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Top Skills

Costume Characters

Agility

Character Integrity

Samantha Schneider

Fireworks Design (Portfolio in Progress) | Finale 3D | Show Design & Cueing

Orlando, Florida, United States

Summary

I design choreographed fireworks shows using Finale 3D, focusing on musical timing, spatial layout, and emotionally driven pyromusicals. My background in technical theatre (lighting, audio, and show control) shapes how I approach fireworks design—combining creativity with precision. I think in terms of cue timing, system coordination, and how effects translate across physical space, not just how they look on screen. Currently, I am building a professional portfolio of fully designed shows, including:

- Timecoded pyromusicals synced to music
- Cue sheets and firing logic
- Rack layouts and firing positions
- Site maps and safety planning aligned with NFPA 1123

I'm especially interested in opportunities in fireworks design, previsualization, and show documentation. Always open to connecting with others in pyrotechnics, live events, and show production.

Experience

Building portfolio, open to work

Fireworks Designer (Self Directed, portfolio in progress)

January 2024 - Present (2 years 7 months)

Orlando, FL

- * Designing pyromusical shows using Finale 3D
- * Creating timecoded sequences synchronized to music
- * Developing cue sheets and effect planning workflows
- * Exploring rack layout strategies and firing positions
- * Applying NFPA 1123 safety concepts to design decisions
- * Building a structured portfolio with show documentation

Orlando Family Stage

Production Technology Manager

January 2025 - August 2025 (8 months)

Lead lighting, audio and video installations for 7 productions. Collaborated with designers and production teams to troubleshoot and maintain systems while ensuring efficient execution within budget.

SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment

Stage Manager

August 2023 - January 2025 (1 year 6 months)

Orlando, FL

Executed precise cue based live show operations for SeaWorld's Christmas Celebration & collaborated with production teams to deliver immersive, high impact experiences for Howl-O-Scream

Walt Disney World

Entertainment Costuming H/H

May 2024 - August 2024 (4 months)

Orlando, Florida, United States

Entertainment Costuming H/H on the Disney College Program

Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center

Performer

October 2022 - August 2024 (1 year 11 months)

Orlando, FL

Costume character performer for the 2022 & 2023 ICE! Christmas Festival

Perform inside bulky costumes for long periods of time.

Maintain show integrity for multiple characters such as the Grinch, Max, and even Gaylords' own characters, Seth the Sea Turtle and Nutmeg.

Prepare for show and clean/maintain costumes.

Pineapple Theatre

Technical Director

January 2024 - May 2024 (5 months)

Technical Director for PTC's production of "Footloose"

Rosen Life

Special Events Director

March 2023 - May 2024 (1 year 3 months)

Orlando, FL

Acted as event planning and execution lead for student involvement events through Rosen Life

Pineapple Theatre

11 months

Secretary

February 2023 - November 2023 (10 months)

Orlando, Florida, United States

Support the organization in administrative tasks such as managing club records including membership lists, meeting minutes and event planning.

Assistant Stage Manager & Sound Technician

January 2023 - April 2023 (4 months)

Orlando, Florida, United States

Set up, operated and maintained all sound systems, such as Qlab, Yamaha LS-9 and various Shure equipment for Pineapple Theatre's production of "Into the Woods"

Worked closely with other performers and Stage Manager to ensure sound quality during performances through live mixing

LMG, LLC

Special Operations Assistant

August 2023 - October 2023 (3 months)

Orlando, Florida, United States

Theatre South Playhouse

Theatre Tech Intern

July 2023 - October 2023 (4 months)

Orlando, Florida, United States

Walt Disney World

Attractions Cast Member

April 2023 - July 2023 (4 months)

Systems Innovation

Project Management Intern

January 2023 - May 2023 (5 months)

Orlando, Florida, United States

Assisted the Projects Administration Manager in daily office operations, including project closeout, workflow and client satisfaction,

Contributed to the rollout of a new project management software, Q360 and participated in client and business partner calls taking detailed notes on discussions.

University of Central Florida – Rosen College of Hospitality
Management

1 year 10 months

Administrative Assistant

August 2021 - May 2023 (1 year 10 months)

Orlando, Florida, United States

Student Administrative Assistant for Disney Legend and Rosen Professor,
Ronald Logan

Set up necessary materials for classes using various computer softwares
Participate in professional discussions with former & present executives/other
members of the entertainment industry

Answer questions in class or via email/telephone

Student Executive Director

November 2022 - February 2023 (4 months)

Orlando, Florida, United States

Student Executive Director for the Rosen College 2022 Entertainment
Exploration Experience

IAAPA

Show Ambassador

September 2022 - December 2022 (4 months)

Orlando, Florida, United States

2022 IAAPA Expo Show Ambassador

Worked with the expo's management team and on-site vendors to put on a
series of events each day.

Built strong bonds with fellow ambassadors and industry professionals

Supported IAAPA's education team by conducting logistics for seminars,
education sessions, off-site tours and events.

Universal Orlando Resort

Scareactor

May 2022 - October 2022 (6 months)

United States

Scareactor performer in “The Weeknd: After Hours Nightmare” for Universal
Orlando’s Halloween Horror Nights 31

Walt Disney World

Hostess

July 2021 - October 2021 (4 months)

Orlando, Florida, United States

Required constant interaction with Guests including answering questions, providing directions, event information and other services to help create a magical experience

Responsible for seating Guests in the dining room, creating and managing reservations within a computer system, maintaining a seating chart and resolving Guest situations.

Utilized Disney's 5 Keys (Safety, Efficiency, Courtesy, Show, Inclusion) in day to day operations.

Acai Beach Bowls

Food Service Worker

February 2020 - January 2021 (1 year)

Long Beach, New York, United States

Education

University of Central Florida – Rosen College of Hospitality
Management

Bachelor of Science - BS, Entertainment Management · (June
2021 - December 2024)