

# Harold J Hotchkiss

## Lighting Design & Theatrical Production

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### Education

MFA Lighting Design, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), 2005

BA Theatre, State University of New York, University at Buffalo (UB), 2001

Study in Semester in London at Middlesex University. Studied lighting design, London technical theatre, and storytelling & oral tradition.

### Professional Employment

2017 - Present Lighting director, Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward, CA. Designed and implemented lighting for all performing arts productions during the academic year (theatre, dance, band, & choir.) Responsible for purchase and rental of necessary equipment, instruction & supervision of student crews, and maintaining budgets.

Advised on budgetary/purchasing decisions for capital improvements including new lights & lighting console, expanded circuiting, and incremental upgrades to sound system.

2016 - Present Various roles at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA: Overhire stagehand for visiting productions at the Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center - stage set-up, lighting prep & focus, light-board operator. Oversaw live and pre-recorded Met Opera and National Theatre Live broadcasts. Hospitality co-ordinator for visiting artists, 2016-2017.

2014 - 2015 Lighting director, Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward, CA. Same duties as above

2010 - 2013 Various roles at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA: Lighting designer & technical director for Theatre Department productions. Assistant to the technical director for Dance Department productions. Stagehand for visiting productions at the Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center.

2007 - 2011 Assistant designer & master electrician; designer - Bob Steineck. As electrician responsible for preparation and installation of lighting package. As assistant responsible for focus and cueing when designer not available.

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- 2002 - 2005 Lighting Assistant, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts(KCPA), UIUC. Duties included preparatory work for all Theatre department and traveling productions. General maintenance of the lighting inventory, and all light hangs and focuses for KCPA productions.
- 2001 Props-master, Forestburgh Playhouse (Forestburgh, NY). Responsible for supplying props and rehearsal props for summer season consisting of *Guys and Dolls*, *Man of la Mancha*, *Showboat*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *No Sex Please, We're British*, and *The Sunshine Boys*.
- 2000 Assistant to lighting designer Anne Benton on *In the Belly of the Whale*, a world premiere production by the Promise Theatre Company, Buffalo, NY.

## Lighting Design

- 2019 Spring *Moving Pictures* - Teves Theatre  
Moreau Catholic High School Dance Department, Hayward, CA. Artistic director - Angela Demmel
- 2018 Spring *Mamma Mia!* - Teves Theatre  
Moreau Catholic High School Theatre Department, Hayward, CA. Director - Arlene Hood
- 2019 Winter *Identity* - Teves Theatre  
Moreau Catholic High School Dance Department, Hayward, CA. Artistic director - Angela Demmel
- 2018 Fall *On, Dancer!* - Teves Theatre  
Moreau Catholic High School Dance Department, Hayward, CA. Artistic director - Angela Demmel
- 2018 Fall *The Servant of Two Masters* - Teves Theatre  
Moreau Catholic High School Theatre Department, Hayward, CA. Director - Arlene Hood

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- 2018 ***I Made You a Mix Tape*** - Teves Theatre  
Spring Moreau Catholic High School Dance Department, Hayward, CA. Artistic director - Angela Demmel
- 2018 ***Fiddler on the Roof*** - Teves Theatre  
Spring Moreau Catholic High School Theatre Department, Hayward, CA. Director - Arlene Hood
- 2018 ***Cycles and Circles*** - Erie Art Museum  
Spring SoMar Dance Works, Erie, PA. Artistic directors - Solveig & Mark Santillano
- 2018 ***Finding Home*** - Teves Theatre  
Winter Moreau Catholic High School Dance Department, Hayward, CA. Artistic director - Angela Demmel
- 2017 ***The Chemistry of Caring*** - Teves Theatre  
Fall Moreau Catholic High School Dance Department, Hayward, CA. Artistic director - Angela Demmel
- 2017 ***Arsenic and Old Lace*** - Teves Theatre  
Fall Moreau Catholic High School Theatre Department, Hayward, CA. Director - Arlene Hood
- 2017 ***How to Dance*** - Teves Theatre  
Spring Moreau Catholic High School Dance Department, Hayward, CA. Artistic director - Angela Demmel
- 2017 ***Oklahoma!*** - Teves Theatre  
Spring Moreau Catholic High School Theatre Department, Hayward, CA. Director - Arlene Hood  
\* Emergency fill-in after previous designer left production

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2016     ***The Music Man*** - Teves Theatre  
Spring   Moreau Catholic High School Theatre Department, Hayward, CA. Director -  
          Arlene Hood

2015     ***Building S.T.E.A.M.*** - Teves Theatre  
Spring   Moreau Catholic High School Dance Department, Hayward, CA. Artistic  
          director - Angela Demmel

