

Josie Ross

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Creative and detail-oriented undergrad senior at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, specializing in costume design, textile work, and prop styling. Experienced with industrial and specialty sewing machines, on-set styling for magazine and brand photoshoots, and cross-team coordination in fast-paced production environments. Brings strong communication skills, adaptability, and a proactive, hands-on approach to creative and production support roles.

Relevant Experience

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

August 2023 to Present

Checkout and service technician

- Servicing various types of new and old industrial and specialty sewing machines, knitting machines, and other equipment in SAIC's fashion department
- Assisting in checking out items to students and helping them pay fines for overdue equipment.
- Occasionally includes demos to other students on how to use certain machines and equipment that is offered for checkout

Chicago Summer Opera

June 2026 to July 2026

Costuming Intern- Summer intensive

- Designing and fabricating costumes
- Creating character decks
- Assisting with production and planning
- Observing directorial meetings

Maria Pinto

January 2026 to May 2026

Luxury Fashion Internship

- Packing and preparing orders, processing returns, prepping products for photoshoots, events, and fittings
- Tagging products, inventory, fabric projects/swatching/sourcing, assisting with patterns, fittings, and on-set help with photoshoots
- Assisting the flagship boutique on an as-needed basis

Lyric Opera

August 2025 to Present

Student Ambassador

- Researching and reaching out to college students to engage with the Lyric
- Learning valuable marketing skills to reach as many people as possible

Self Employed

January 2019 to Present

Prop Stylist

- Sourcing and styling props on photoshoots for magazines and websites, learning teamwork, dedication, time management, as well as leadership
- Most recent work has been for Stanley Cups in LA and an on-location shoot for Garnet Hill in Alaska. Examples of this type of work can be seen on my website.

Skills and Certifications

- Industrial Sewing Machines
Certified by the Manager of the SAIC Fashion Department to use industry-standard sewing machines as well as specialty machines, new and old.
- Creativity and proactivity
- Coordinating with creative departments
- Google Drive, Docs, Spreadsheets
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and written)

Education

Expecting BFA 2027

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