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REGIONAL/NATIONAL

<i>Merry Wives of Windsor</i>	dir. James Vasquez	The Old Globe	(In Process) 2023
<i>Is it Thursday Yet?</i>	Jenn Freeman & Sonya Tayeh	La Jolla Playhouse	(In Process) 2023
<i>Twelfth Night</i>	Kathleen Marshall	The Old Globe	(In Process) 2023
<i>Sherlock Holmes and The Case of the Jersey Lily</i>	Brandon Weinbrenner	Alley Theatre	2023
<i>Sweat</i>	Sarah Wansley	Northern Stage	2023
<i>The Tempest</i>	Rick Dildine	Alabama Shakespeare Festival	2023
<i>The Little Foxes **</i>	Lisa Peterson	South Coast Rep	2023
<i>Appropriate **</i>	Delicia Turner Sonnenberg	South Coast Rep	2023
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Anthony Powell	Denver Center	2022
<i>The Great Leap</i>	Esther Jun	Cleveland Playhouse	2022
<i>Wife of a Salesman °</i>	Marti Lyons	Milwaukee Rep	2022
<i>Everybody</i>	Susan Booth & Tinashe Kejese-Bolden	Alliance Theatre	2022
<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	Sarah Wansley	Weston Playhouse	2022
<i>A Midsummer's Night Dream</i>	Patricia McGregor	The Old Globe	2022
<i>King Liz</i>	Jesca Prudencio	Geffen Playhouse	2022
<i>Sound of Music</i>	Keenon Hooks	Utah Shakespeare Festival	2022
<i>Clue: On Stage</i>	Hunter Foster	Utah Shakespeare Festival	2022
<i>Trouble in Mind</i>	Melissa Maxwell	Utah Shakespeare Festival	2022
<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	Laura Gordon	Indiana Rep Theatre	2022
<i>Zoey's Perfect Wedding</i>	Rob Ruggiero	TheaterWorks Hartford	2022
<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	Laura Gordon	Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park	2022
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Rick Dildine	Alabama Shakespeare Festival	2022
<i>Macbeth</i>	Rick Dildine	Alabama Shakespeare Festival	2022
<i>High School Play: A Nostalgia Fest °</i>	Tiffany Nichole Greene	Alley Theatre	2022
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Rick Dildine	Alabama Shakespeare Festival	2021
<i>The Supreme Leader °</i>	Kevin Moriarty	Dallas Theater Center	2021
<i>Witch ^</i>	Rebecca Bradshaw	Huntington Theatre	2021
<i>Ohio State Murders</i>	Tiffany Nichole Greene	Goodman Theatre	(Live Streamed) 2021
<i>Both, And °</i>	Andi Chapman	Boston Court Pasadena	(Filmed) 2021
<i>Mrs. Harrison</i>	Mikael Burke	Indiana Rep Theatre	(Filmed) 2021
<i>The Woman's Party °</i>	Tara Ahmadinejad	Clubbed Thumb	(Filmed Workshop Production) 2021
<i>Once Upon A (Korean) Time °</i>	Ralph Pena	Ma-Yi Theatre	(Filmed Workshop Production) 2021
<i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i>	Benjamin Hanna	Indiana Rep Theatre	(Filmed) 2021
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Rick Dildine	Alabama Shakespeare Festival	(Filmed) 2020
<i>Snow in Midsummer</i>	Desdemona Chang	Harlequin Productions	(Radio Play) 2020
<i>The Supreme Leader °</i>	Kevin Moriarty	Dallas Theater Center	(Cancelled - Covid-19) 2020
<i>Pipeline</i>	Tiffany Nichole Greene	Dallas Theater Center	(Cancelled - Covid-19) 2020
<i>The Paper Dreams of Henry Chin</i>	Jaki Bradley	Indiana Rep Theatre	(Cancelled - Covid-19) 2020
<i>Alabama Story</i>	Rick Dildine	Alabama Shakespeare Festival	2020
<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>	Jennifer Chang	South Coast Rep	2020
<i>White Pearl</i>	Desdemona Chang	Studio Theatre	2019
<i>Silent Sky</i>	Shelley Delaney	Tantrum Theatre/Ohio University	2019
<i>Noura</i>	Johanna McKeon	The Old Globe	2019
<i>Buzz °</i>	Carrie Preston	Alabama Shakespeare Festival	2019
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Rick Dildine	Alabama Shakespeare Festival	2019
<i>Tiny Beautiful Things</i>	James Vasquez	The Old Globe	2019
<i>Pop Tour 2018: Light Years Away</i>	Jacole Kitchen	La Jolla Playhouse	2019
<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	Joel Ferrell	Dallas Theater Center	2018
<i>Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood</i>	Jessie Austrian	PlayMakers Rep	2018
<i>Mrs. Warren's Profession</i>	Michael Michetti	A Noise Within	2017
<i>The Imaginary Invalid</i>	Fiasco Theatre	The Old Globe	2017
<i>At the Old Place ^</i>	Jaime Castaneda	La Jolla Playhouse	2017
<i>Pop Tour 2017: #SuperShinySara</i>	Delicia Turner Sonnenberg	La Jolla Playhouse	2017
<i>Uncle Vanya</i>	Larissa Kokernot	Chalk Repertory Theatre	2015

