

# RACHEL DENNING

## CONTACT



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Full Driving License and Pass Plus with own vehicle

## SKILLS

- Art Director
- Standby Art Director
- Theatre Set Designer
- Set Builder
- Carpenter
- Props Maker
- Model Maker
- Scenic Artist
- Visual Artist
- Hand Technical Drawing
- Driving License
- Van driving
- Cherry Picker
- Workshop Leader
- Soft Props Maker
- Mask Maker
- Puppet Maker
- Design Assistant
- Upholstery
- Props Sourcing
- Costume Sourcing
- Sculptor
- Wedding Décor design
- Set Dresser

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

My experience in Theatre, Events and Education has given me a diverse set of skills which I apply to all Art forms. It has led to a career in TV, film and stop motion animation, primarily as an Art Director, Standby Art Director or Carpenter and prop maker. More recently as a Production Designer for Short films and commercials. I am an ambitious, conscientious, outgoing person, who enjoys challenges with new learning experiences whilst being very practically minded and keeping creativity at the forefront.

## EXPERIENCE

January 2025 - February 2025

### **Standby Art Director Series 4**

BBC Studios - Mandy

- Designer Richard Drew
- Director Diane Morgan
- Producer Kenny Tanner

October 2023 - November 2023

### **Standby Art Director - Mandy Series 3**

BBC Studios - Mandy

July 2024 - September 2024

### **Standby Art Director**

Studio Lambert - Boarders

- Designer Stephen Nicholas
- Director Sam Masud

March 2024 - June 2024

### **Standby Art Director**

New Pictures - Crongton

- Designer Stephen Nicholas
- Director Ethosheia Hylton

August 2023 - October 2023

### **Standby Art Director**

Silver Reel/Future Artists Entertainment - Robin and the Hoods - Feature Film

- Designer Sivo Gluck
- Director Phil Hawkins

June 2022 - November 2022

### **Art Director**

Red Planet Productions - Beyond Paradise

- Designer Ian Fisher
- Directors Sandy Johnson and Matt Carter

February 2021 - July 2021

### **Art Director**

All3Media - Agatha Raisin Series 4

- Designer Ian Fisher
- Directors Matt Carter, Roberto Bangura, Audrey Cooke, James Larkin

## EVENTS

- UAE National Day, Stage One, 11/15, Scenic/ Finishing Artist, Abu Dhabi
- HSBC Birthday celebrations, Stage One, 06/15, Scenic Artist
- Tellytubby hill for exhibition, Ragdoll Productions, 05/15, Builder
- Thomas Land, Drayton Manor Theme Park, 03/15, Scenic Artist
- Wedding, Event and Christmas styling and installation, M-Style, 12/17
- Sochi 2014 Winter Paralympics Opening Ceremony, Stage One, 10/13 - 02/14, Finishing Artist
- Wedding fair stand, M-style, 10/13, Construction
- FourSquare Festival, Aquis Media, 09/13, Set Build
- Einsteins Garden theming and set, Greenman Festival, 08/13, Construction
- Israel Carnival, Vortex Creates, 06/13, Carpenter and Visual Artist
- Coventry Godiva Carnival, Imagineer Productions, 06/11, Carnival Costume
- Carnival 2010, Imagineer Productions, 06/10, Float and costume construction
- Godiva Carnival, Imagineer Productions, workshop leader
- Egyptian Themed Christmas Parties, Quantum Leap Events, Scenic Artist
- Light Night, Nottingham Council, 02/08, Visual Artist
- Studio 54 Themed parties, Quantum Leap Events, Designer/maker
- Cuban themed scenery, Quantum Leap Events, 08/2006, Scenic artist
- Finalist for MAD UK Costume competition, Coventry Belgrade Theatre,

