

Ivory Besse

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Experience

Design:

StageDoor Manor, Loch Sheldrake, NY

Costume Designer	<i>Sweeny Todd</i>	Nick Hrutkay	2024
Costume Designer	<i>The Prince of Egypt</i>	Chris Armbrister	2024
Costume Designer	<i>Nunsense</i>	Larry Nye	2024
Costume Designer	<i>The House of Bernarda Alba</i>	Arnau Cervilla	2024
Costume Designer	<i>Hound of Baskervilles</i>	Alanna Dorsett	2024
Costume Designer	<i>Journey to the Poles of Inaccessibility</i>	Becks Granger	2024

Cypress Productions, Lexington, KY

Costume Designer	<i>I Wantt a Unicorn Frappe!!!</i>	Figaro Vance	2024
Costume Designer	<i>New Plays Now</i>	Joan Dolf	2024
Costume Designer	<i>The RENAME Project</i>	Figaro Vance	2024

University of Kentucky Studio Season, Lexington, KY

Costume Designer	<i>The K of D</i>	Zoie Albrect	2024
Costume Designer	<i>Little Flashes</i>	Elizabeth Watson	2024
Costume Designer	<i>Name! That! Sin!</i>	Aden Amburgey	2023

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Costume Designer	<i>An Enemy of the People</i>	Herman D. Farrell	2025
Costume Designer	<i>Little Women</i>	Christina Ritter	2023
Assistant Costume Designer	<i>Bright Star</i>	Nelson Fields	2022

Stitching and Patterning:

Patterning	<i>As You Like It</i>	Lisa Wilson	2024
Firsthand	<i>Cullud Wattah</i>	Natalie Maynard	2024
Firsthand	<i>Little Women</i>	Natalie Maynard	2023
Patterning/Stitcher	<i>Shakespeare in Love</i>	Natalie Maynard	2023
Firsthand	<i>The School for Scandal</i>	Natalie Maynard	2022
Stitcher	<i>Bright Star</i>	Teka England	2022

Wardrobe:

Wardrobe Crew Head	<i>As You Like It</i>	Lisa Wilson	2024
Wardrobe Crew	<i>Shakespeare in Love</i>	Tracy Barber	2023
Wardrobe Crew Head	<i>The Thanksgiving Play</i>	Tracy Barber	2021

Skills

- 5y experience hand/machine sewing; 3y in costume shop
- Experienced in industrial & domestic sewing machines
- Experienced in industrial sergers & blind hem machines
- Introduction to patternmaking
- Experienced in design & drawing
- Deep understanding of evocative & factual research

Employment

- Stage Manager/Stagehand Singletary Center for the Arts
Mar '22-Curr. Tanya Harper tkharp2@uky.edu
- Production Assistant UK DOTD Costume Shop
Aug '22-Curr. Natalie Maynard natmaynard80@gmail.com
- Costume Designer Stagedoor Manor
Jun-Aug '24 Chris Armbrister chris@stagedoormanor.com

Education

B.A. in Theatre	University of Kentucky	May, 2025	Lexington, KY
Diploma	Beechwood High School	May, 2021	Ft Mitchell, KY

References

Natalie Maynard	Cutter/Draper	University of Kentucky	natmaynard80@gmail.com
Lisa Wilson	Shop Manager/Costume Designer	University of Kentucky	lisaj.wilson@uky.edu
Zak Stribling	Technical Director	University of Kentucky	zstribling@uky.edu