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Technical Experience:

Run Crew	<i>And Then There Were None</i>	2026, Piedmont University
Director/Playwright	<i>Brother Bear</i>	2025, Piedmont University
Costume Designer	<i>The Laramie Project</i>	2025, Piedmont University
Costume Designer/Master Seamstress	<i>You Are Not Your Face</i>	2024, Lavendar Festival
Master Seamstress	<i>RENT</i>	2023, Piedmont University
Assistant Director	<i>The Lost Treasure</i>	2023, Piedmont University

Job Experience:

Teaching Artist & Education Associate May 2026 – May 2027 Lexington Children's Theatre

- Coordinated and implemented lesson plans and art activities through workshops, classes, and programming to develop young people's creativity and imagination through theatre.

Costume & Set Shop Worker August 2023 - April 2026 Piedmont University

- Assisted professionals with costume sizing, costume fittings, cutting, pattern making, stitching, hemming, steaming, laundering, and alterations with design techniques.
- Performed repairs on damaged costumes, such as sewing tears or replacing buttons.
- Operated domestic sewing machines, steam irons, and steamers to create costumes for theatrical productions.
- Constructed, assembled, installed, maintained, and struck scenery and props for theatrical productions by building flats and platforms using Chop saws and Table saws, drills, and grinders under direction of the Technical Director.
- Utilized a variety of painting techniques to decorate the set under the direction of the Technical Director.
- Hung, wired, and focused various lighting instruments under the direction of the Technical Director.
- Followed OSHA protocols to ensure a safe working environment.

Character Performer December 2021 - Current Enchanted Events GA

- Portrayed and interpreted roles with speech, gestures, and body movements to entertain and inform audiences.
- Planned and organized party activities based on participant preferences and requests.
- Photographed events, parties, and portraits. Enhanced, retouched, and resized photographs using Lightroom.
- Performed repairs on damaged costumes, such as sewing tears or replacing buttons.

Marketing & Box Office Worker January 2025 - April 2026 Piedmont University

- Conducted interviews to obtain information, then crafted headlines, captions, and copy for promotional materials.
- Photographed special events, parties, and portraits, advising on appropriate poses, props, and background for each shot taken. Then, enhanced, retouched, and resized photographs using Lightroom.
- Used customer service skills to aid and assist with purchasing tickets for performances.

References:

Available upon request.