

# Jenna Houck

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## *Curriculum Vitae*

### **EDUCATION**

- MFA** Pennsylvania State University. University Park, PA.  
Scenic Design for Theatre. 2019
- BFA** University of Minnesota, Duluth. Duluth, MN.  
Theatre Design with emphases in Scenic and Costume Design. Art  
Minor. Graduated Magna Cum Laude with Departmental Honors.  
2014

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

- Lillstreet Arts Center**, Chicago, IL.  
Instructor, Online: *Introduction to Watercolor Painting*, Spring 2021
- Pennsylvania State University**. University Park, PA.  
Instructor. Thea 252: *Design Presentation Techniques*. Spring 2019  
Teaching Assistant. Thea 250: *Intro to Scenic Design*. Spring 2019  
Teaching Assistant. Thea 253: *Scene Painting*. Fall 2017

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- "Compensatory Performance; Community Healing from the Death of Abraham Lincoln to the Every 28 Hours Project." **Comparative Drama Conference**. April 2019
- "Inventiveness Through Necessity; A One-Person Paint Shop." **Mid-America Theatre Conference**. March 2019 \*Submitted for Publication with  
*Theatre/Practice*.
- "A One-Person Paint Shop; Tips and Tools for Painting Alone." **United States Institute for Theatre Technology, National Conference**. Poster Presentation. March  
2019

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Reading the Writing” **Sakatah Literary Journal**. Faribault, MN: South Central College, 2010: Pages 23-24.

**SCENIC DESIGN**

**Cumberland County Playhouse.** Crossville, TN.

Scenic Design: *Things my Mother Taught Me*. Directed by Brenda Sparks, 2023

Scenic Design: *Sylvia*. Directed by Brenda Sparks, 2022

**Riverside Children’s Theatre.** Vero Beach, FL.

Scenic Design: *Newsies*. Directed by Kevin Quillinan, 2023

Scenic Design: *Rudolph Jr.* Directed by Kevin Quillinan, 2022

**Metropolis Performing Arts Company.** Arlington Heights, IL.

Scenic Design: *Sister Act*. Directed by Sadé May, 2022

Scenic Design: *A Christmas Carol*. Directed by Kevin Wiczer, 2019, 2021

**Piven Theatre.** Evanston, IL.

Scenic Design: *Runaways*. Directed by Helen Knudsen, *Postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19*.

**Fleetwood Jourdain Theatre.** Evanston, IL.

Scenic Design: *Legends Concert*. Directed by Tim Rhoze, 2020

Scenic Design: *Race*. Directed by Tim Rhoze, *Postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19*.

**The Comrades Theatre Company.** Chicago, IL.

Scenic Design: *The Layover*. Directed by Drew Shirley, 2020

**Mudlark Theatre Company.** Evanston, IL.

Scenic Design: *Concerning Foster*. Directed by Dru Smith and Sonita Surratt, 2020

**The Conspirators Theatre Company.** Chicago, IL.

Scenic Design: *Accidental Death of a Black Motorist*. Directed by Wm. Bullion, 2019

**Pennsylvania State University Theatre.** University Park, PA.

Scenic Design: *Legally Blonde*. Directed by Christine O'Grady Roberts, 2018

Scenic Design: *Cosí fan tutte*. Directed by Ted Christopher, 2017

**University of Minnesota Duluth Theatre.** Duluth, MN.

Scenic Design: *Off the Record Dance Concert*. Directed by Rebecca Katz Harwood, 2014

Scenic Design: *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*. Directed by Tom Isbell, 2013

Scenic Design: *White Baby*. Directed by Andy Bennett, 2012

Scenic Design Portfolio URL: <https://www.jennahouckdesigns.com/page2>

**ASSISTANT SCENIC DESIGN**

**Michael Schweikardt, Scenic Designer**

Assistant to the Scenic Designer: *Evita*. Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook Terrace, IL. *Postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19.*

**Kevin Depinet, Scenic Designer**

Model Construction Assistant: *Kinky Boots*. Paramount Theatre, Aurora, IL. 2020

Model Construction Assistant: *An American in Paris*. Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook Terrace, IL. 2020