November 2021 - January 2022

### **Art Director**

Balloon Entertainment - Newark Newark

- Designer Richard Drew
- Director Amanda Blue

September 2020 - December 2020

### **Art Director /Standby Art Director**

Babycow Productions - This Time with Alan Partridge Series 2

- Designer Richard Drew
- Directors Rob and Neil Gibbons

March 2016 - November 2016

### **Art Director**

Ragdoll Productions - The Twirlywoos

- Designer Bill Brown

March 2019 - March 2019

### **Art Director**

Three Wise Monkeys - Brighton - Feature Film

- Designer Helen Watson

August 2020 - August 2020

### **Art Director/Designer**

Friend - Gym Shark - Commercial

November 2024 - December 2024

### **Dailies Standby Art Director**

Warner Bros TV Production Services - Waterloo Road

- Designers Tina Sherifa Hicks and Katy Tuxford

November 2024 - November 2024

### **Production Designer**

Slick Films/Seven and Six Films Ltd - Maya and Amira - Short Film

- Director Jack Priestnall

October 2024 - October 2024

### **Production Designer**

Barker/Sladdinc Media - House on Lidderman Street - Short Film

- Director Andrew Barker

September 2024 - October 2024

### **Standby Art Director dailies. Set Construction/ Scenic**

BBC Studios - Sister Boniface

- Designer Nick Murray
- Director Ian Barber

March 2024 - March 2024

### **Production Designer**

Brazen Media - Tea with Friends - Short film

- Director Kate Horlor

February 2024 - February 2024

### **Production Designer**

ScrumpleFace Productions - Laura Living Backwards - Short Film

## EDUCATIONAL DESIGN WORKSHOPS

- 2012-2019, Various Schools – Workshop leader/ Installation/Construction
- 06/13, Lindens School-'Enchanted Forest'- Worl
- 06/13, Delves Infant School-'Where the wild things are'-Workshop leader, Installation and construction
- 02/13, Mayfield School- 'Wind in the Willows'- Set Design and creation, Workshops v construction
- 01/13, Moorgate School-Elements Corridor Installation-Workshop leader/Installation and construction
- 11/12, Birmingham REP- YOUTHeatre Costume workshops- Workshop leader
- 10/12, Lindens School- Planets computer room Installation- Installation
- 03/12, Delves Infant School- 'Pirate Ship'- Workshop leader/Installation and construction
- 04/12, Pennyhill School- Rainforest Corridor Installation- Workshop leader/ Installation construction
- 02/12, Moorgate School – Olympic Corridor Installation, workshops and construction – Carpenter/workshop leader
- 01/12, Lindens School- Carnival corridor- Installation
- 10/11, Stage 2 – Introduction to Design workshops with students – Workshop leader
- 01/11, Birmingham Hippodrome- Adult workshops for teacher training- Workshop leader
- 01/11, Birmingham Hippodrome- "Dick Whittington puppet workshop"- Workshop leader with James Brindley Students
- 12/10 - 01/11, Mantle Arts- Castle Rock School, Puppet&prop making workshops, giant
- 06/10, Imagineer Productions – Coventry Carnival, costume making workshops – Workshop leader
- 04/09, Birmingham Hippodrome – 'Scooby Doo' –Childrens mask workshops- Workshop leader
- 02/09 - 04/09, St Benedicts Catholic School and Arts College – Corridor Transformation and puppet making workshops– Workshop leader.
- 03/09, Woodlands Infant School – The Gingerbread Man – Prop maker.

March 2023 - July 2023

### **Standby Art Director**

All3Media - Midsomer Murders

- Designer Neil Bray
- Various Directors

March 2022 - June 2022

### **Midsomer Murders**

All3Media - Midsomer Murders

May 2017 - February 2023

### **Carpenter/ Standby Art Director**

BBC Birmingham - Doctors

- Designer Matthew Stocks
- Various Directors

January 2022 - January 2022

### **Dailies Standby Art Director**

Buried Treasure Productions - Culprits

January 2022 - January 2022

### **Dailies Standby Art Director**

Left Bank - Without Sin

November 2021 - November 2021

### **Production Designer**

Slick Films - In Too Deep - Short Film

- Director Chris Overton

August 2021 - September 2021

### **Standby Art Director**

Urban Myth Productions - War of the Worlds Series 3

- Designer Max Gottlieb
- Directors Indra Siera and Jonas Alexander Arnby

August 2021 - August 2021

### **Production Designer**

Slick Films - Leader- Short Film/ Commercial

- Director Chris Overton

April 2021 - April 2021

### **Production Designer**

Azana Films - Your Hand Fits Mine - Short Film

January 2021 - January 2021

### **Production Designer**

Slick Films - In Too Deep - Short Film

- Director Chris Overton

September 2020 - September 2020

### **Production Designer**

Slick Films- Roy - Short Film, Bafta Longlisted

- Directors Tom Berkeley and Ross White

August 2019 - December 2019

### **Standby Art Director**

BBC Birmingham - Shakespeare and Hathaway Series 3

- Designer Helen Watson

August 2019 - August 2019

**Standby Art Director Dailies**

NOW Films - The Pebble and the Boy - Feature Film

- Designer Helen Watson

November 2018 - December 2018

**Standby Art Director**

EMU Films - The Show - Feature Film

- Designer Helen Watson

August 2017 - December 2017

**Standby Art Director**

BBC Birmingham - Shakespeare and Hathaway Series 1

- Designer Nick Turner

November 2015 - November 2015

**Scenic/ Finishing Artist**

Stage One - UAE National Day and HSBC Birthday Celebrations

June 2015 - June 2015

**Scenic Artist**

Stage One - UAE National Day and HSBC Birthday Celebrations

May 2015 - May 2015

**Carpenter**

BBC Worldwide - Danny and the Human Zoo

March 2015 - March 2015

**Scenic Artist**

Drayton Manor Theme Park

September 2014 - October 2014

**Standby wardrobe and Props assistant**

Monochrome Movie Ltd - Monochrome - Feature Film

July 2014 - July 2014

**Lecturer**

Maltese Film Commission

March 2014 - July 2014

**Art Department Assistant**

Ragdoll Productions - The Twirlywoos

- Designer Bill Brown

October 2013 - October 2013

**Art Department Assistant/Art Director**

Ragdoll Productions - The Twirlywoos

- Designer Bill Brown

October 2013 - February 2014

**Finishing Artist**

Stage One - Sochi 2014 Winter Paralympic Opening Ceremony

August 2013 - September 2013

**Set Carpenter**

BBC Worldwide - The Game

January 2012 - December 2024

**Wedding, Event and Christmas styling and installation**

M-Style

## EDUCATION

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June 2006

**BA Theatre Design 2:1**

Design Faculty of The Nottingham Trent University

June 2003

**Foundation Degree in Art and Design**

The Design Centre, Sutton Coldfield College

June 2002

**A-levels in Art and Design, Product Design, General Studies, English Literature, Psychology**

The Arthur Terry School

## REFERENCES

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**References available upon request**

## AWARDS

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- Canadian Cinematography Awards Best Production Design for Short Film, In Too Deep with Slick Productions