SAN DIEGO

<i>Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde</i>	dir. Shana Wride	North Coast Repertory Theatre	(In Process) 2023
<i>Mud Row</i>	Delicia Turner Sonnenberg	Cygnnet Theatre	2022
<i>The Great Leap</i>	Robby Lufty	Cygnnet Theatre	2020
<i>The Humans</i>	Todd Salovey	San Diego Repertory Theatre	2020
<i>Significant Other</i>	Anthony Methvin	Diversionsary Theatre	2019
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> ^	Robby Lufty	Cygnnet Theatre	2019
<i>Aubergine</i>	Todd Salovey	San Diego Repertory Theatre	2019
<i>Moon Over Buffalo</i>	Matthew Wiener	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2019
<i>Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley</i>	Kristianne Kurner	New Village Arts Theatre	2018
<i>Actually</i> ^	Jesca Prudencio	San Diego Repertory Theatre	2018
<i>Smokefall</i>	Andrew Oswald & Francis Gercke	Backyard Renaissance	2018
<i>The Father</i>	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2018
<i>Avenue Q</i>	AJ Knox	New Village Arts Theatre	2018
<i>Men on Boats</i> ^	Melissa Coleman Reed	New Village Arts Theatre	2018
<i>Bachelorette</i>	Anthony Methvin	Backyard Renaissance	2018
<i>This Random World</i>	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2018
<i>Vietgone</i> ** ^	Jesca Prudencio	San Diego Repertory Theatre	2018
<i>American Hero</i>	Kristianne Kurner	New Village Arts Theatre	2017
<i>Having Our Say</i>	Melissa Coleman Reed	New Village Arts Theatre	2017
<i>Travels with My Aunt</i>	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2017
<i>Awake and Sing!</i>	Kristianne Kurner	New Village Arts Theatre	2017
<i>The Illusion</i>	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2017
<i>Well</i>	Kym Pappas	Diversionsary Theatre	2017
<i>2.5 Minute Ride</i>	Rosina Reynolds	Diversionsary Theatre	2017
<i>An Iliad</i>	Jacole Kitchen	New Village Arts Theatre	2017
<i>Marjorie Prime</i>	Matthew Wiener	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2017
<i>King Hedley II</i>	Jennifer L. Nelson	Cygnnet Theatre	2016
<i>Seven Guitars</i>	Jennifer L. Nelson	Cygnnet Theatre	2016
<i>The Cocktail Hour</i>	Rosina Reynolds	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2016
<i>Ain't Misbehavin'</i>	Yvette Freeman	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2016
<i>Hedda Gabler</i>	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2016
<i>Our Lady of Kibeho</i>	Jennifer Eve Thorn	Moxie Theatre	2016
<i>Way Downriver; Faulkner's Old Man</i>	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2016
<i>Now You See It</i>	Bruce Turk	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2016
<i>Chapatti</i>	Judith Ivey	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2015
<i>Side by Side by Sondheim</i>	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2015
<i>Sylvia</i>	Kristianne Kurner	New Village Arts Theatre	2015
<i>Betrayal</i> ^	Frank Corrado	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2015
<i>The Whale</i>	Shana Wride	Cygnnet Theatre	2015
<i>Unnecessary Farce</i>	Matthew Wiener	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2015
<i>Baby with the Bathwater</i>	Andrew Oswald	Diversionsary Theatre	2015
<i>Boys & Girls</i>	Shana Wride	Diversionsary Theatre	2014
<i>Freud's Last Session</i>	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2014
<i>Words By Ira Gershwin</i>	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2014
<i>Romance/Romance</i>	Rick Simas	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2014
<i>Faded Glory</i> °	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2014
<i>Passion</i>	Kim Strassburger	ion theatre company	2014
<i>Mandate Memories</i> °	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2014
<i>Far Away</i>	Linda Libby	ion theatre company	2014
<i>Edgar & Annabel</i>	Linda Libby	ion theatre company	2014
<i>Crumbs on the Table of Joy</i> ^	Delicia Turner Sonnenberg	Moxie Theatre	2014
<i>Boys & Girls</i>	Shana Wride	Diversionsary Theatre	2014
<i>Bug</i>	Claudio Raygoza	ion theatre company	2014
<i>The Humbug Holiday Spectacular</i> °	Omri Schein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2013
<i>reasons to be pretty</i>	Claudio Raygoza	ion theatre company	2013
<i>In the Heat of the Night</i>	Francis Gercke	ion theatre company	2013
<i>Becoming Cuba</i> °	David Ellenstein	North Coast Repertory Theatre	2013
<i>Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo</i>	Claudio Raygoza	ion theatre company	2013
<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i>	Claudio Raygoza	New Village Arts Theatre	2013
<i>Grey Gardens</i>	Kim Strassburger	ion theatre company	2012
<i>Punk Rock</i>	Glenn Paris	ion theatre company	2012