Model Construction Assistant: *Prince of Egypt*. The Dominion Theatre, London England. 2019

Model Construction Assistant: *Mary Poppins*. Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook Terrace, IL. 2019

**Milagros Ponce de León, Scenic Designer**

Model Construction: *Miss you Like Hell*. Ford's Theatre, Olney Theatre, Olney MD. 2019

Assistant to the Scenic Designer: *Jefferson's Garden*. Ford's Theatre, Washington D.C. 2018

Model Construction Assistant: *Into the Woods*. Ford's Theatre, Washington D.C. 2018

Model Construction Assistant: *Travisville*. Ensemble Studio Theatre, New York City, NY. 2018

Model Construction Assistant: *Sweeney Todd*. Olney Theatre, Olney MD. 2017

Model Construction Assistant: *In the Heights*. Olney Theatre, Olney MD. 2017

Assistant Portfolio URL: <https://www.jennahouckdesigns.com/assistant-design>

## **SCENIC PAINTING**

### **Riverside Theatre.** Vero Beach, FL.

Scenic Artist: *Mystic Pizza* National Tour, 2023-25

Scenic Charge Artist: *Jersey Boys*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Million Dollar Quartet*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Honky Tonk Angels*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *42nd St*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Comedy of Tenors*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Oleanna*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Man of La Mancha*, 2022

Scenic Charge Artist: *Butterflies are Free*, 2022

Scenic Charge Artist: *On Your Feet*, Postponed indefinitely due to Covid-19.

Scenic Charge Artist: *Carousel*, 2021

### **Slow Burn Theatre Company.** Fort Lauderdale, FL

Scenic Artist: *The Little Mermaid*, 2023

### **Riverside Children's Theatre.** Vero Beach, FL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *Finding Nemo Jr.* 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Newsies*, 2023

Scenic Charge Artist: *Rudolph Jr.* 2022

Scenic Charge Artist: *Into the Woods*, 2022

Scenic Charge Artist: *Elf Jr.* 2021

### **Fleetwood Jourdain Theatre.** Evanston, IL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *Legends* Concert, 2020

### **Chicago Shakespeare Theatre.** Chicago, IL.

Scenic Artist: *Emma*, 2020

Scenic Artist: *A Comedy of Errors*, 2020

**Theo Obique Theatre.** Evanston, IL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *Grey Gardens*, 2020

**Drury Lane Theatre.** Oakbrook Terrace, IL.

Scenic Artist: *Mary Poppins*, 2019

Scenic Artist: *An American in Paris*, 2020

**Porchlight Musical Theatre.** Chicago, IL.

Scenic Co-Charge Artist: *Sophisticated Ladies*, 2020

**The Comrades Theatre Company.** Chicago, IL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *The Layover*, 2020

**Mudlark Theatre Company.** Evanston, IL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *Concerning Foster*, 2020

Scenic Charge Artist: *A Christmas Carol*, 2019

**The Conspirators Theatre Company.** Chicago, IL.

Scenic Charge Artist: *Accidental Death of a Black Motorist*, 2019

**Bay Street Theatre.** Sag Harbor, NY

Scenic Charge Artist: *The Prompter*, 2019

Scenic Charge Artist: *Safe Space*, 2019

Scenic Charge Artist: *Annie Get Your Gun*, 2019

Scenic Charge Artist: *A Raisin in the Sun*, 2019

**Weathervane Playhouse.** Newark, OH

Scenic Charge Artist: *A Chorus Line*, 2018

Scenic Charge Artist: *I Hate Hamlet*, 2018

Scenic Charge Artist: *42nd Street*, 2018

Scenic Charge Artist: *Merrily We Roll Along*, 2018

Scenic Charge Artist: *Pippin*, 2018

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Gypsy*, 2018

**Pennsylvania State University.** University Park, PA

Scenic Artist: *Clybourne Park*, 2018

Scenic Artist: *Caroline or Change*, 2018

Scenic Artist: *Legally Blonde*, 2018

Scenic Artist: *Polaroid Stories*, 2018  
Scenic Artist: *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, 2018  
Scenic Artist: *Love in Hate Nation*, 2018  
Scenic Artist: *Cosí fan tutte*, 2017  
Scenic Artist: *Argonautika*, 2017  
Scenic Artist: *Sweet Charity*, 2017  
Scenic Artist: *Light in the Piazza*, 2017  
Scenic Artist: *Barbeque*, 2017  
Scenic Artist: *American Idiot*, 2017  
Scenic Artist: *Twelfth Night*, 2016  
Scenic Charge Artist: *Trouble in Tahiti*, 2016  
Scenic Artist: *Be More Chill*, 2016

