

Curriculum Vitae

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Born November 11th, 1987 in Stratford, New Jersey

Academics and Education

B.F.A. In Theatre Design and Technology, Emphasis in Lighting Design
Pennsylvania State University, May 2010

Work Experience

John W. Engeman Theater
Nov. 2017-Present

Lighting Supervisor in charge of everything lighting for a 400 seat proscenium house, 6 shows/year. Prepare each new show, run hang/focus with local crew, build and wire practicals, maintain show during run, maintain lighting spaces and inventories. Also assist with carpentry and other departments as needed, in-house lighting network support, general maintenance and troubleshooting around the building as needed.

Disney on Ice
Sept. 2014-Oct. 2017

Touring Assistant Electrician. Responsible for Load-In and Load-Out of show weekly, supervision of local crews, running the show lighting effects backstage, spotlight operation/cue calling and much more. Also learned and ran BlackTrax automated spotlight systems for two years, calibrating and troubleshooting weekly.

Royal Caribbean
Fall 2011-Summer 2013

Technical Stage Staff in training as Light Technician, promoted to Light Technician in Dec. 2012, covered 3 different vacations on 3 ships including one Drydock/Refit. See resume for more details or visit www.brianskurtz.com/RCCL

Altman Rentals
Spring 2010-Summer 2011

Shop Staff, mainly in charge of Cable, Iron, Truss/Rigging, Special FX and TV/Film. Pulling orders, maintaining equipment and handling returns. Also assist in Electronics for Moving Light, LED Light and Console testing/repair.

Penn State School of Theatre
Fall 2009-Present

Work Study position in the Electrics Shop. Assist the staff electrician in maintenance, organization and repair of all equipment and spaces for the School of Theatre. Also work on hangs and focuses for all shows and various other duties as needed.

Mainstage Center for the Arts
Summer 2009

Lighting Designer, chose lighting instruments and colors, developed a plot, set the mood and looks via lighting. Designed a total of 5 shows and several single night events. Oversaw safety and training of the electrics crew.

Partypalooza
Summer 2009

Assisted part time as a stock clerk, order puller and organizer. Also performed maintenance of inventory and organization of the warehouse.

Penn State University

Resident Assistant, mentored first year college students supervised the

Fall 2008-Spring 2009	residence hall and made sure university policies were upheld. Organized programs for the floor and created community among the residents.
Surflight Theatre Summer 2008	Electrics Intern, Assisted in hang, focus, maintenance and repair of lights. Ran spotlight for mainstage shows. Designed lights for Children's Theatre shows.
Bryce Jordan Center Spring 2007-Spring 2008	Stage Crew, assisted with load-in and load out of concerts.
LateNight Penn State Fall 2007-Spring 2008	In charge of video game nights and tournaments and assisted with general setup and takedown.
Eisenhower Auditorium Fall 2006-Spring 2008	Back of House crew, assisted with load in, load out and strike of sets. Also worked run crew for larger shows.
Mainstage Center for the Arts Summer 2006-Summer 2007	Electrician, board programmer/operator and general staff for five theatrical shows throughout the summer as well as a number of smaller shows.
Partypalooza Spring 2005-Summer 2007	Stock Clerk, Maintained inventory and performed general straightening and organizing tasks. Pulled and prepared orders to be shipped.
Super G Supermarket Fall 2004-Summer 2005	Cashier, handled checkout of customers and bagging of food. Occasionally assisted with shelving.
The Siding Man Winter 2003-Winter 2005	Office Assistant, answered phones, took messages, set up appointments, sent follow-up letters, filed letters and assisted with general office jobs. Also troubleshooted computers as needed.
Congregation B'nai Tikvah Fall 2003-Spring 2004	Hebrew tutor and office assistant. Performed many small tasks as required.
Cerebral Palsy Center of Gloucester and Salem Counties Fall 2002- Winter 2004	Volunteer, classroom assistant and office worker. Helped students in learning and assisted teachers with activities. Also did minor office work on occasion such as laminating, di-cuts and other teaching materials for classroom use.

Lighting Technician (Working aboard RCCL Ships)

Ship:	Venue:	Dates:
Brilliance of the Seas	<i>Main Theatre & Centrum</i>	Apr '12-Jul '13
Rhapsody of the Seas	<i>Main Theatre & Centrum</i>	Feb '13-Apr '13
Adventure of the Seas	<i>Studio B (Ice Rink) & Promenade</i>	Dec '12-Feb '13
Stage Staff (Training as Light Tech) on Oasis and Freedom of the Seas		Aug '11-Dec '12

Lighting Designs

Theatre:	Production:	Date:
Curtain Call Theatre	<i>Annie</i>	<i>Winter 2010</i>
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>True Villains</i>	Summer 2010
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	Summer 2009
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Disney Spectacular</i>	Summer 2009

Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Summer 2009
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Willy Wonka Jr.</i>	Summer 2009
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>High School Musical 2</i>	Summer 2009
Stafford Township Arts Center	<i>Footloose</i>	Summer 2008
Surflight Theatre	<i>Intern Cabaret 2008</i>	Summer 2008
Surflight Children's Theatre	<i>Snow White</i> (two sets, two designs)	Summer 2008
Surflight Children's Theatre	<i>Cinderella</i>	Summer 2008
Surflight Children's Theatre	<i>Wizard of Oz</i>	Summer 2008
Surflight Children's Theatre	<i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	Summer 2008

