

LEE FISKNESS

LIGHTING DESIGNER

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RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

-The Santa Fe Opera (2001-2018)

Lighting Director (2012-2018) The Lighting Department head in charge of hiring, training, and supervising a department of 15 (7 staff and 8 apprentice electricians). Facilitating the design and production of 5 operas is rotating repertory. Managing the season budget, repairs, capital expenditures, facilities, renovation, and improvements.

Lighting Supervisor (2003-2011) Assisting the designers to develop and distribute all necessary paperwork for the 5 show rep. Leading a daily 1½ hour focus of 150 to 300 lights. Coordinating and producing of paperwork for the 5 followspots. Maintaining a database and light plot for the season. Assisted: Rick Fisher, Jim Ingalls, Duane Schuler, Jennifer Tipton, Pat Collins, Japhy Weideman.

Apprentice Electrician (2001-2002) Hanging, focusing, and maintaining the light plot. Daily change-over including dropping color, and full deck load-in. Building show practicals; soldering, A/C and D/C circuits.

-Harpo Studios (2010-2012)

Art Department- Over hire in the Art Dept on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. Assisted in set decoration, the creation and design of props including Christmas decor and product photo shoots.

Lighting Department- Over Hire Electrician and Followspot Operator on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and *The Rosie Show*. Ran the light board for live webcasts and cable shows as part of *Oprah's Lifeclass* series.

-Fear City Chicago (2011-2014) Designed and facilitated the installation for a 40,000 square foot haunted house. Organized the hiring and supervising of 15 crew members. Designed the lighting system including the power distribution, customized LED lighting fixtures and Arduino microprocessors for control.

FREELANCE DESIGN (2001-Current) -Recent Selected Work-

		Directors	
<i>The Children</i>	Steppenwolf Theatre Company- IL	Jonathan Berry	2019
<i>Nina Simone: Four Woman</i>	Northlight Theatre- IL	Kenneth L. Roberson	2019
<i>Mamma Mia</i>	Drury Lane Theatre- IL	William Ostetek	2019
<i>An American Dream</i>	Lyric Theatre of Chicago, IL	Matthew Ozawa	2018
<i>Lady in Denmark</i>	Goodman Theatre- IL	Chay Yew	2018
<i>Fredrick</i>	Chicago Children's Theatre- IL	Tommy Rapley	2018
<i>Lettie</i>	Victory Gardens Theatre- IL	Chay Yew	2018
<i>Guess Who's Coming to Dinner</i>	Court Theatre, IL	Marti Lyons	2018
<i>The Barber of Seville</i>	Kentucky Opera, KY	Matthew Ozawa	2018
<i>Joseph and the amazing...</i>	Drury Lane Theatre- IL	Alan Souza	2018
<i>Murder For Two</i>	Milwaukee Repertory Theatre- WI	JC Clementz	2017
<i>The Crucible</i>	Steppenwolf Theatre Company- IL	Jonathan Berry	2017
<i>Chicago Voices</i>	Lyric Opera of Chicago-IL (Harris Theatre)	Jess McCloud	2017
<i>A Year of Frog and Toad</i>	Chicago Children's Theatre- IL	Stuart Carden	2017
<i>Chicago</i>	Drury Lane Theatre- IL	William Ostetek	2017
<i>...Journey of Edward Tulane</i>	People's Light Theatre- PA	Stuart Carden	2017
<i>A Wonder in My Soul</i>	Victory Gardens Theatre- IL	Chay Yew	2017
<i>Booty Candy</i>	Windy City Playhouse-IL	Robert O'Hara	2017
<i>The Fundamentals</i>	Steppenwolf Theatre Company- IL	Yasen Peyankov	2016
<i>How We Got On</i>	Haven Theatre- IL	Jess McCloud	2016
<i>Hazel</i>	Drury Lane Theatre- IL	Joshua Bergasse	2016
<i>Spring Awakening</i>	The Marriott Theatre- IL	Aaron Thielen	2016
<i>Midsummer... / Romeo & Juliet</i>	Chicago Shakespeare & Chicago Symphony Orch. -IL	David Bell	2016

FREELANCE-ELECTRICIAN (2001-2014)

*Jeff Award Nominee

Harpo Studios, The Guthrie Theatre, The Children's Theatre Company, Theatre de la Juene Lune, Park Square Theatre, Gremlin Theatre, Mixed Blood Theatre, Theatre Latte Da, The Southern Theatre, The Washington Pavilion, Theatre in the Round

ACADEMIA

Northwestern University	Adjunct Professor	MFA Level Class	Evanston, IL	Fall 2014, 2016, 2017
Columbia College	Adjunct Professor	BFA Level Class	Chicago, IL	Fall 2015, Spring 2016

EDUCATION

Northwestern University	Master of Fine Arts- <i>Lighting Design</i>	Evanston, IL	Graduation 2009
Northwestern College	Bachelor of Fine Arts- <i>Theatre Arts</i> (cum laude)	Orange City, IA	Graduation 2003

REFERENCES

Duane Schuler Lighting Designer	Paul Horpedahl Dir. of Production-The Santa Fe Opera	Kevin Depinet Scenic Designer	David Bell Director
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CONTACT INFORMATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST