Summer 2014

#### **Centre State Theatre- NYA, MN**

<i>The Music Man</i>	Dir. Corey Hunt	Summer 2010
----------------------	-----------------	-------------



### **Iowa State University- Ames, IA**

<i>Into the Woods</i>	Dir. Brad Dell	Spring 2014
<i>The Seagull</i>	Dir. Matt Foss	Fall 2013
<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>	Dir. Brad Dell	Spring 2013
<i>Candide</i>	Dir. Brad Dell	Fall 2012
<i>Rent</i>	Dir. Brad Dell	Spring 2012
<i>The Miracle Worker</i>	Dir. Jane Cox	Fall 2012

### **ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER**

### **Iowa State University- Ames, IA**

<i>Kiss Me, Kate</i>	Dir. Brad Dell	Spring 2011
<i>Arabian Nights</i>	Dir. Eglá Hassan	Fall 2010

### **Additional Educational Development:**

Guest Lecturer- TH 352	Blackburn College	Scenic Design
Guest Teacher- Teen Club	Story Children's Theatre	Various Topics
Into to Performing Arts	Iowa State University	Various Topics
Guest Lecturer-THTR 1323	Introduction to Technical Theatre- University of Arkansas	"Scenic Design of Assassins, The Diary of Anne Frank"
Guest Lecturer-1003H	Honor's Theatre Appreciation	"Scenic Design of The Diary of Anne Frank"
Guest Lecturer-THTR 1223	Introduction to Theatre	"Becoming a Designer"

### **Awards:**

Scenic Design Participant	National Portfolio Review	Spring 2017
Young Designer's Forumn	USITT	Spring 2017
Stage Management Fellowship	KCACTF- Region 5	Spring 2014
Frank E. Brandt Theatre Award	Iowa State University	Spring 2014

## **Grants:**

University of Arkansas Travel Mini-Grant. Travel to USITT in St. Louis, MO	2017
University of Arkansas Travel Mini-Grant. Travel to USITT in Salt Lake, UT	2016
University of Arkansas Travel Mini-Grant. Travel to USITT in Cincinnati, OH	2017

## **Seminars, Workshops and Professional Development:**

United State Institute for Theatre Technology, Annual Conference; St. Louis, MO	2017
United State Institute for Theatre Technology, Annual Conference; Salt Lake, UT	2016
United State Institute for Theatre Technology, Annual Conference; Cincinnati, OH	2015
United State Institute for Theatre Technology, Annual Conference; Fort Worth, TX	2014
American College Theatre Festival, Annual Festival; Lincoln, IA	2014
American College Theatre Festival, Annual Festival; Lincoln, NE	2013
American College Theatre Festival, Annual Festival; Ames, IA	2012
American College Theatre Festival, Annual Festival; Ames, IA	2011

## **Service:**

Story Theatre Company

CentreStage Theatre

Prairie Repertory Theatre

Boone Community Theatre

Children's Hospital and Clinics

American College Theatre Festival

## **References:**

### **Weston Wilkerson**

USA-Lighting Designer

University of Arkansas-Technical Director

[wrwilker@uark.edu](mailto:wrwilker@uark.edu)

479.575.3645

### **Ernest Zulia**

Director of Theatre

Hollins University

[ezulia@hollins.edu](mailto:ezulia@hollins.edu)

540.362.6259

### **Brad Dell**

Director of Theatre

Iowa State University

[bradedell@gmail.com](mailto:bradedell@gmail.com)

515.294.0184

### **Susan Crabtree**

USA-Scenic Artist

University of North Carolina School of the Arts

[crabtrees@uncsa.edu](mailto:crabtrees@uncsa.edu)

303.909.8811