2015     ***The Mystery of Edwin Drood*** - Teves Theatre  
Spring   Moreau Catholic High School Theatre Department, Hayward, CA. Director -  
          Arlene Hood  
          \* Also served as production manager

2015     ***Leap Before Looking*** - Teves Theatre  
Winter   Moreau Catholic High School Dance Department, Hayward, CA. Artistic  
          director - Angela Demmel

2014     ***Moving Pictures*** - Teves Theatre  
Fall      Moreau Catholic High School Dance Department, Hayward, CA. Artistic  
          director - Angela Demmel

2014     ***Blood Wedding*** - Teves Theatre  
Fall      Moreau Catholic High School Theatre Department, Hayward, CA. Director -  
          Arlene Hood

2013     ***Eurydice*** - Taylor Little Theatre  
Spring   Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA. Director - Brett Johnson  
          \* Also served as technical director

2013     ***Anatomy of Grey*** - Studio Theatre  
Spring   Penn State Behrend College, Erie, PA. Director - David Vegh

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2013 ***A Mid-SoMar Night's Dream*** - Dafmark Dance Theater  
Spring SoMar Dance Works, Erie, PA. Artistic directors - Solveig & Mark Santillano

2012 ***How the Grinch Stole Christmas*** - Cathedral Prep Stage  
Fall Erie Dance Conservatory, Erie, PA. Director - Sarah Purvis

2012 ***Almost, Maine*** - Studio Theatre  
Fall Penn State Behrend College, Erie, PA. Director - David Vegh

2012 ***Camelot*** - Taylor Little Theatre  
Fall Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA. Director - Rebecka Kerr  
\* Also served as set designer & technical director

2012 ***Almost, Maine*** - Taylor Little Theatre  
Spring Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA. Director - Carolin Lynn  
\* Also served as set designer & technical director

2012 ***The Importance of Being Earnest*** - Taylor Little Theatre  
Winter Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA. Director - Katie Wagner  
\* Also served as set designer & technical director

2011 ***How the Grinch Stole Christmas*** - Cathedral Prep Stage  
Fall Erie Dance Conservatory, Erie, PA. Director - Sarah Purvis

2011 ***Oliver!*** - Taylor Little Theatre  
Fall Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA. Directors - Nicole Zeak & Rebecka Kerr  
\* Also served as set designer & technical director

2011 ***Project Abolition*** - Taylor Little Theatre  
Spring Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA. Director - Lindsey Smith  
\* Multimedia, dance, & music collaboration

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- 2010 **Annie**  
Spring Woodland Hills High School, Pittsburgh, PA. Director - Tom Crone  
\* Gene Kelly award nominee for Best Lighting, 2010
- 2010 **Mame**  
Spring Avonworth High School, Pittsburgh, PA. Director - Deborah Frauenholz
- 2010 **Thoroughly Modern Mille, Junior**  
Spring Montour Middle School, Pittsburgh, PA. Directors - Brian Corey & Karen Prunzik
- 2010 **American College Dance Festival Northeast Conference** - Mary D'Angelo  
Spring Performing Arts Center  
On-site lighting designer for exhibited works.
- 2005 **Aloha Say the Pretty Girls** - Colwell Playhouse Theatre  
Spring UIUC Department of Theatre. Director - Lisa Rothe
- 2004 **Don Giovanni** - Tryon Festival Theatre  
Fall UIUC School of Music. Director - Jacque Trussel
- 2004 **Burn This** - Armory Free Theatre  
Spring UIUC Department of Theatre. Director - Emily Elarde
- 2004 **Spring Storm** - Studio Theatre  
Spring UIUC Department of Theatre. Director - Tom Mitchell
- 2003 **November Playhouse Dance** - Colwell Playhouse Theatre  
Fall UIUC Department of Dance. Choreographers - Kathy Young, Elizabeth Johnson, Sara Lampert-Hoover

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2003 ***Picasso at the Lapin Agile*** - Armory Free Theatre  
Spring UIUC Department of Theatre. Director - Michael Piwoni

2003 ***Studio Dance 1*** - Studio Theatre  
Spring UIUC Department of Dance. Concert Director - Sara Hook

2002 ***Dido and Aeneas*** - Drama Theatre  
Spring UB School of Music. Director - Dora Ohrenstein

2001 ***Fear and Misery in the Third Reich*** - Phoenix Theatre  
Spring Middlesex University Department of Theatre. Director - Polly Broad

2000 ***In the Mix*** - Rehearsal Theatre  
Spring UB Department of Theatre. Director - Ezra Homison

2000 ***Crimes of the Heart*** - Black Box Theatre  
Spring UB Department of Theatre. Director - Jerry Finnegan

## Film and Video

2007 ***Dead@17*** - Lighting Director  
Summer Exit 7 Productions. Director - Mark Steensland

2006 ***Lovecraft's Pillow***- Lighting Director  
Summer TKO Productions. Director - Mark Steensland

2006 ***Sucker*** - Lighting Director  
Summer TKO Productions. Director - Mark Steensland

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## Teaching Experience

2008 - Substitute teacher - Millcreek, PA and Harborcreek, PA school districts.  
2013 Taught various subjects and grade levels, from kindergarten through high school.

2004 Guest Lecturer on *Don Giovanni* - Community Opera Class  
Fall UIUC School of Music. Professor - Tom Schleiss

2002 Teaching assistant - Taught Theatre 122, Introduction to Lighting  
Fall UIUC Department of Theatre. Supervisor - David Warfel

## Related Theatre Experience

2016 *The Nutcracker* - Scenery construction & light board operator  
Fall Erie Dance Conservatory, Erie, PA.

2011 *Astro-Rama* - Master Electrician  
Summer Squonk Opera, Frostburg, MD. Lighting designer - Bob Steineck

2011 *The Phantom of the Opera* - Assistant Lighting Designer  
Spring Woodland Hills High School, Pittsburgh, PA. Lighting designer - Bob Steineck

2009 *The Nutcracker* - Master Electrician  
Winter Lake Erie Ballet, Erie, PA. Lighting designer - Bob Steineck

2009 *Beginning with Books Gala* - Master Electrician  
Spring Beginning with Books, Pittsburgh, PA. Lighting designer - Bob Steineck

2009 *The Wizard of Oz* - Assistant Lighting Designer  
Spring Woodland Hills High School, Pittsburgh, PA. Lighting designer - Bob Steineck



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2009 ***Only Me*** - Assistant Lighting Designer  
Spring Front Porch Theatricals, Pittsburgh, PA. Lighting designer - Bob Steineck

2008 ***The Nutcracker*** - Master Electrician  
Winter Lake Erie Ballet, Erie, PA. Lighting designer - Bob Steineck

2008 ***Astro-Rama*** - Master Electrician  
Fall Squonk Opera, Pittsburgh, PA. Lighting designer - Bob Steineck

2008 ***Spring Dance Concert*** - Assistant Lighting Designer  
Spring Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA. Lighting designer - Bob Steineck

2007 ***The Nutcracker*** - Master Electrician  
Winter Lake Erie Ballet, Erie, PA. Lighting designer - Bob Steineck

2004 ***Festival Dance*** - Master Electrician  
Spring UIUC Department of Dance. Lighting designer - Michael Williams

2003 ***Opera Workshop (The Impresario & The Unicorn in the Garden)*** -  
Spring Assistant to Lighting Designer  
UIUC School of Music. Lighting designer - Gabriel Kiiza

2002 ***Romeo et Juliette*** - Assistant to Master Electrician  
Fall UIUC School of Music. Lighting designer - Nick Militello

2002 ***Four by Beckett*** - Master Electrician  
Fall UIUC Department of Theatre. Lighting designer - Michael Williams

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- 2001     **Cloud 9** - Production Manager  
Fall     UB Department of Theatre. Director - Jerry Finnegan
- 2001     **Assassins** - Stage Manager (remount of prior production)  
Fall     UB Department of Theatre. Directors - Jerry Finnegan and Lynne Kurdziel-  
          Formato
- 2000     **Assassins** - Stage Manager  
Fall     UB Department of Theatre. Directors - Jerry Finnegan and Lynne Kurdziel-  
          Formato
- 2000     **Starmites** - Assistant set designer & Props-master  
Spring   UB Department of Theatre. Set Designer - Craig Young
- 1999     **Tango** - Master Electrician  
Fall     UB Department of Theatre. Lighting designer - Craig Young
- 1999     **Zodiaque Dance Company Fall Concert** - Assistant to Lighting designer  
Fall     UB Department of Theatre. Lighting designer - Anne Benton

## Professional Internships

- 2004     Associate - Lightmakers of NY  
Summer Interned with Lightmakers of NY, a professional interior and architectural  
          lighting firm. Helped develop lighting plans for individual projects and  
          worked in lighting showroom.

## Related Skills

ETC consoles (Ion, Element, Expression, Obsession), Hog consoles, Lightwright,  
Photoshop, television and video production, web development, Vectorworks and  
Vectorworks Spotlight, hand-drafting, Audacity sound editing

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#### Andrew Ferguson

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Mercyhurst Institute for Arts & Culture  
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#### Michael Gleason

Production Manager & Concurrent Faculty  
Mercyhurst University Dance Department (retired)  
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#### Bob Steineck

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#### David Warfel

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