

LENA CASTRO

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Innovative entertainment technician with experience in leading lighting management for various productions, ranging from theatrical performances to live events. Skilled in collaborating with production teams to create visually stimulating environments that enhance overall audience experience.

SKILLS

- Project Management
- Equipment Maintenance
- Rigging
- ETC software
- Scenic Painting
- Adaptability and Problem-solving
- Vectorworks
- QLab

EXPERIENCE

Lighting Supervisor

Wichita State University | Wichita, KS | Aug 2024-Current

- Designed lighting setups and technical plans for university fine arts productions and events.
- Educated student volunteers on lighting techniques and equipment use, enhancing their practical skills.
- Optimized organizational and cabling processes, improving workflow efficiency for university events.

Business Owner

L'art De Tais | Dallas, Texas | Mar 2015-Current

- Collaborate with clients to create a one-of-a-kind product.
- Developed and maintained social media to create exposure and attract clients.
- Managed financial tasks, including budgeting, payroll, and expense tracking.

President

Chi Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho | Wichita, KS | Apr 2024-Current

- Developed strategic partnerships with local organizations, enhancing community engagement for initiatives.
- Managed budgets and allocated resources for chapter activities, ensuring alignment with organizational goals.
- Maintained paperwork and coordinated recruitment efforts while planning events to support chapter growth.

Stagehand and Rigger

IATSE Local 190 | Wichita, KS | Sep 2023-Current

- Rigged lights, curtains, and scenery for shows and events to enhance visual impact.
- Set up lighting, video, and sound equipment for live performances, ensuring optimal audience experience.
- Upheld safety inspections and protocols during load-ins and load-outs to maintain a secure working environment.

Rental Technician

Kent Audio Visual | Wichita, Kansas | Jun 2025-Aug 2025

- Set up and operated commercial systems, projectors, speaker points, lighting equipment, LED video walls, teleconferencing equipment, and flat-panel displays to ensure seamless event execution.
- Maintained inventory of rental equipment, guaranteeing optimal availability and condition for customer satisfaction.
- Prepared and tested equipment setups for customer pickups and events, ensuring reliable performance and readiness.

Stagehand

Music Theatre Wichita | Wichita, KS | May 2024-Aug 2024

- Assembled sets, operated as run crew, and fly operator for shows such as Disney's Frozen, Gypsy, Beautiful, a Carol King Musical, and more.
- Coordinated line set schedules, rigged equipment, and installed fly systems to ensure seamless show operations.
- Installed and operated automated systems for set pieces, enhancing stage mechanics and production quality.
- Executed performance cues from sheet promptly, contributing to smooth transitions and audience experience.

Scenic Carpenter

Wichita State University | Wichita, KS | Aug 2023-May 2024

- Constructed sets for university by applying carpentry, welding, scenic painting, and blueprint reading skills.
- Explored innovative techniques like 3D printing, laser cutting, and automated set changes to enhance production efficiency.
- Implemented safety protocols that created a safer environment for staff and minimized risks during set construction.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts: Design and Tech Theatre

Wichita State University | Wichita, KS | Expected in Dec 2027

- Spring 2025- Dean's List
- 2025 Greek New Member of the Year Recipient