**The Barter Theatre.** Abingdon, VA

Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Mamma Mia!* 2016  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Peter and the Starcatcher*, 2016  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Winter Wheat*, 2016  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Dixie Swim Club*, 2016  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Greater Tuna*, 2016  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Big Fish*, 2016  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Othello*, 2016  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *George Orwell's 1984*, 2016  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Charlotte's Web*, 2016  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol*, 2015  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*, 2015  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Curtains: A Murder Mystery Musical Comedy*, 2015  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *Classic Nashville Roadshow*, 2015  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *The Doyle and Debbie Show*, 2015  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *A Wrinkle in Time*, 2015  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *The Three Musketeers*, 2015  
Assistant Scenic Charge Artist: *I'll Be Back Before Midnight*, 2015

**University of Minnesota, Duluth.** Duluth, MN

Scenic Charge Artist: *Off the Record Dance Concert*, 2014  
Scenic Charge Artist: *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*, 2013  
Scenic Charge Artist: *White Baby*, 2012

Scenic Painting Portfolio URL: <https://www.jennahouckdesigns.com/page3>

### **COSTUME DESIGN**

**University of Minnesota Duluth Theatre.** Duluth, MN.

Costume Design: *Damn Yankees*. Directed by Ann Bergeron, 2014

Costume Design: *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. Directed by Lee Gundersheimer, 2013

Costume Design: *Medea*. Directed by Ann Bergeron, 2012

**Renegade Theatre Company.** Duluth, MN.

Costume Design: *William Shakespeare's Land of the Dead*. Directed by Evan Kelly, 2013

Costume Design Portfolio URL:

<https://www.jennahouckdesigns.com/costume-design>

### **FILM**

**Create with Carousel.** (Remote), IL.

Production Design: *Coolest Standing Desk Commercial*. 2021

**Wheelhouse Productions.** Chicago, IL.

Paint Lead: *Kellogg's Club Crisps Commercial*. 2021

**Zynopsis Productions.** Duluth, MN

Production Design: *The Fox Hole*, 2014

**Shadowland Productions.** Los Angeles, CA

Art Department: *The Bride He Bought Online*, 2014

### **PROPS**

**University of Minnesota Duluth Theatre,** Duluth, MN

Properties Master: *Blithe Spirit*. Directed by Kate Ufema, 2011

**Stage 2 Theatre Company.** Duluth, MN

Properties Master: *The Laramie Project*. Directed by Mackenzie McCollum, 2011

### **CARPENTRY**

**Bay Street Theatre.** Sag Harbor, NY

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *Lend me a Tenor*, 2013

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, 2013

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, 2013

**Utah Festival Opera.** Logan, UT

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *Faust*, 2012

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *Tosca*, 2012

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *Kiss Me Kate*, 2012

Scenic Carpentry Intern: *My Fair Lady*, 2012

**University of Minnesota Duluth Theatre.** Duluth, MN

Master Carpenter: *Coriolana*. Directed by Kate Ufema, 2012

Carpentry Portfolio URL: <https://www.jennahouckdesigns.com/carpentry>

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

**Pennsylvania State University.** University Park, PA.

Creative Achievement Award. Department of Theatre, 2019

Anne Gibson Award for Professional Development in Theatre Design and Technology, 2019

Helen and Lowell Manful Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement by a Graduate Student, 2019

Graduate Exhibition, Design Category. Awarded third place, 2019

**United States Institute for Theatre Technology**, Northern Boundaries Section.

Winner of the Cover the Walls competition for Design, 2013

**South Central College.** Faribault, MN.

Inducted into Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society, 2010



