Riley Merrill

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Education

Southern Utah University BFA in Theatre Technology and Design – Graduated 2019

Skills

Lighting Equipment

- Extensive experience programming moving lights and intelligent fixtures including scrollers, LED fixtures, rotators, fog and haze machines
- Proficient in the programming, operation, and maintenance of ETC EOS Series, ETC Color Source Series, and Chamsys MagicQ

Software Proficiency

- Vectorworks spotlight and Lightwright
- sACN/Art-Net/DMX/OSC/IP networking
- Qlab and Audacity
- Microsoft Office
- Google Suite

Professional Experience

Kingsbury Hall Production Crew – February 2025 - current

- Collaborating with other crew members to maintain and prepare the venue for incoming shows
- Adapting to and performing in various roles as assigned to carry out the needs of crew and client alike

Clark Planetarium Dome Theater Technician – June 2023 - current

- Programming and updating content using the planetarium's projection and modeling software, Digistar
- Maintaining lighting equipment used in the laser shows and training others to do the same

Freelance Lighting Designer – May 2021 - current

- Coordinating lighting needs between clients and theater staff ahead of time
- Programming and busking to meet client's technical needs

Salt Lake County On-Call Technical Director – April 2024 - January 2025

- Overseeing clients renting performance spaces for performances, rehearsals, load in and load out
- Ensuring client needs are met and safety measures are followed

Pioneer Theater Company Assistant Master Electrician – July 2022 - December 2022

- Leading focus calls with guest lighting designers
- Running the current show while the Master Electrician prepares the next show

Utah Valley University Assistant Lighting Supervisor – May 2021 - August 2021

- Managing student and general hire crew
- Overseeing projects independent of supervisor

Evermore Park Lead Lighting and AV Technician – July 2020 - Jan 2021

- Collaborating with the writing team to design and create lighting and sound effects fitting for story scenes
- Creating an immersive environment by emphasizing architecture with lighting

Murray Park Amphitheater Stage Technician – May 2018 - August 2019

- Leading crew members in hanging lights and running power and data cables
- Mentoring crew members in implementing a lighting design.