<i>The Little Flower of East Orange</i>		Glenn Paris & Claudio Raygoza	ion theatre company	2012
<i>Blasted</i> ^		Claudio Raygoza	ion theatre company	2012
<i>Request Programme</i>		Glenn Paris	ion theatre company	2012
<i>Angels in America, pts. 1 & 2</i> **^		Glenn Paris & Claudio Raygoza	ion theatre company (performed at San Diego Rep)	2011
<i>Grace</i>		Glenn Paris	ion theatre company	2011
<i>The Woolgatherer</i>		Glenn Paris	ion theatre company	2011
<i>Body Awareness</i>		Claudio Raygoza	ion theatre company	2011
<i>The Lieutenant of Inishmore</i>		Claudio Raygoza	ion theatre company	2011
<i>Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde</i>		Kim Strassburger	ion theatre company	2010
<i>Jack Goes Boating</i>		Claudio Raygoza	ion theatre company	2010

SITE SPECIFIC THEATRE DESIGN

<i>WOW Festival 2020:</i>	<i>dir.</i>	Blake McCarty & Catherine Hanna Schrock,	- Produced by La Jolla Playhouse	2020
<i>Walks of Life</i>		<i>Blindspot Collective</i>	- Radio play/podcast format	
<i>WOW Festival 2019: PDA</i>	<i>dir.</i>	Jesca Prudencio, <i>People of Interest</i>	- Produced by La Jolla Playhouse - Performed at Liberty Station	2020
<i>Connecting Flights</i>	<i>dir.</i>	Blake McCarty & Catherine Hanna Schrock, <i>Blindspot Collective</i>	- Commission by the San Diego International Airport - Performances from Aug through Dec	2019
<i>The Adventures of Peter Pan</i>	<i>dir.</i>	Allegra Libonati	- Associate Sound Designer - Music Composed by Manual Cinema - Production ran in Beijing, China for a year	2016

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE WORK

<i>Romeo & Juliet</i>	<i>dir.</i>	Barry Edelstein	<i>des.</i>	Sten Severson	The Old Globe	2019
<i>As You Like It</i>		Jessica Stone		Sten Severson	The Old Globe	2019
<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>		Kathleen Marshall		Sten Severson	The Old Globe	2018
<i>The Lorax</i>				Sten Severson	The Old Globe	2018
<i>The Tempest</i>		Joe Dowling		Jonathan Deans	The Old Globe	2018
<i>Hamlet</i>		Barry Edelstein		Sten Severson	The Old Globe	2017
<i>Ken Ludwig's Robin Hood!</i> °		Jessica Stone		Fitz Patton	The Old Globe	2017
<i>Love's Labor's Lost</i>		Kathleen Marshall		Sten Severson	The Old Globe	2016
<i>Macbeth</i>		Brian Kulick		Sten Severson	The Old Globe	2016
<i>The Comedy of Errors</i>		Scott Ellis		Sten Severson	The Old Globe	2015
<i>Twelfth Night</i>		Rebecca Taichman		Sten Severson	The Old Globe	2015
<i>Blueprints to Freedom</i> °		Lucie Tiberghien		Joe Huppert	La Jolla Playhouse	2015
<i>Rest</i> °		Martin Benson		Michael Roth	South Coast Repertory Theatre	2015

