

Kiah Kayser

Curriculum Vita

Scenic Designer/Painter

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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 Arts

2014

Employment History:

Guest Faculty	Hollins University	Roanoke, VA	Fall 2018- Present
Scenic Designer	Playhouse on the Square	Memphis, TN	Fall 2018- Present
Scenic Designer	Ashland University	Ashland, OH	Spring 2019-2020
Charge Artist	Ohio Light Opera	Wooster, OH	2017- Present
Scenic Artist	Montclair University	Montclair, NJ	2018
Scenic Artist	Irish Repertory Theatre	New York, NY	2017-2018
Scenic Artist	Variety 57	New York, NY	2017- 2018
Scenic Artist/Carpenter	University of Arkansas	Fayetteville, AR	2014-2017

Courses Taught:

Scenic Painting	Scenic Design	Intro to Theatrical Design
Intro to Scenic Painting	Intro to Performing Arts	Portfolio and Professional Development
Intro to Technical Production (TA)	Model Making Workshop (Story Theater Company)	Backstage Magic Camp (Story Theater 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... Musical Adventure Dir. Whitney Brannan Spring 2019

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

Iowa Stage - Des Moines, IA

Sweat Dir. Matthew McIver Spring 2020 (Delayed by COVID)

Adore Us! Line Dir. Maxwell Schaeffer Winter 2020

Disgraced Dir. Matthew McIver Spring 2019

University of Memphis - Memphis, TN

The Marriage of Figaro Dir. Benjamin Wayne Smith Spring 2020 (Delayed by COVID)

Hollins University - Roanoke, VA

**Fefu and Her Friends* Dir. Lauren Ellis Spring 2021 (Zoom Production)

**Decision Height* Dir. Ernie Zulia Spring 2021 (Zoom Production)

Gathering Light Dir. Susie Young and Lauren Ellis Fall 2020

The Curious Incident...Night Time Dir. Ernie Zulia and Susie Young Fall 2020 (Zoom Production)

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

Hollins- Mill Mountain Winter Festival of New Works - Roanoke, VA

Shadow of the Son Dir. Lauren Brooke Ellis Winter 2021 (Zoom Production)

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

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play Dir. Jeff Church Fall 2017

Ohio Light Opera - Wooster, OH

Let Em' Eat Cake Dir. Julie Wright Costa Summer 2020 (Delayed by COVID)

Patience Dir. Steve Daigle Summer 2020 (Delayed by COVID)

Music in the Air Dir. Steve Daigle Summer 2019

Girl Crazy Dir. Steve Daigle Summer 2019

Candide Dir. Steve Daigle Summer 2018

La Perichole Dir. Julie Wright Costa Summer 2018

Primrose Dir. Julie Wright Costa Summer 2017

Norwalk Community College - Norwalk, CT

Addams Family Dir. Christine Magone Spring 2018

Roselle Park High School - Roselle Park, NJ

Beauty and the Beast Dir. Doug Panetta Spring 2018

University of Arkansas - Fayetteville, AR

Assassins Dir. Amy Herzberg Spring 2017

The Diary of Anne Frank Dir. Kate Frank Fall 2016

Twelfth Night Dir. Jenny McKnight Fall 2015

The Chairs Dir. Khaloud Sawaf Spring 2015

Centre Stage Theatre - NYA, MN

Annie Dir. Brian Isles Summer 2015

Story Theater Company - Ames, IA

Little Mermaid Dir. Kivan Kirk Summer 2015

Tale of Snow White Dir. Kiersten Naberhaus Winter 2014

Wizard of Oz Dir. Brittny 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
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Playhouse on the Square - Memphis, TN

<i>Significant Other</i>	Des. Bryce Cutler	Spring 2019
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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
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Iowa State University - Ames, IA

