

Robert Cardana

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Stage Designer & Theater Consultant

Scenic Designer, Lighting Designer, Projections, Technical Director, Production Manager
Theater & facility design, project planning and consulting services.

University Teaching:

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| 2023-2024 | Middle Tennessee State University, Theater Lighting Faculty |
| 2021-2023 | Tennessee Technological University, Theater Faculty / Head of Design |
| 2017-2021 | Ferris State University Theater Faculty and Williams Auditorium General Manager
Scenic and Lighting Designer, Sound, Technical Director - Managing a staff of 25 |
| 2016-17 | Shenandoah Conservatory of the Performing Arts
Department of Dance (ACDA Adjudicated Participant)
Faculty, Production Manager, Technical Director, Lighting Designer, Sound, Projections
Shenandoah Conservatory Opera Department - Opera Up Close |
| 2015-16 | Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Sabbatical Replacement for Associate Professor,
Lighting & Projection Design & Technical Director - Department of Theater.
Winner of the Golden Hand Truck Award at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival |

Additional Teaching Duties; 1987-88 Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas,
1993-97 & 2010 Las Positas College, 1995-96 Peralta College, 1988 & 93 Ohlone College,
2002-2014 Lincoln County Auditorium.

Professional Experience : (A Few Selected Employment Locations, from 40 years experience)

- Douglas Morrison Theater, California - Resident scenic and lighting designer, technical director
- Marin Opera Company, California - Lighting designer
- Lincoln County Auditorium - Theater Architect consultant, facility design, production, technical director
- Ronan Performing Arts Center, Montana - Theater Architect consultant, facility design, scenery/lighting,
- Sunburst Foundation - Lighting design, audio live sound mixing FOH engineer, master electrician
- Addison Centre Theatre, Dallas - Lighting designer, master electrician
- Willows Theater, California - Resident lighting designer

Work history includes other employment with companies such as:

Pacific Conservatory for the Performing Arts, PCPA Theaterfest, Walnut Creek Repertory Theater, Maine State Musical Theater, Carnival Cruise Line, Chabot Auditorium, Lone Star Historical Drama Association
Industrial Lighting Designer, weddings, lighting fundraisers, parties, industrial after parties
Theater Artaud Experimental Theatre, George Coates Performance Works, Berkeley California
IATSE Local 107 Barry Manilow, Merce Cunningham Dance Company, Oakland County Coliseum,
Houston Ballet, *Being Human* with Robin Williams

Extensive experiences all across the country, from San Francisco, California to Brunswick, Maine and from Eureka, Montana to Baja Mexico, including work and travel from Funabashi, Japan to New Zealand.

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Education:

1988 Masters of Fine Arts in Stage Design - Lighting & Scenery - Southern Methodist University Dallas

1985 Bachelors of Arts in Technical Theater - California Sate University

2018 Online Course Development Institute at Ferris State University

2017 Distance/Hybrid Education Teaching Certificate

1993 California Community College Teaching Certificate

Awarded a Full-Paid Scholarship plus stipends to attend and teach at Southern Methodist University in Dallas Texas

Business:

1987 - Present Self Employed Freelance Theatrical Stage Designer, Theater Consultant, Business Owner

I own and maintain intelligent lighting, including the designing and building of hot-wire foam cutting tools, experience with current software systems, multiple light board brands, AutoCAD, VectorWorks, EOS, and rigging system design. I am a good blend of old world skills & values, together with new technologies & current practices. As a working scenic & lighting designer, theater consultant, technical advisor (design & planning), technical director, sound designer, projection design, scene painter, properties design, production manager and facility designer, I have broad experience in theatrical design and technology, getting the facilities completed in time and under budget.

Theater Planning & Design Consulting Services

Inventor / Entrepreneur with an Awarded USPTO Utility Patent

Business Consulting & Marketing Services, Dovetail Distribution Company

Volunteer/Other:

Board of Directors - the Joy First Foundation | "Evokes, embraces and energizes humanity through the understanding, offering, and creation of joyful experiences." Currently on tour in Miami, AZ

Committee Member - Tennessee Tech University Outreach Committee, TN

Committee Member - Ferris State University Arts and Lectures Committee, MI

Ferris State University Music Industry Management Advisory Board

Faculty advisor to student activity/adventure club - Las Positas College, CA

12 years volunteer instructor, technical director, consultant, lighting and scenic designer,

Lincoln County Auditorium, Eureka High School, MT

12 years volunteer team leader for Mountain rope rescue & Certified rescue diver, PSD & Scuba

Can-Am Search and Rescue, MT

5 years volunteer Search and Rescue Canine team, Lincoln County, the National Park Service & US Forest Service

2 years volunteer Pop Warner football coach, CA

Volunteered at the Frederick County Animal Shelter VA, Manna Pantry of Big Rapids MI, Angels of Action MI,

Sunburst Foundation Rexford, MT.

Donated over 16 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross (over 128 pints)

Donated goods/services to Schools, Universities, and other performing arts organizations.

Height: 6' 2" weight: 180 lbs. Clean credit, no debt, clear background checks, insured & bondable.

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