GUEST DESIGNER FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

<i>Frankenstein</i> **	<i>dir.</i>	Benjamin Cole	<i>Theatre School @ North Coast Rep</i>	2022
<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>		Jesse Perez	<i>House of Charm Rehearsal Hall, The Old Globe</i>	2021
<i>Shanghai</i> °		Sara Rademacher	<i>US Santa Barbara</i>	(Live Streamed) 2021
<i>Labzik: Tales of a Clever Pup</i> °		Jake Krakovsky	<i>Theater Emory</i>	(Animation) 2021
<i>Romeo & Juliet</i>		Dahlia Al-Habieli	<i>Albright University</i>	(Radio Play) 2021
<i>Sweat</i>		Carolyn Ratteray	<i>Pomona College</i>	(Filmed) 2021
<i>Detroit 67</i>		Delicia Turner	<i>University of San Diego</i>	(Live Streamed) 2021
<i>She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms</i>		Sonnenberg		
<i>Oedipus Tyrannus</i>		Jason Heil	<i>CSU San Marcos</i>	(Filmed) 2021
<i>Macbeth</i>		Ray Chambers	<i>University of San Diego</i>	(Live Streamed) 2021
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>		Benjamin Cole	<i>Theatre School @ North Coast Rep</i>	(Filmed) 2021
<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i>		Sam White	<i>University of San Diego</i>	(Filmed) 2021
<i>The Neverending Story</i>		Benjamin Cole	<i>Theatre School @ North Coast Rep</i>	(Live Streamed) 2021
<i>Les Blancs</i>		Benjamin Cole	<i>Theatre School @ North Coast Rep</i>	(Live Streamed) 2020
<i>Men on Boats</i>		Lydia Fort	<i>Theater Emory</i>	(Filmed) 2020
<i>The Tempest</i> **		Sarah Wansley	<i>Fordham University</i>	(Live Streamed) 2020
<i>Animal Farm</i>		Benjamin Cole	<i>Theatre School @ North Coast Rep</i>	(Live Streamed) 2020
<i>The Promise</i>		Benjamin Cole	<i>Theatre School @ North Coast Rep</i>	(Live Streamed) 2020
<i>The Visit</i>		James Vasquez	<i>University of San Diego</i>	(Live Streamed) 2020
<i>Red Velvet</i>		Jack Reuler	<i>Studio Theatre, University of San Diego</i>	(Cancelled - Covid-19) 2020
<i>Twelfth Night</i>		Kenshaka Ali	<i>Allen Theatre, Pomona College</i>	2019
<i>Stupid F**king Bird</i>		Jesse Perez	<i>The White Theatre, The Old Globe</i>	2019
		James Vasquez	<i>Room 133, University of San Diego</i>	2019

