

Grant E. Merges

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Lighting Designer

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Lighting Designer: (selected)

➤ <i>Black Nativity</i>	Penumbra	Director
➤ <i>The Last Five Years</i>	FLiP! Theatre	Lou Bellamy
➤ <i>The Night of the Iguana</i>	Century College	John Lynn
➤ <i>Singin' in the Rain</i>	Bloomington Civic Theatre	Sean Dooley
➤ <i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i>	Paul Bunyan Playhouse	Michael M. Ferrell
➤ <i>Metamorphoses</i>	Century College	Zach Curtis
➤ <i>Les Liaisons Dangereuses</i>	Urban Samurai Productions	Randy Winkler
➤ <i>The Story of My Life</i>	Minneapolis Musical Theatre	Jimmy LeDuc
➤ <i>The Mousetrap</i>	Shadowplay Theatre	Christine Karki
➤ <i>Forever Plaid</i>	Paul Bunyan Playhouse	Brian Joyce
➤ <i>A Few Good Men</i>	Urban Samurai Productions	Zach Curtis
➤ <i>Between Earth and Sky</i>	Blue Phoenix Circus Troupe	Matt Greseth
➤ <i>Big River</i>	Minneapolis Musical Theatre	Kenny Kiser
➤ <i>Dumb/Sex</i>	3AM Productions	Steven Meerdink
➤ <i>Lysistrata</i>	MN State University, Mankato	Josh Iley/Sarah Teich
➤ <i>Bus Stop</i>	MN State University, Mankato	Heather Hamilton
➤ <i>Beyond the Rainbow</i>	Theatre L'Homme Dieu	Paul J. Hustoles
		Peter Moore

Related Experience:

➤ Resident Lighting Designer	Paul Bunyan Playhouse	Summer 2013
➤ Teaching Artist Residency - Lighting	SteppingStone/St. Paul Open School	Spring 2011
➤ Light Des./Tech Dir./Sound Engineer	<i>Deer Camp: The Musical</i> - tour	Fall 2009
➤ Company and Production Manager	Theatre L'Homme Dieu	Summer 2009
➤ Lighting Shop Technician	Upstaging, Inc.	Summer 2008
➤ Master Electrician (Graduate Assistant)	MN State University, Mankato	2006-2009

Awards/Honors:

- 1st Place Regional Lighting Design Award 2009 - *How I Learned to Drive* - Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region V
- Outstanding Achievement in Production Award 2008 - *How I Learned to Drive* - MSU Mankato
- Graduate Representative to the Faculty 2007 - MSU Mankato
- Undergraduate Representative to the Faculty 2005-2006 - St. Cloud State University

Related Skills:

- AutoCAD, VectorWorks and WYSIWYG drafting
- Adobe Photoshop, ImageReady and Illustrator
- ETC, Strand and Horizon lighting consoles
- Martin, High End and Wybron intelligent fixtures
- Lightwright
- Counterweight and ground rigging
- Fall arrest/protection
- Class I, II and III forklift operation

Education:

➤ MFA	Theatre Arts - Lighting Design	MN State University, Mankato	2009
➤ BA	Theatre Arts and Communication Studies	St. Cloud State University	2006

References:

Zach Curtis (various theatres) Director/Artistic Director zachcurtis@yahoo.com	Michael Matthew Ferrell (various theatres) Director ferrelldance@yahoo.com	Steven Meerdink Minneapolis Musical Theatre Director sjmdink@aol.com
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