

Claire Michels



Lighting Designer

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BFA Lighting Design and Technology
Minor in German Studies

Selected Experience

Assistant Lighting Designer	<i>Don Giovanni, Liverpool Oratorio</i>	Cincinnati Opera	Thomas Hase (designer) Natalia Carlson (associate)	2024
Lighting Designer	<i>The Play That Goes Wrong As You Like it</i>	DSHA	Zachary Ziegler (director)	2025 2026
Lighting Designer	<i>These Shining Lives Angel Street (Gaslight)</i>	Acacia Theatre	Janet Peterson (artistic director)	2026
Lighting Designer	St. Matthew's Passion	CCM	James Alexander (production director)	2023
Lighting Designer	<i>Beautiful, Madagascar, Where the Light Gets In</i>	Concordia University	Lori Woodall (director)	2024- 2026
Associate Lighting Designer	Student Choreographers Showcase	CCM	Dionte Mercado (designer)	2023
Assistant Lighting Intern	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Cincinnati Ballet	Trad Burns (designer)	2023
Assistant Lighting Designer	<i>I am My Own Wife</i>	Milwaukee Chamber Theatre	Maaz Ahmed (designer)	2026
Assistant Lighting Designer	<i>Once on this Island</i>	CCM	Jessica Drayton (designer)	2024
Lighting Designer	<i>The Liar, An Inspector Calls, Merry Wives of Windsor, Becky's New Car</i>	Summer Stage Delafield	Dustin Martin (production manager)	2025- 2026
Lighting Designer	<i>Cowboy vs. Samurai</i>	Lotus Theatre	Peter Kao (director)	2025
Lighting Designer	Various	Stage Right Design	Mike Van Dresser (owner)	2025
Assistant Stagehand- Electrics	<i>Prelude to a Kiss</i>	Milwaukee Rep	Aaron Siegman (prod electrician)	2024
Assistant Lighting Designer	<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Milwaukee Rep	Jason Fassl (associate designer)	2025
Stagehand Journeyman		IATSE Local 18		

Relevant Skills:

physical	Lifting 25+ lbs, Ladder Safety Cert., lighting focus (calling, crew, tracking), at heights (genie, grid, catwalk)
tech	Eos, Lightwright 6, Vectorworks, grandMA 2, Notch, Adobe Suite, Moving Light Assistant, Touch Designer
soft	Creativity, collaboration, adaptability, leadership
other	German-10 years experience, moderate fluency, WI drivers license and US passport, sewing/costumes

References:

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