



# WHITNEY LEHN MELTZ

scenography // puppetry // immersive design

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dec. 2024-  
Present

Curator & Co-Founder // *LOOSE THREAD PUPPET CULT*  
VARIOUS VENUES, LAS VEGAS NV

- ★ Established a new local arts program by co-founding Loose Thread Puppet Cult and launching Las Vegas's first adult puppet slam—curating, producing, and sustaining a recurring platform for community-driven new works.

partners:  
*PUPPET SLAM NETWORK*  
*VEGAS THEATRE COMPANY*  
*DAVID COLSTON CORRIS*

Nov. 2022-  
Present

Exhibit Scenic & Art Technician // *MEOW WOLF*  
OMEGA MART, LAS VEGAS NV

- ★ Collaborated with ATTF from Santa Fe on recent expansions TRFKAD206 and DeLuLu Lounge, consulting on fabrication and materials, supporting install.
- ★ Fabrication and maintenance of scenic elements across the exhibit, ensuring durability, safety, and alignment with the evolving narrative. Designed and installed original sculptures such as Ramen Hat and Micro-Micro Breakroom.

supervisor: *KEITH MANNING*

June 2019-  
Present

Scenic & Puppetry Designer // *FREELANCE*  
LAS VEGAS NV & REGIONAL

- ★ Design immersive scenic environments and puppetry experiences that emphasize interactive storytelling, narrative cohesion, and audience engagement across a range of scales and formats.
- ★ Collaborate with directors, designers, and producers to develop and execute visually impactful, feasibility-conscious designs- often working directly on fabrication, prototyping, and installation.

April-Nov.  
2024

Costume Character Artisan // *CIRQUE DU SOLEIL*  
RSD COSTUME SHOP, LAS VEGAS NV

- ★ Fabricated puppets and costume character elements for *Paw Patrol: A Mighty Adventure*, a large-scale touring production within a nationally recognized IP.

supervisor: *VÉRONIQUE BREault*

Aug. 2021-  
Present

Part Time Instructor // *UNLV THEATRE DEPARTMENT*  
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS NV

- ★ Developed and taught coursework in scenic design, scenic painting, props, and puppetry, fostering interdisciplinary creative growth and collaboration.

supervisor: *DANA MORAN WILLIAMS*

## EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2022

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS // *LAS VEGAS NV*  
MFA Scenic Design\*

\*GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT  
\*PHI KAPPA PHI HONOR SOCIETY

2019

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY // *BLOOMINGTON IL*  
BFA Theatre Design & Technology\* // English Minor

\*ALPHA PSI OMEGA HONOR  
SOCIETY CHAPTER PRESIDENT

### CERTIFICATIONS & INTENSIVES

- ★ OSHA 10 // 2024
- ★ *Deep Puppetry* Certificate for Art Advocacy by Laura Geiger // 2024
- ★ Entertainment Rigging by Chicago Flyhouse // 2023
- ★ *Robots and Puppetry, An Approximation* by Alice Gottschalk @ National Puppetry Conference // 2023

## SELECT DESIGN CREDITS

feb. 2025	scenic designer // <i>ALL MY SONS</i> ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON IL	director: THOMAS QUINN
mar. 2024	scenic designer // <i>THE EFFECT</i> ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON IL	director: KAMERON ROJAS-SCHUENEMAN
feb. 2024	scenic designer // <i>X</i> A PUBLIC FIT THEATRE COMPANY, LAS VEGAS NV	director: JAKE STALEY
jan. 2024	scenic designer // <i>CLUELESQUE</i> *WORLD PREMIERE VEGAS THEATRE COMPANY, LAS VEGAS NV	co-directors: DAZ WELLER & SIMONE
nov. 2023	scenic designer // <i>RODGERS &amp; HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA</i> SIERRA REPERTORY THEATRE, SONORA CA	director: JERRY LEE
oct. 2023	scenic designer // <i>INDECENT</i> A PUBLIC FIT THEATRE COMPANY, LAS VEGAS NV	co-directors: JOSEPH KUCAN & ANN-MARIE PERETH
jan. 2023	scenic designer // <i>HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH</i> ** MAJESTIC REPERTORY THEATRE, LAS VEGAS NV **BroadwayWorld Las Vegas - BEST SCENIC DESIGN 2023	director: TROY HEARD
nov. 2022	scenic designer // <i>ELF THE MUSICAL</i> SIERRA REPERTORY THEATRE, SONORA CA	director: JIM CHRISTIAN
oct. 2022	scenic designer // <i>POPULARITY COACH</i> *WORLD PREMIERE THE ROSE THEATER, OMAHA NE	director: TAYLOR ADAMS
sept. 2022	scenic designer // <i>PROVING UP</i> OPERA LAS VEGAS, LAS VEGAS NV	director: AUDREY CHAIT
sept. 2021	co-scenic designer & puppet designer // <i>SHREK THE MUSICAL</i> ** SIERRA REPERTORY THEATRE, SONORA CA **BroadwayWorld Sacramento - BEST SCENIC DESIGN 2021	director: VALERIE RACHELLE co-scenic: DANA MORAN WILLIAMS
apr. 2021* *filmed.	scenic designer // <i>BOBRAUSCHENBERGAMERICA</i> ** NEVADA CONSERVATORY THEATRE, LAS VEGAS NV **SETC Graduate Scenic Design Award - FIRST PLACE 2022	director: MICHAEL LUGERING

## SELECT OTHER CREDITS

june 2025	puppet artisan & wrangler // <i>PHENOMENOMALY</i> OMEGA MART // MEOW WOLF, LAS VEGAS NV	creative dir: KENT CALDWELL
mar. 2025	visual designer & puppet artisan // <i>STARBOND</i> YOOTOWN RESORT, CHINA	director: DANIEL FLANNERY manager: JARRETT PARKER
mar. 2025	designer & lead artist // <i>THEM</i> OMEGA MART // MEOW WOLF, LAS VEGAS NV	creative dir: KENT CALDWELL
oct. 2024	puppet artisan & design // <i>THE HOUSE ON WATCH HILL</i> *WORLD PREMIERE VEGAS THEATRE COMPANY, LAS VEGAS NV	director: DAZ WELLER scenic: WHITNEY LEHN MELTZ
feb. 2023	puppet designer & artisan // <i>SHE KILLS MONSTERS</i> NEVADA CONSERVATORY THEATRE, LAS VEGAS NV	director: MAY LIANG scenic des: IRENE NGUYEN

## SELECT REFERENCES

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