<i>Crumbs From The Table of Joy</i>	Sandra McClain	Allen Theatre, Pomona College	2019
<i>Our Town</i>	Jesca Prudencio	Studio Theatre, University of San Diego	2019
<i>Cloud 9</i>	Matt Morrow	Studio Theatre, University of San Diego	2018
<i>A Midsummer Nights' Dream</i>	Carolyn Ratteray	Seaver Theatre, Pomona College	2018
<i>Three Sisters</i>	Scott Ripley	Studio Theatre, University of San Diego	2018
<i>Romeo & Juliet</i>	Delicia Turner Sonnenberg	The White Theatre, <i>The Old Globe</i>	2017
<i>The Cherry Orchard</i>	Arthur Horowitz	Allen Theatre, Pomona College	2016
<i>The Two Gentlemen of Verona</i>	Rick Seer	The White Theatre, <i>The Old Globe</i>	2016
<i>Native Son</i>	Casey Stangl	Potiker Theatre, UC San Diego	2016
<i>Playwrights Project: Plays by Young Writers Festival 2016</i>	Ruff Yeager & George Ye	The Festival Stage, <i>The Old Globe</i>	2016
<i>Good Kids</i>	Dr. Judy Bauerlein	CSU San Marcos	2015
<i>Summer Shakespeare Intensive 2015</i>	Ray Chambers	The Festival Stage, <i>The Old Globe</i>	2015
<i>Playwrights Project: Plays by Young Writers Festival 2015</i>	Rosina Reynolds & George Ye	The White Theatre, <i>The Old Globe</i>	2015
<i>By the Way, Meet Vera Stark</i>	Carolyn Ratteray	Allen Theatre, Pomona College	2014
<i>Uncle Vanya</i>	Arthur Horowitz	Allen Theatre, Pomona College	2014
<i>Summer Shakespeare Intensive 2015</i>	Ray Chambers	The Festival Stage, <i>The Old Globe</i>	2014
<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>	Lisa Berger	Studio Theatre, University of San Diego	2014
<i>Pericles: Prince of Tyre</i>	Ray Chambers	The White Theatre, <i>The Old Globe</i>	2014

DANCE

<i>The Myth Project: Essential Bodies</i>	Patricia Rincon Dance Collective	Casa de Europa (Mexico)	2017
<i>Blurred Borders #17: Threads</i>	Patricia Rincon Dance Collective	La Jolla Playhouse	2016
<i>Body Parts</i>	Patricia Rincon Dance Collective	Aula Ramibuhl Theatre (Zurich, Switzerland)	2013
<i>In Spite of It</i>	Patricia Rincon Dance Collective	Aula Ramibuhl Theatre (Zurich, Switzerland)	2013
<i>The Myth Project: Altar</i>	Patricia Rincon Dance Collective	La Jolla Playhouse Without Walls Festival	2013
<i>Clouds in My Room</i>	Patricia Rincon Dance Collective	La Jolla Playhouse	2013
<i>Myth Project VII: Nonsense</i>	Patricia Rincon Dance Collective	Encinitas Library	2013
<i>Blurred Borders #14: Protest Dance</i>	Patricia Rincon Dance Collective	San Diego City College	2012

EDUCATIONAL DESIGN

<i>Drums in the Night</i>	<i>dir.</i> Sarah Wansley	Mandell Weiss Theatre, UCSD	2014
<i>Casagemas</i> °	Kate Jopson	Mandell Weiss Theatre, UCSD	2013
<i>Tonight We Improvise</i>	Gabor Tompa	Weiss Theatre, UCSD	2013
<i>In the Red and Brown Water</i>	Gregory Wallace	Mandell Weiss Theatre, UCSD	2012
<i>Hookman</i> °	Larrisa Lury	Shank Theatre, UCSD	2012
<i>reasons to be pretty</i>	Eric Hunnicut	Galbraith Hall 157, UCSD	2011

RELATED EXPERIENCE

2017 - 2020	Lecturer	UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA
2019	Lecturer	University of San Diego, San Diego, CA
2012 - 2014	Teaching Assistant	UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA
2010 - 2011	Sound Shop Intern	UCSD/La Jolla Playhouse, La Jolla, CA

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Design for a Large Theater 2022 - *Witch*
 Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Sound Design 2019 (nomination) - *Pride and Prejudice*
 Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Sound Design 2018 - *Men on Boats*
 Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Sound Design 2018 (nomination) - *Actually*
 Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Sound Design 2018 (nomination) - *Vietgone*
 Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Sound Design 2017 (nomination) - *At the Old Place*

Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Sound Design 2015 (nomination) - *Betrayal*
Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Sound Design 2014 (nomination) - *Crumbs From the Table of Joy*
Teaching Assistant Excellence Award 2014 at UC San Diego
Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Sound Design 2012 (nomination) - *Blasted*
Craig Noel Award for Outstanding Sound Design 2011 - *Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes*
The Stewart Prize in Theatre 2011

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO (UCSD), La Jolla, CA

March 2014 *Master of Fine Arts*, Sound Design for Theatre & Dance
June 2011 *Bachelor of Arts*, Interdisciplinary Computing and the Arts (Music Emphasis)
Minor, Theatre & Dance (Sound Design Emphasis)