Assistant Lighting Design

Theatre:	Production:	Designer:	Date:
Penn State School of Theatre	<i>We Are... Dead State</i> (Haunted House)	Alex Noerpel	Fall 2009
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Aida</i>	Tom Balderstone	Summer 2006

Lighting/Midi Programmer

Theatre:	Production:	Designer:	Date:
Penn State School of Theatre	<i>Sunday in the Park with George</i>	Alex Noerpel	Spring 2010
Penn State School of Theatre	<i>We Are... Dead State</i> (Haunted House)	Alex Noerpel	Fall 2009
Penn State School of Theatre	<i>The Wiz</i>	Peter George	Spring 2009
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Oklahoma</i>	Joe Israel	Summer 2007
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Summer Stage</i> (four small shows)	Joe Israel	Summer 2007
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Aida</i>	Tom Balderstone	Summer 2006
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Summer Stage</i> (four small shows)	Stephen Sagot	Summer 2006

Master Electrician

Theatre:	Production:	Designer:	Date:
Penn State School of Theatre	<i>Tale of a West Texas Marsupial Girl</i>	Sabrina Beattie	Fall 2008
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Summer Stage</i> (four small shows)	Joe Israel	Summer 2007
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Oklahoma</i>	Joe Israel	Summer 2007
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Aida</i>	Tom Balderstone	Summer 2006
Voorhees Theatre Company	<i>The Music Man</i>	Tom Weaver	Fall 2005

Assistant Master Electrician

Theatre:	Production:	Designer:	Date:
Penn State School of Theatre	<i>Die Fledermaus</i>	Dan Frechen	Spring 2008
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Summer Stage</i> (four small shows)	Stephen Sagot	Summer 2006

Electrics Intern/Spotlight Operator

Theatre:	Production:	Designer:	Date:
Surflight Theatre	<i>All Shook Up</i>	Eileen Smitheimer	Summer 2008
Surflight Theatre	<i>Chicago</i>	Eileen Smitheimer	Summer 2008
Surflight Theatre	<i>The Producers</i>	Jeff Greenberg	Summer 2008
Surflight Theatre	<i>Oklahoma</i>	Peter Leonard	Summer 2008

Assistant Technical Director

Theatre:	Production:	Technical Director:	Date:
Penn State School of Theatre	<i>Pentecost</i>	Todd King	Fall 2007

Deck Electrician

Theatre:	Production:	Date:
Eisenhower Auditorium	<i>Hairspray National Tour</i>	Spring 2007
Eisenhower Auditorium	<i>The Producers National Tour</i>	Winter 2006

Lighting Board Operator/Programmer

Theatre:	Production:	Designer:	Date:
Penn State School of Theatre	<i>Five Women Wearing the Same Dress</i>		Spring 2007
The Pavilion Projects	<i>Speaking in Tongues</i>	Peter George	Winter 2006
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Aida</i>	Tom Balderstone	Summer 2006
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Summer Stage</i> (four small shows)	Stephen Sagot	Summer 2006
Voorhees Theatre Company	<i>The Music Man</i>	Tom Weaver	Fall 2005
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Summer Stage</i> (four small shows)	Zach Matusow	Summer 2004
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Summer Stage</i> (four small shows)	Chris Rivera	Summer 2003
Studio 42 Summer Theatre	<i>Cinderella</i>	N/A	Summer 2001

Other Theatre Experience

Theatre:	Production:	Position:	Date:
Penn State School of Theatre	<i>A Year with Frog and Toad</i>	Electrics Crew	Winter 2006
Penn State School of Theatre	<i>Urinetown</i>	Electrics Crew	Fall 2006
Penn State Thespians	<i>Rocky Horror "Picture" Show</i>	Spotlight Operator	Fall 2006
Penn State School of Theatre	<i>Blues for an Alabama Sky</i>	Electrics Crew	Fall 2006
Haddonfield Plays and Players	<i>Aladdin Jr.</i>	Stage Crew	Spring 2006
The Road Company	<i>Cabaret</i>	Carpenter	Winter 2006

Haddonfield Plays and Players	<i>She Loves Me</i>	Electrics Crew	Winter 2006
Camden County College	<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>	Stage Crew	Winter 2005
Camden County College	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	Stage Crew	Fall 2005
Spotlighters	<i>Oliver</i>	Spotlight Operator	Spring 2005
Voorhees Theatre Company	<i>South Pacific</i>	Stage Crew	Winter 2004
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Footloose</i>	Spotlight Operator	Summer 2004
Spotlighters	<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	Stage Crew	Spring 2004
Voorhees Theatre Company	<i>Peter Pan</i>	Stage Crew	Winter 2003
The Ritz	<i>The Music Man</i>	Spotlight Operator	Fall 2003
Mainstage Center for the Arts	<i>Annie Get Your Gun</i>	Spotlight Operator	Summer 2003

Academic and Professional Service

Webmaster/Historian - USITT@PSU	Fall 2008-Spring 2010
Webmaster/Publicist – Dance Dance Maniacs	Fall 2008-Spring 2009

Other Theatrical Skills

ShowManII Programming	Sound Effects Design
QLab Programming	Props Construction
Basic Midi Show Control	Practical Wiring
Carpentry/Rigging	Machine Sewing
Computer Drafting (Vectorworks 2010)	Hand Sewing
3D Rendering (Vectorworks 2010)	Scenic Painting
Hand Drafting	Model Building
Lighting Paperwork (Lightwright 5)	Digital Photography
Soldering	