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Education

2025 **B.F.A.**, Taylor University, Musical Theatre

Theatre Employment

*denotes educational setting

*Fall '23 – Spring '24	Sound Designer	Taylor University	AD Tracy Manning TD Braden Spear
Summer '23	Scenic Artist	Festival 56, IL	ADs Jimmy Calitri, Tim Seib TD Benjamin Campbell
*Fall '22 – Spring '23	Charge Scenic Artist	Taylor University	AD Tracy Manning TD Emma Dahlquist
Summer '22	Paint Charge	Festival 56, IL	AD Frank Monier TD Paul Cartwright

General Employment

Summer 2021 Shift Leader, Charlie's Creamery and Sweets, FL

Fall/Winter 20-21 Cashier, Dunkin' Donuts, FL

Performing Experience

Percy Talbott	<i>The Spitfire Grill</i>	dir. Conor Angell	TU Lyric Theatre '24
Tracy	<i>Touch the Bluebird's Song</i>	dir. Molly Lemont	TU One Acts '23
Somebody	<i>Everybody</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor University '23
Donalbain/Murderer	<i>Macbeth</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor University '23
Despina U/S	<i>Così fan tutte</i>	dir. Conor Angell	TU Lyric Theatre '23
Betty/Kafka/Ramon	<i>All in the Timing</i>	dir. Caroline Gilmer	TU One Acts '22
Ensemble	<i>White Christmas</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor University '22
Julia	<i>The Birds</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor University '22
Boylan/Ensemble	<i>Annie!</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor University '22
Amy/Beth Swing	<i>Little Women</i>	dir. Conor Angell	TU Lyric Theatre '22
Woman Chorus	<i>The Women of Lockerbie</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor University '21
Fan/Townsperson	<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	dir. Patrick Ehrheart	Valerie Theatre '20

Charge Scenic Artist

<i>Significant Other</i>	dir. Tim Seib	Festival 56 Princeton IL '23
<i>Million Dollar Quartet</i>	dir. Tim Seib	Festival 56 Princeton IL '23
<i>Noises Off!</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor University
<i>White Christmas</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor University

<i>The Birds</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor University
<i>Gentlemen's Guide...</i>	dir. Dev Bondarin	Festival 56 Princeton IL '22
<i>Matilda</i>	dir. Laura Haughton Gillis	Festival 56 Princeton IL '22
<i>Merry Wives of Windsor</i>	dir. Hadley Kamminga-Peck	Festival 56 Princeton IL '22
<i>Elephant and Piggie...</i>	dir. Alegra Batara	Festival 56 Princeton IL '22

Scenic Artist

<i>The Spitfire Grill</i>	dir. Conor Angell	TU Lyric Theatre '24
<i>Twelfth Night</i>	dir. Jennifer Hopkins	Festival 56 Princeton IL '23
<i>Footloose</i>	dir. Jennifer Hopkins	Festival 56 Princeton IL '23
<i>Something Rotten!</i>	dir. James Calitri	Festival 56 Princeton IL '23

Sound Designer

<i>All I Really Need to Know</i> <i>I Learned in Kindergarten</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor University
<i>Every Brilliant Thing</i>	dir. Eleana Manning	Taylor Univeristy Capstone
<i>Everybody</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor Univeristy
<i>The Seagull</i>	dir. Tracy Manning	Taylor University

Sound Technician

<i>Every Brilliant Thing</i>	Taylor Univeristy Capstone
<i>The Seagull</i>	Taylor University '23
<i>Riders to the Sea</i>	Taylor Uni One Act Festival '23
<i>Trifles</i>	Taylor Uni One Act Festival '23

Stage Management Experience

<i>Aria de Capo</i> (ASM)	Taylor Uni One Act Festival '21
<i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i> (ASM)	Taylor University '22

Awards

Vocal MTI Finalist KCACTF Festival 56 '24
 1st Place MT 7A & 7B NATS Student Auditions Indiana Chapter '23
 KCACTF Certificate of Merit for Sound Design *The Seagull* '23
 KCACTF Distinguished Production of a Play *The Birds* '23
 KCACTF Distinguished Performance Ensemble *The Birds* '23
 Most Dedicated Cast Member *The Birds* '23
 Best Supporting Actor *The Birds* '23