



Max Okst

Lighting Designer

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Experience

Lighting-To-The-Max - Various Locations

Principal Lighting Designer

September 2015 - Present

- Always striving to create meaningful, intentional, and visually captivating story-centered spaces.
- Freelance Lighting Designer for architecture, theatre, dance, and live events.

Vortex Lighting - Los Angeles, CA

Assistant Designer

August 2024 - Present

- Supporting the principal designer with drafting for both architectural and theatrical projects. Also aided with on-site mockups for clients.

Visual Terrain - Valencia, CA

Lighting Intern

October 2024 - December 2024

- Supporting design staff locally and across all domestic offices with drafting in AutoCAD and decks in PPT & Keynote.
- Updating design documentation and assisting with project-based tasks, including preparing decks, editing cut sheets, and visual research.

California Institute of the Arts - Valencia, CA

Moving Light Lab Manager

May 2024 - Present

- Maintaining the facility, repairing moving light fixtures, and managing the lab's website and schedule. Preparing documentation of the space for archival purposes.

Teaching Assistant to Anne Militello

August 2023 - Present

- Assisting lighting design faculty in day-to-day class operations. Tasks also include coordinating visiting students and guest artists for on-campus presentations.

Theatrical Electrician - Supervisor

August 2022 - Present

- Hang and maintain the lighting fixtures for School of Theatre productions at CalArts.

Ithaca College - Ithaca, NY

McCarroll Studio Theatre Technical Supervisor

August 2021 - May 2022

- Supervise and maintain the student-run theatre within Ithaca's Dillingham Center for Performance. Ensure all productions remain supported and on schedule.

Education

California Institute of the Arts - Valencia, CA

September 2022 - (Expected) May 2025

- MFA in Experience Design and Production with a specialization in Lighting Design

Ithaca College - Ithaca, NY

August 2018 - May 2022

- BFA in Theatrical Production and Design with a concentration in Lighting and Scenic Design.
- **Awards:** Magna Cum Laude | Department of Theatre Arts Honors Award

Skills

AutoCAD
Revit
AGI32 & Dialux
Vectorworks
ETC Eos
GrandMA2 & 3
Lightwright
ETC Mosaic
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Cinema 4D
Microsoft Office
Google Suite
Soldering
CA Drivers License

Memberships

IALD

Student Member
Oct. 2022 - Present

IES

Student Member
Oct. 2022 - Present

DLFNY

Student Member
Mar. 2024 - Present

References

Contact info upon request

Anne Militello

Principal Lighting Designer
Vortex Lighting

Lisa Passamonte Green

Owner | CEO
Visual Terrain

Violet Smith

Lighting Designer
Ultraviolet Designs