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lighting design · production · systems

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Lighting designer and production leader with ten years of work across theatre, worship, broadcast, and corporate events. Currently pursuing an MFA in lighting design — pairing hands-on systems engineering with story-first design that uses saturation, focus, isolation, and intensity to serve the moment.

education

MFA — Theatre, Lighting Design (in progress)	University of Memphis — Memphis, TN	expected Spring 2027
B.A. — Theatre	Missouri Baptist University — St. Louis, MO	2015 - 2025

theatrical lighting design

Newsies	MBU Theatre	dir. Kasey Cox	Nov 2024
7 Brides for 7 Brothers	MBU Theatre	dir. Kasey Cox	Sep 2021
Peter/Wendy	Silhouettes Production Co.	dir. Jordan Woods	Jul 2017
Ordinary Days	Silhouettes Production Co.	dir. [name]	Jun 2017
Joseph...Technicolor Dreamcoat	Take 3 Christian Theatre	dir. [name]	Apr 2017
A Raisin in the Sun	MBU Theatre	dir. Dr. Joy Powell	Feb 2017
Love Letters	MBU Theatre	dir. [name]	Feb 2017

concert & event lighting design

Great Joy — feat. Quinten Earl Darrington & Kamilie Upshaw Darrington	Bell Shoals Church	Dec 2024, Dec 2025
Christy Nockels	Missouri Baptist University	Nov 2018
John Mark & Sarah McMillan	Missouri Baptist University	Sep 2018
Nick Jonas — spot operator	Iron Man Sound Industries	Apr 2018

sound design

Guys and Dolls	St. Louis Summer Players	Jun 2018
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown	MBU Theatre	Feb 2018
It's a Wonderful Life	MBU Theatre	Dec 2017
Bye Bye Birdie	St. Louis Summer Players	Jun 2017
Love Letters	MBU Theatre	Feb 2017

professional experience

Production Director

Jul 2024 – present

Bell Shoals Church — Brandon, FL

Lead the AVL vision for all church and academy ministries — systems design, production direction, and team leadership for services, concerts, and broadcast.

Lighting Designer

Mar 2025 – present

House of Blues Orlando — Orlando, FL

Design and operate lighting for national touring acts and special events.

Lighting & Scenic Designer

Nov 2021 – Jul 2024

Lakes Church — Lakeland, FL

- Designed, installed, programmed, and focused lighting rigs for main services, TV tapings, and seasonal productions — including an immersive Easter walkthrough and multi-venue Christmas services.
- Built volunteer-ready console presets and trained freelancers and volunteers to run shows.
- Designed scenic layouts and set pieces alongside the lighting package.

Studio Technical Director / Project Manager

Apr 2020 – Nov 2021

Conference Technologies, Inc. — St. Louis, MO

- Managed and engineered virtual and hybrid events end-to-end — including Mastercard corporate broadcasts and the Boeing / Qatar aircraft unveiling.
- Engineered shows on Barco E2, Blackmagic ATEM, and TriCaster; designed broadcast looks in vMix and OBS.
- Produced event content and final edits in DaVinci Resolve and Adobe Creative Suite.

Junior Project Manager / Lead Event Tech

Oct 2019 – Mar 2020

Conference Technologies, Inc. — St. Louis, MO

- Drafted and executed lighting plans for corporate, broadcast, concert, and architectural applications.
- Delivered broadcast-standard, theatrical, and concert lighting across rapidly changing client needs.

Lighting Director

Jan 2019 – Oct 2019

World Harvest Church — Canal Winchester, OH

- Designed and directed lighting for services, events, and the Breakthrough television broadcast.
- Installed, programmed, and focused fixtures; built volunteer-ready presets; operated broadcast cameras.

Lighting Director

Mar 2014 – Dec 2018

Victory Church — Pevely, MO

- Redesigned the building's lighting plots and backdrop; designed environmental lighting and projections for events.
- Trained volunteers in lighting, projection, and ProPresenter; produced graphics and service media.

Student Technical Director

Jan 2017 – Dec 2018

Missouri Baptist University — St. Louis, MO

- Created and re-aimed light plots; designed and ran lighting for theatre, chapel, concerts, and events.
- Built sets and led load-ins and load-outs.

AV Technician

Oct 2017 – Dec 2018

Iron Man Sound Industries — St. Louis, MO

Installed and operated lighting and sound for events on fast turnarounds.

lighting & creative design consulting

Equation Church — systems consulting, lighting plots, volunteer training	St. Louis, MO	2016 – present
Gateway Harvest Church — lighting plots for multi-room campus	St. Louis, MO	2022 – present
Spiritword Church — AVL installation & technology upgrades	St. Louis, MO	2020 – 2021
City of Maryland Heights — event lighting design for city events	Maryland Heights, MO	2018 – 2019
Concord Trinity UMC — lighting plots & installation	St. Louis, MO	2017 – 2018

technical skills

consoles	ETC Eos family (advanced) · grandMA2 / grandMA3 · Avolites · Obsidian Onyx
lighting systems	DMX & sACN networking · fixture installation & focus · lighting automation · LED tape & pixel systems · soldering, wiring & electrical circuitry
drafting & previs	Vectorworks · AutoCAD · light plots & paperwork · magic sheet design · renderings & previsualization
video & broadcast	Barco E2 · Blackmagic ATEM · TriCaster · vMix · OBS · ProPresenter · broadcast camera operation
content & office stagecraft	Adobe Creative Suite (advanced) · DaVinci Resolve · Microsoft Office · Mac & PC scenic design · set construction · scenic painting · props · rigging knots · puppetry