

Claire Michels



Lighting Designer

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College-Conservatory of Music (CCM)

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</i>	DHSA	Zachary Ziegler (director)	2025
Lighting Designer	CCM Prep Dance	CCM	Tricia Sundbeck (director)	2022
Lighting Designer	St. Matthew's Passion	CCM	James Alexander (production director)	2023
Lighting Designer	<i>Beautiful</i>	Concordia University	Lori Woodall (director)	2024
Associate Lighting Designer	Student Choreographers Showcase	CCM	Dionte Mercado (designer)	2023
Assistant Lighting Intern	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Cincinnati Ballet	Trad Burns (designer)	2023
Production Intern	Various	American Dance Festival	David Ferri (production manager)	2023
Assistant Lighting Designer	<i>Once on this Island</i>	CCM	Jessica Drayton (designer)	2024
A/V Technician		Exciting Events	Taylor Fiester (production manager)	2025
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
Lighting Programmer	BAMM	CCM	Kevin Lawson (advisor)	2023
Entertainment Technician	Legoland Florida Peppa Pig Theme Park	Merlin Entertainment	Zac Middaugh	2022
Stagehand		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 2023, grandMA 2, Notch, Adobe Suite, Moving Light Assistant, Touch Designer
soft	Creativity, collaboration, adaptability, leadership
other	German-8 years experience, moderate fluency, WI drivers license and US passport, sewing/costumes

References:

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