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After graduating from the BA degree in costume at Yorkshire Coast College I have mainly worked as a maker, dresser and touring wardrobe staff in regional and commercial theatre. I very much enjoy working as part of a wardrobe team to create high quality performances.

I have a passion for the detail in costume and so have taken part in workshops on skills such as dyeing, embroidery, millinery, menswear, dance-wear and beading and have learnt some basic wig styling and makeup techniques whilst working in the industry.

Experience

7/6/2020-Current, The Cuddle Company Seamstress

- Construction of personalised items such as blankets, cushions and children's clothing.

6 & 7/1/21, The Green room Stylist

- Dressing of talent for filming of advertisement material.

5/8/19-25/4/2020, Bill Kenwright Ltd, Wardrobe Deputy- Cabaret

- My key responsibilities were in the day to day running and maintenance of costumes
- Dressing of principle actor during show

9-13/12/2019, Bill Kenwright Ltd, Rehearsal Head of Wardrobe- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

- Re-fit and alter costumes for cast change

10/12/18-27/7/19, Bill Kenwright Ltd, UK Tour Head of wardrobe- The Lady Vanishes

- Complete laundry and ironing calls.
- Set and style a human hair wig

6/7/18-8/12/18, Selladoor, UK Tour Wardrobe Deputy- Madagascar the Musical

- To assist in the running dressing and maintenance of the show
- Assist actors with completing make-up in set time frames

25/5/18-22/6/16, Radioactive dreams, Northampton- Seamstress

- As part of the team at radioactive dreams I help to cut and assemble costumes for various shows all over the country.
- Complete alterations of existing clothes to commercial quality.

21/8/17-21/5/18, Selladoor, UK tour and Dubai- Head of wardrobe/ Costume Supervisor- Spamalot

- Re-fit new cast and costume as well as complete relevant maintenance for relaunch including budgeting for new and replacement items.
- Pack and prepare costumes for transport both nationally and internationally.
- Maintain dressing tracks for local dressers per venue as needed
- Complete laundry and maintenance calls including aluminium chainmail repairs
- Basic wig and facial hair cleaning and styling

22/5/17- 20/8/17, Mercury Theatre, Colchester- Wardrobe Assistant

- To aid in the smooth running of the wardrobe department as a whole i.e.- housekeeping and helping with work placement visitors
- Working in the workshop to create and make costumes for shows

16/6/17-26/6/17, Selladoor, Daegu, Korea- Wardrobe Supervisor- Spamalot

- To pack and prepare costumes to transport abroad both by airfreight and shipping
- To supervise a crew of local dressers and maintenance
- Teach local crew the relevant dressing tracks and how to fix specific costume pieces such as chainmail
- Laundry and maintenance

3/4/17- 13/5/17, Mercury Theatre, Colchester- Freelance costume maker and Running Wardrobe Supervisor- Spamalot

- Constructing costumes for the cast including basic under garments from scratch and some technical quick reveal costumes.
- Consulting with costume designer and supervisor in order to achieve the correct finished costume
- Backstage dressing and running maintenance of wardrobe during the shows run including chainmail.
- Basic wig and facial hair maintenance and cleaning.

1/10/2016-31/3/17, Mercury Theatre, Colchester- Wardrobe Assistant Intern- 6 month contract covering shows from Pantomime, Farce and musical.

- Helping with construction and sourcing of costumes for junior chorus and principle characters
- Taking over the maintenance and supervision of running shows including basic Maintenance and setting wig and hairpieces.

12/9/16-30/9/16, Radioactive dreams, Northampton- Seamstress

- At radioactive dreams I help make and embellish costumes for various Christmas shows all over the country.

Education

September 2013- July 2016

Yorkshire Coast College

BA Historical and Performance Costume for Stage and Screen