KEVIN KRESS

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WORK EXPERIENCE

LEAD ELECTRICIAN. RESIDENT LIGHTING DESIGNER | FORESTBURGH PLAYHOUSE

JUNE 2023 - SEP 2024

Responsible for the implementation, hang, and focus for all main-stage productions; Oversee and compile season rental package; Spot operation as needed; Design and maintain TYA productions; Design and maintain lighting for cabaret performances within adjacent dinner venue; Oversee and delegate tasks to electrics crew.

LIGHTING TECHNICIAN | RAIL EVENTS CHICAGO

NOV 2023 - JAN 2023

Responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of all lighting systems throughout the duration of the event, as well as assisting in other departmental needs as the nature of the show requires.

ASST. TECHNICAL DIRECTOR | LAKE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

FEB - MAR 2024 - 2025

Oversee and provide guidance to student stage crew and technicians for IHSA Drama Competition in scenic, properties, lighting, sound, and projections elements. Teach EOS software and ION console operation, spotlight operation, related audio software/console use to students with minimal theater experience. Support Technical Director in achieving desired theatrical designs and director vision. Aid in transportation and packaging of equiptment for travel.

CREW MEMBER | ELEGANT EVENT LIGHTING

SEP 2023 - PRESENT

Work under crew manager in set-up and strike of technical and design elements for weddings, celebrations, and other events including theater related lighting, practicals, drapery, dance floors, stages, and vinyl. Operate as a live technician during events as needed.

SELECT ELECTRICS EXPERIENCE

LE/Production Manager	ITWITW Festival 23', 24', 25'	Artistic Dir. Matt Lenz	In The Works In The Woods Festival
Lead Electrician	The Cottage	LD Corey Goulden Naitove	Forestburgh Playhouse
Lead Electrician	Glü A New Musical	LD Alexander Le Vaillant Freer	Timber Lake Playhouse
Overhire Electrician	Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	LE Kenneth Foster	Marriott Theatre
Overhire Electrician	Circus Quixote	LE Aaron Lichamer	Lookingglass Theatre Company
Asst. Lead Electrician		LE Joe Chambers	Illinois Shakespeare Festival
Staff Electrician		LE Noah Frye	Interlochen Center for the Arts

DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Lighting Designer	Young Frankenstien	Dir Dana Iannuzzi	Forestburgh Playhouse
Lighting Designer	Our Town	Dir Susan Robininson	Elgin Community College
Lighting Designer	The Rocky Horror Show	Dir Franklin Trapp	Forestburgh Playhouse
Lighting Designer	Hand To God	Dir Scott Evans	Forestburgh Playhouse
Lighting Designer	That Day in Tuscon	Dir Susan Robinson	Elgin Community College
Lighting Designer	Blue Stockings	Dir Susan Robinson	Elgin Community College
Lighting Designer	Baby With The Bathwater	Dir Leah Cassella	Moraine Valley Comm. College
Lighting Designer	Catskills Cablab 23' - 25'	Art. Dir Matt Lens	ITWITW Festival

SKILLS

ETC systems, lighting focus and hang, lighting instrument repair, spotlight operation, LED tape installation, knowledge of moving lights, set construction, basic power tool knowledge, drivable genie lift operation, valid Illinois driver's license, valid passport

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe After Effects, Reaper, Logic Pro, EOS, QLAB, Vectorworks, Lightwright, Microsoft Library

EDUCATION