
PIPER KIRCHHOFFER

PROFILE

I have a long history of leadership beginning very early in my career. I've worked with many companies and in a wide variety of positions over my career. I approach leadership with a deep sense of responsibility towards the people I am directing, and the aim of benefitting and growing the whole organization. Under my leadership, I am proud to have mentored and fostered many students and young professionals, particularly women, in production roles which have been traditionally male dominated. I strive to facilitate a fair, efficient, and empathetic work space with decisive action, flexibility, and clear communication.

EXPERIENCE

LIGHTING SHOP HEAD – 2018-PRESENT

As shop head I coordinated schedules of all undergraduate lighting shop students. I attended all production meetings and coordinated communication and labor needs of Master Electricians on each show. I made purchases and kept track of supplies and budgets. I served as the conduit for communication between lighting, other departments, and the production manager. In my tenure as shop head, female student participation in lighting practicum rose significantly and we retained them at extremely high rates.

MASTER ELECTRICIAN – 2017-2018

Oversaw all aspects of lighting installation as necessary for a five show main stage season. Additionally, I designed and ran lights for the in house performances of their Theatre for Youth productions. I also helped organize and facilitate their outdoor summer show at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. My responsibilities included hiring and scheduling all crews, supervising the load in, focus, load out, and restoring the facilities's repertory plot. I also attended all technical rehearsals and handled any notes that arose. I would also act as programmer. In addition to season shows, I would support special events, fundraisers, and other lighting related issues which could arise throughout the season.

FREELANCE ELECTRICIAN AND MASTER ELECTRICIAN, ATLANTA, GA – 2011-2018

Theatres - The Alliance Theatre, The Center for Puppetry Arts, Kenny Leon's True Colors, Theatrical Outfit, Synchronicity Theatre, Georgia Ensemble Theatre, The Aurora Theatre, Actor's Express, The Atlanta Lyric Theatre

Production Companies - Blacklight Productions

Dance Companies - Full Radius Dance

Universities - Kennesaw State University, Emory University

Corporate Event Companies - Event Technicians Alliance (ETA), Infinite Energy Center

ASSISTANT MASTER ELECTRICIAN, GEORGIA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL – SUMMER 2014

Assisted the Master Electrician in the implementation of their three show summer season including an outdoor production in Piedmont Park. Managed crews and facilitated the nightly repertory into the Theatre for Young Audiences production. Set up the performance space on the lawn for post-show cabarets.

LIGHTING APPRENTICE, HANGAR THEATRE – SUMMER 2013

Worked under the Master Electrician to facilitate the hang, focus, and maintenance of the main stage, KIDDSTUFF, and Wedge productions. Worked as a spotlight operator for the Theater for Young Audiences shows and a main stage show. Participated in overnight turn overs of the main stage space. Also, served as the programmer and board operator of the Wedge productions.

ELECTRICS SHOP MANAGER, BERRY COLLEGE – 2012-2013

After a few weeks of being in the electrics shop I was promoted to being the shop manager. I oversaw the implementation of the college's five show season. Overhauled the organization of the electric's shop stock and inventory. Oversaw the hang, circuit, focus, and strikes of every show.

FREELANCE SPOTLIGHT OPERATOR AND TECHNICIAN, ATLANTA – 2010-2012

Worked as a spotlight operator for the Atlanta Lyric Theatre as well as a general technician for other events and church groups.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

OHIO UNIVERSITY, ATHENS, OH - GRADUATED WITH AN MFA IN LIGHTING DESIGN WITH A CERTIFICATE IN ARTS MANAGEMENT 2018-2021

In the certificate program I took two classes targeted specifically in arts management in which we conducted case studies of organizations and discussed management structures. I also took classes in funding and development with Heather Infantry to help familiarize myself with those practices, as well as a class in non-profit leadership. I also took a specific class in theatre management where we focused on the structural makeup of boards and upper management and how to build a theatre from the ground up.

COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, GA - GRADUATED WITH BFA IN THEATRE DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY 2014-2016

BERRY COLLEGE, ROME, GA – 1 YEAR OF THEATRE STUDIES, 2012-2013

SKILLS

Strong background in personnel management. I'm a problem solver and unafraid to communicate across departments. I'm very familiar with each production department, having worked in many first hand. I am proficient with Vectorworks, Lightwright, Programming: ETC, Gio, Ion & Express, Ex, Strand Neo, Hog III lighting consoles. Additionally, I am familiar with LED

tape Installation and soldering. I know basic rigging and am familiar with single purchase, double purchase, and automated fly systems. I am also familiar with catwalk, and grid configurations. I know basic carpentry and am well practiced in truck loading. I'm also familiar with the artistic and acting side of theatre and can translate technical information into layman terminology. I am proficient with Mac products and applications (Pages, Numbers, FaceTime ect.), Office suites (Word, Excel, , and Adobe suites. Proficient with video conferencing softwares such as Teams, Zoom, FaceTime, Skype, Google Meets

PRODUCTION HISTORY

DESIGN

PROFESSIONAL

Beyond Words	Tantrum Theater	Lighting Designer	Bill Bowers (Dir)
The Hunchback of Notre Dame	Ohio Valley Summer Theater	Lighting Designer	Dustin Brown (Dir)
Atlanta Musical Theatre Festival	Out Front Theatre	Lighting Designer	Ben Davis (Prod)
Ring of Fire	Georgia Ensemble Theatre Park Series	Lighting Designer	Chris Damiano (Dir)
Buddy! The Buddy Holly Story	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Lighting Designer	Ricardo Aponte (Dir)
Il Eitat Une Fois	Théâtre du Rêve	Assistant Lighting Designer	Alex Riviera (LD)
You're a Good Man Charlie Brown	The Galloway School	Lighting Designer	Elissa Merele (Dir)
Morningside (World Premiere)	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Lighting Designer	Shannon Eubanks (Dir)
Once on this Island	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Associate Lighting Designer	Alex Riviera (LD)
Seussical Jr.	Georgia Ensemble Theatre Summer Camp	Lighting Designer	Laurel Farley Crowe (Dir)
Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Co Lighting Designer (with Dustin Brown)	Andrea Frye (Dir)
25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	The Galloway School	Lighting Designer	Elissa Merele (Dir)
Shrek Jr.	Georgia Ensemble Theatre Summer Camp	Lighting Designer	Laurel Farley Crowe (Dir)
Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol	Bottled Lightning	Assistant Lighting Designer	Dustin Brown (LD)

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GRADUATE

Macbeth*	Ohio University	Lighting Designer	Dustin Brown (Dir)
Women of Lockerbie**	Ohio University	Lighting Designer	Roberto Di Donato (Dir)
Objects in the Mirror***	Tantrum Theater	Lighting Designer	Allen Gilmore (Dir)
Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol	Indiana Repertory Theatre	1st Assistant Lighting Designer	Michael Lincoln (LD)
Silent Sky	Ohio University	Assistant Lighting Designer	Caitlin Brown (LD)
Romeo and Juliet	Ohio University	Lighting Designer	Jonathan Hetler (Dir)

*Produced in a film format due to Covid-19

**Zoom live steamed performance

***Canceled before completion due to Covid-19

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL

Ring of Fire	Georgia Ensemble Theatre Park Series	Master Electrician	Chris Damiano (Dir)
Tarzan	Atlanta Lyric Theatre	Assistant Master Electrician	Matthew Peddie (ME)
Buddy! The Buddy Holly Story	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Master Electrician	Ricardo Aponte (Dir)
Comedy of Tenors	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Master Electrician	Dustin Brown (LD)

Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Master Electrician	D. Connor. McVey (LD)
Morningside****	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Master Electrician	Shannon Eubanks (Dir)
Once on this Island	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Master Electrician	Alex Riviera (LD)
My Fair Lady	Atlanta Lyric Theatre	Spotlight Operator	Ben Rawson (LD)
Seussical Jr.	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Master Electrician	Laurel Farley Crowe (Dir)
Ring of Fire	Georgia Ensemble Theatre Park Series	Master Electrician	Dustin Brown (LD)
The Dancing Granny	The Alliance Theatre	Spotlight Operator	Ken Yunker (LD)
The Dancing Handkerchief****	Theatrical Outfit	Master Electrician	James Aitkin (LD)
The Straight of Gibraltar****	Synchronicity Theatre	Master Electrician	Kevin Frazier (LD)
Bridges of Madison County	Aurora Theatre	Master Electrician	Kevin Frazier (LD)
Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Co Lighting Designer (with Dustin Brown)	Andrea Frye (Dir)
Million Dollar Quartet	Atlanta Lyric Theatre & Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Spotlight Operator	Bryan Rosengrant (LD)
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Synchronicity Theatre	Master Electrician	Elisabeth Cooper (LD)
Appropriate	Actor's Express	Master Electrician	Mary Parker (LD)
Ghost the Musical	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Spotlight Operator	Bryan Rosengrant (LD)
John Denver's America	Georgia Ensemble Theatre Park Series	Master Electrician	Bryan Rosengrant (LD)
Avenue Q	Horizon Theatre	Master Electrician	Mary Parker (LD)
Homers****	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	Master Electrician	Tara O'Neil (LD)
One Man Two Guvnors	Georgia Shakespeare	Assistant Master Electrician	Mike Morin (ME)

****World Premiere

The Frog Prince	Georgia Shakespeare	Assistant Master Electrician	Mike Morin (ME)
As You Like it	Georgia Shakespeare	Assistant Master Electrician	Mike Morin (ME)
As You Like it	Georgia Shakespeare in the Park	Assistant Master Electrician	Mike Morin (ME)
Clybourne Park	Hangar Theatre	Lighting Apprentice	Jamie Garrard (ME)
4000 Miles	Hangar Theatre	Lighting Apprentice	Jamie Garrard (ME)
A Year with Frog and Toad	Hangar Theatre KIDDSTUFF	Lighting Apprentice & Spotlight Operator	Jamie Garrard (ME)
Gypsy	Hangar Theatre	Lighting Apprentice & Spotlight Operator	Jamie Garrard (ME)
Hiding Like Elephants	Hangar Theatre Wedge Series	Lighting Apprentice & Programmer	Jamie Garrard (ME)
Last of the Red Hot Lovers	Hangar Theatre	Lighting Apprentice	Jamie Garrard (ME)
Legally Blonde	Atlanta Lyric Theatre	Assistant Stage Manager	Caitlin Bergeron (ME)
Gypsy	Atlanta Lyric Theatre	Stage Crew	Daniel Pattillo (Deck Chief)
The Sound of Music	Atlanta Lyric Theatre	Spotlight Operator	Bradley Bergeron (LD)
Thoroughly Modern Millie	Atlanta Lyric Theatre	Spotlight Operator	Bradley Bergeron (LD)

GRADUATE

She Kills Monsters	Ohio University	Master Electrician	Molly Tiede-Schroer (LD)
Rhinoceros	Tantrum Theater	Programmer	Jennings E. Johnson (LD)
Cabaret	Ohio University	Master Electrician	Bentley Heydt (LD)

****World Premiere

365 Plays in 365 Days	Ohio University	Programmer	Molly Tiede-Schroer (LD)
The Wolves	Ohio University	Programmer	Moneé Stamp (LD)

UNDERGRADUATE

Columbus State University One Act Festival	Columbus State University	Master Electrician	Chris Head (Sup)
The Rocky Horror Show	Columbus State University	Master Electrician & Programmer	Chris Head & Phillip Hall (LD)
The Wedding Singer	Columbus State University	Programmer	Chris Head (LD)
Much Ado About Nothing	Columbus State University	Assistant Stage Manager	Emily Grover (SM)
Mr. Burns, A Post-Electric Play	Columbus State University	Master Electrician	Chris Head (LD)
The Laramie Project	Columbus State University	Programmer	Chris Head (LD)
The Pillow Man	Columbus State University Lab Series	Spotlight Operator	Shelby Bishop (LD)
Jacob Marley's A Christmas Carol	Berry College	Master Electrician	Chuck Tedder (LD)
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Berry College	Master Electrician	Chuck Tedder (LD)
Letters to Sala	Berry College	Master Electrician	Chuck Tedder (LD)
Colored Museum	Berry College	Master Electrician	Chuck Tedder (LD)
Uh-Oh! Here Comes Christmas	Berry College	Master Electrician	Chuck Tedder (LD)
Boeing-Boeing	Berry College	Assistant Stage Manager	Kristen Hennessey (SM)

REFERENCES

Kristen Hennessey - Former Production Manager, Georgia Ensemble Theatre

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