<i>Three Musketeers</i>	Des. Rob Sunderman	Winter 2013
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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 & Gianni Sschicchi</i>	Des. Ryan Ruggaber	Winter 2020
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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>Peter Pan</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Fall 2019
<i>Head Over Heels</i>	Des. Phil Hughen	Fall 2019
<i>Flat Stanley</i>	Des. Phil Hughen	Fall 2019
<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>	Des. Tim McMath	Spring 2019
<i>A Gentlemen's Guide...</i>	Des. Ryan Howell	Summer 2018

Des Moines Metro Opera- Indianola, IA

Rusalka Des. Jacob Climer Summer 2018

Red Bull Theater - NYC, NY

The Metromaniacs Des. Jim Noone Spring 2018

Variety 57- NYC, NY

The Ring Des. Ben Inges Fall 2017

Irish Repertory Theatre- NYC, NY

The Seafarer Des. Charlie Corcoran Spring 2018

Disco Pigs Des. Richard Kent Winter 2018

The Home Place Des. James Noone Fall 2017

Ohio Light Opera - Wooster, OH

Little Dutch Girl Des. Tymberley Whitesel Summer 2016

The Dancing Years Des. Ken Martin Summer 2016

La Vie Parisienne Des. Daniel Hobbs Summer 2016

Have a Heart Des. Daniel Hobbs Summer 2016

The Mikado Des. Charlene Gross Summer 2016

Annie Get Your Gun Des. Kimberly Powers Summer 2016

Kiss Me, Kate Des. Ken Martin Summer 2016

Prairie Repertory Theatre- Brookings, SD

A Funny Thing... Forum Des. Corey Shelsta Summer 2013

Steel Magnolias Des. Arielle Jacqueline Summer 2013

Repertory Theatre of Iowa

Much Ado About Nothing Des. Jay Jagim Summer 2015

Cedar Rapids Opera

La Traviata Des. Rob Sunderman Summer 2015

Carmen Des. Rob Sunderman Summer 2013

Iowa State University- Ames, IA

My Grandparents in the War Des. Jim Trenberth Spring 2014

Fiddler on the Roof Des. Jay Jagim Spring 2013

A Christmas Carol Des. Rob Sunderman Winter 2011

Love Labour's Lost Des. Rob Sunderman Fall 2011

Hedda Gabbler 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
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Roselle Park High School- Roselle Park, NJ

<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Spring 2018
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Regeneration Theatre- NYC, NY

<i>As Is</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Winter 2018
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<i>Five and Dime... Jimmy Dean</i>	Des. Kiah Kayser	Fall 2017
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Onomatopoeia Theatre Company- NYC, NY

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

Playhouse On the Square- Memphis, TN

<i>Ain't Misbehavin'</i>	Dir. Larjuanette Williams	Spring 2020
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<i>School House Rock, Live!</i>	Dir. Whitney Branan	Spring 2020
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Hollins University- Roanoke, VA

<i>The Curious Incident... Night Time</i>	Dir. Ernie Zulia	Fall 2020
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<i>Fun Home</i>	Dir. Ernie Zulia	Spring 2019
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<i>Love Code</i>	Dir. Saffron Henke	Winter 2019
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University of Arkansas- Fayetteville, AR

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

PROPS SUPERVISOR

Hollins University- Roanoke, VA

<i>The Curious Incident...Night Time</i>	Dir. Ernie Zulia	Fall 2020
<i>Fun Home</i>	Dir. Ernie Zulia	Spring 2019
<i>Rosencrantz and Guildenstern...</i>	Dir. Ernie Zulia	Fall 2018

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
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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. Egla Hassan	Fall 2010

Additional Educational Development:

Guest Lecturer	Ashland University	Scenic Design Process
Guest Lecturer- TH 352	Blackburn College	Scenic Design
Model Making Workshop	Story Theatre Company	Model Making
Guest Teacher- Summer Youth Conservatory	Playhouse on the Square	Scenic Design Process
Guest Teacher- Teen Club	Story Theatre Company	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:

Distinguished Scenic Design	KCACTF- Region 4	Spring 2018
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:

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