

# Allana Vincent (nee Marsh)

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Based outside Leeds, West Yorkshire

I am passionate about costume with a keen sense of creativity and strong attention to detail. I currently work as a costume maker on a freelance basis for theatre, re-enactment, film and TV since having my son. Prior to this, I was a part-time costume Technician at the University of Leeds and having completed a course on costume making for theatre (Northern College of Costume, York)

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## KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Sewing: hand and machine sewing (domestic, industrial and over-locker)
- Pattern cutting: historical, contemporary and creative both flat and on the stand
- Embroidery: Both by hand and embroidery machine with CAD software
- Corsetry construction: both historical and contemporary
- Historical tailoring techniques
- Excellent organisational and interpersonal skills
- Teaching others to sew on a one-to-one basis and at an evening class

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### Freelance costume maker and seamstress (Self-employed)

Nov 2013-present

Making a range of garments for private clients and professional companies both on a freelance basis and in the workroom on short-term contracts. Past projects and productions include;

- Wedding, bridesmaid, prom and evening dresses. Specialising in 'alternative' wedding dresses.
- Classical tutus for professional ballet dancers & students
- 'Alice in Wonderland'- Costume maker & Supervisor- Leeds Bid 2025
- Regency wear for Men and Women, The Jane Austen Festival, Bath & York Regency Festival
- Wise Owl Christmas show 2025-26- Costume maker & Supervisor
- Cruise ship cast changes- Seamstress- Peel entertainment
- Historical try- on museum costumes, Nation Civil War Centre, Newark & Cyfartha Castle, Wales
- Christmas costumes- Costume maker- Lapland UK
- Medieval embroidered horse comparisons, The Royal Armouries, Leeds
- 'Postman Pat' costumes, C-Beebies land, Alton Towers
- Christmas Elves, Lotherton Hall
- Coat for 'Pirate Bonnie', Leeds Carriageworks Theatre
- Circus ring jacket for 'Waldo's Circus of Magic & Terror', Bristol Old Vic
- 'The Wizard of Oz', 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang', 'Football Freddie' Costume maker- Leeds Playhouse
- 'Cinderella', 'A Christmas Carol', 'Peter Pan' Costume maker- Hull Truck Theatre
- 'Evita' Costume supervisor- Theatre Impromptu, Thurlstone

REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

## The University of Leeds

Performance and Creative Industries

Costume Technician

Sep 2015-Feb 2023

### Key responsibilities:

- Supporting costume design students in creating pieces for their shows
- Teaching students to use the sewing machines, overlockers, drafting patterns and hand sewing
- Supervising the rehearsals and dressing of shows
- Assisting and training students in costume fittings, repairs and alterations
- Organising laundry, ironing, repairs and returns
- Hiring costumes within the store and their maintenance for students to use in society shows
- Maintaining and servicing the workroom equipment, industrial sewing machines and iron

## Cameron Mackintosh 'The Really Useful Company'

The Phantom of the Opera UK tour

Touring Wardrobe Assistant

Mar 2012-May 2013

### Key responsibilities:

- Running the male ensemble dresser plot for 500 performances
- Supervising 'in house' dressers
- Costume repairs and alterations
- Organising dry cleaning, daily laundry and ironing
- Creating small scale in-house costumes

## Film and TV productions

A Gentleman in Moscow- Vanity film & TV	Seamstress	June 2023
Boat Story- BBC	Costume Maker	Nov 2022
The Confessions of Frannie Langton- ITV	Principle Costume Maker	Aug- Sep 2021
Gentleman Jack S2- BBC	Seamstress	Dec 2020- Feb 2021
Get Even- CBBC	Costume Daily/ Maker	Jul-Aug 2019
The Great- Paramount Television Studios	Costume Daily	Nov 2018
Class Dismissed- CBBC	Costume Daily	Aug 2015
Jerico- ITV	Seamstress	June 2015
Dad's Army- Universal Pictures and DJ Films	Seamstress / Costume Daily	Nov 2014
The Go-Between – BBC Grafton House Productions	Costume Trainee	Aug- Sep 2014
Ripper Street (Season 3) – Tiger Aspect Drama	Costume Trainee	May 2014
A Royal Night Out – Ecosse Films	Seamstress / Costume Daily	Apr 2014
Bill – Cowboy Productions and BBC Films	Seamstress / Costume Daily	Feb-Mar 2014

## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Nottingham Trent University	Classical tutu making short course	2017
The Northern College of Costume, York	Costume making for theatre	2013
The University of Glamorgan, Cardiff	Costume construction for stage and screen	2011
Wheatley Park Sixth Form, Oxfordshire	A-Levels: C C C	2009
Wheatley Park School, Oxfordshire	10 GCSE's: A-C including Maths and English	2007

## INTERESTS

Knitting and decorative hand-sewing including cross-stitch, crewel and tapestry  
Horse riding  
Salsa dancing

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