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EXPERIENCE

“MATERNAL INSTINCT” (documentary) - *Story Syndicate* - *Brooklyn NY*

Location: Hot Springs AR

September 2025

Art Assistant

- Set dresser - coordinated with Prod Designer on dressing all sets
- Set construction - set carpentry, floor and wall treatments design and build
- Art Dept. Buyer -procured furnishings and set components

“TURNBUCKLE” (feature - drama/action) - *Trouble in Stone County, LLC* - *Arkansas*

Location: Hot Springs AR

July / August 2025

Swing Gang Boss

- Set construction - carpentry and build of set components
- Set decoration - preparation and tear-down of interior and exterior set dressings
- Art Dept. Graphics - coordinate with Set Dec on graphic art components

“THE ISOLATE THIEF” (feature - western) - *Hideout Pictures, LLC* - *Nashville, TN*

Location: Hot Springs AR

November / December 2024

Art Department Trainee

- Set dresser - assist Set Dec with prep & tear-down of interior and exterior sets
- Set construction - coordinate with Prod Designer on carpentry and build of set components, and acquisition and restoration of period set dressings
- Set scenery and greens - produce and manage exterior ‘snow’ and exterior decor

“GENERATIONAL” (short) - *Jen Gerber & ‘Ready 4 Action’* - *Hot Springs, AR*

Location: Hot Springs, AR

May / June 2024

On-Set Dresser / Set Decorator

- On-set dresser - assist production crew with set dressings
- Set decoration - work with Set Dec on acquisition and placement of set dressings

“THE MAGICIANS RAINCOAT” (feature) - *Ace Entertainment - Los Angeles, CA*

Location: Hot Springs AR

May / June 2023

Art Production Assistant

- Set dressing - provide and dress key props and assist Set Dec with prep & tear-down of sets
- Set construction - construction and preparation of set components

“MY FAVORITE ANIMALS” (short) - *Low Key Arts ‘Inception 2P Projection’- Hot Springs*

Location: Hot Springs, AR

April 2023

Writer / Director

- Writer, Director, Editor - writing, direction, and editing of short film student project
- Set decoration - assemble set components and dress multiple set locations

EDUCATION

University of Texas Arlington, Arlington TX

BS Information Systems - 1994

Ready 4 Action - Low Key Arts, Hot Springs AR

Cinema Art Department Training - Spring 2024

Inception 2 Projection - Low Key Arts, Hot Springs AR

Film Training and Short Film Production- Spring 2023

SKILLS

Set Building:

I have 15 years of experience in building sets in community theater. I am comfortable with all aspects of set construction - including carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and engineering of static and moving set pieces, as well as, painting and management of fabrics, films, and coatings.

Set Design:

CAD tools experience and technical drafting, and materials design and acquisition under tight budgets.

Additionally, I like to bring a different way of thinking onto the set. My strength is in creativity and innovation. I like to exceed expectations and deliver budget-friendly solutions.