STAGE MANAGER & PROP MAKER

Supported by a degree in Stage Management, I have over ten years' experience working on a wide variety of productions - from mid-scale venues including Southwark Playhouse, the Rose Theatre, and the Arcola Theatre, through to large venues including London Coliseum and Royal Ballet & Opera. As an Assistant Stage Manager, I have experience setting up props, furniture and set for performances, keeping detailed notes to ensure that the setting is correct for every show, and maintaining props to a high standard throughout the production.

CORE SKILLS

- Confident score reading
- Prop construction and maintenance
- Excellent information retention
- Computer literate

- Understanding of flying systems
- Able to sew by hand and with a sewing machine
- Strong communicator
- Comprehensive knowledge of risk assessments

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PREVIOUS NOTABLE WORK - ASM & PROPS

Sept '25	Senior Running Props Technician	Dead Man Walking	English National Opera	
July '25	Set Decorator & Assistant Director	Definitions (film)	What The Duck Productions	
May – Sept '25	Assistant Stage Manager	A Single Man	Royal Ballet & Opera	
April '25	Assistant Stage Manager	International Draft Works	Royal Ballet & Opera	
Sept '24 – Mar '25	Running Props Technician		English National Opera	
	La Boheme, Turn of the Screw, Rigoletto, L'Elisir d'Amore, Marriage of Figaro			
Apr '21 – July '23	Theatre Technician Betsey, Matilda Jr, Legally Blonde, The Welkin, Lady Malcolm's Ball, Mary Poppins Jr., Team, The Trials, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.			
April '20	Assistant Stage Manager	Pipeline	Arcola Theatre	
April '20	Rehearsal Assistant Stage Manager	Gentlemen	Arcola Theatre	
July '17	Assistant Stage Manager	The Midnight Gang	The Chickenshed	
March '17	Assistant Stage Manager	Funfair	ALRA	
Nov '15	Assistant Stage Manager	The Divided Laing	Arcola Theatre	
July '14	Assistant Stage Manager	A Bright Room Called Day	Southwark Playhouse	

QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING

2011-2014 BA (Hons) 2:1 in Stage Management

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202	5 Replica Firearms Training	RC Annie	
202	CPD Courses - Food Hygiene Level 2, Theatre Specific COSHH Awareness, Theatre Specific Fire Awareness, Manual Handling, Theatre Specific Noise Awareness		
202	4 MEWPs and Scaffold Tower Training	PASMA and PAL	
202	First Aid at Work	St John's Ambulance	
202	Introduction to Prop Making for Film, TV, Theatre and Display	City Lit	
201	7 Full driving licence		
2009 – 201	Grade 8 singing, Grade 7 viola, Grade 6 piano, Grade 5 violin, Grade 5 music theory		

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ONGOING CASUAL WORK

2024 – present	Freelance Prop Maker	English National Opera
2023 – present	Scenic Painter	Richmond Shakespeare Society
2021 – present	Casual Technician and Stage Crew	eStage
2021 – present	Causal Stage Crew	Rose Theatre
2019 – present	Casual Technician	Southwark Playhouse
2018 – present	Casual Technician and Stage Crew	Upstairs at the Gatehouse
2016 – present	Technical Crew	ESS Hire
2014 – present	Stage Manager – Main Arena	Twinwood Vintage Music Festival

PREVIOUS STAGE MANAGEMENT WORK

Aug '24	Stage Manager	Madwomen of the West	Riverside Studios
Aug '23	Stage Manager	Faustine	Camden Fringe Festival
Oct '22	Stage Manager	Faustine	Old Red Lion
Nov '19 – Mar '20	Stage Manager	Betty Blue Eyes	Mountview
Sept '19	Stage Manager on Book	I'd Rather Go Blind	Omnibus Theatre
Aug '19	Stage Manager on Book	Macbeth & Merry Wives of Windsor	Pendley Shakespeare Festival
April '19	Production Stage Manager	The Green Ship	Librarian Theatre
March '19	Stage Manager on Book	The Noises	Old Red Lion
Aug '18	Stage Manager	Much Ado About Nothing & Richard III	Pendley Shakespeare Festival
July '18	Stage Manager	As You Like It	Shakespeare in the Squares
Oct '17	Production Stage Manager	Alice in the Cuckoo's Nest	Librarian Theatre
Nov '16	Stage Manager on Book	A Christmas Carol	Librarian Theatre
Oct '16	Stage Manager on Book	Phone Home	Upstart Theatre
Oct '16	Deputy Stage Manager	Marlowe 5: Gala Performance	Marlowe Theatre
March '16	Stage Manager on Book	The Book's The Thing	Librarian Theatre
Feb '16	Stage Manager on Book	A Steady Rain	Arcola Theatre
Dec '15	Stage Manager	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Arcola Theatre
Sept '15	Rehearsal Deputy Stage Manager	Tales of Hoffmann	English Touring Opera
Feb '14	Deputy Stage Manager	Der Ring des Nibelungen	Fulham Opera

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REFEREES – AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST