

LAURA STOWE

Collaborative Arts Facilitator, Educator, Designer

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EDUCATION

University of California, Davis

BA Theatre Arts

University of California, Irvine

MFA Design for Theatre

WORK EXPERIENCE

Substitute teacher, K-12, all subjects; Oregon public schools, (primarily Bethel and Springfield), 2017-present

Self-employed artist and designer; D.C., Los Angeles, Oregon, 25+years

- Painted and textured finishes, murals, floors, ceilings, painted furniture/housewares/tile. Clients are commercial, residential, retail, restaurant, museums. Portfolio and client listing at

www.laurastowe.com

K-6 Theatre/Music/Art teacher, p/t, private school, Arlington, VA (5 years)

Smithsonian Resident Associates, Washington, DC: Instructor of adult classes in trompe l'oeil painting

University of Maryland, Assistant Professor; College Park, MD, 8 years

- Teach, design theatrical productions, research, administrative duties

Roger Williams University, Assistant Professor, Bristol, RI, 3 years

- Teach, design/construct scenery and lighting; run shop, manage student staff

Orange Coast College, Instructor, Costa Mesa CA (2 years)

College level classes taught: Scene Design, Scenery Construction, Drafting, Scenic Art and Painting, Lighting Design, Alternative Theatre, History of Design.

MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Artistic

- Managed studio of freelance projects: bid on jobs, design/draft/created samples, scheduling, work with clients, architects, construction firms, and trades, often with last minute schedule changes, and executed the work.
- Faculty member actively involved with running theatre programs at three major collegiate institutions. Duties per term included teaching 2-3 courses, design/direct technical elements and manage staff for three to five theatrical productions, including scenery, lighting, sound, special effects, and supervise equipment maintenance.

Administrative

- Head of departmental scholarship program at university. Corresponded with over 1000 schools, arranged competitions, supervised student scholar's academic and artistic progress, recruited new scholars. Led workshops.
- Head of undergraduate advising for department: assigned faculty advisors to 120 students, monitored progress of both students and advisors.
- Budget management, purchasing and procurement procedures and documentation; various other skills required to perform efficiently within a large institution.
- Managed sole proprietorship business, including taxes, insurance, and hired labor.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Raised two successful children
- Host mom to two foreign students (Mexico and Gaza, Palestine)
- Volunteer with local organizations:
 - Youth theatre companies in Eugene: volunteer coordinator, design/painting, working backstage
 - Miss Lane County/Miss Oregon Scholarship Program: Talent and interview mentoring, fundraising, seeking/scheduling appearances, working on competition show, finding venues, program book design, silent auction, backstage at production, front-of-house.
 - Middle School/High School: murals with students, Parent/Teacher organization president, organize fundraising and social events. Advisor/mentor at Thurston High School, helping students with college and career prep, finding scholarships, and preparing applications. Painted murals at elementary and middle schools in Springfield
- Tech skills: website design, online class hosting, basic video editing, basic music recording/mixing/mastering
- Artwork is licensed by Toland Home and Garden
- Home repair skills, including carpentry, electrical, drywall; three major home remodels
- Event planning and hotel/restaurant experience; bartending, serving, catering.
- Certified bartender with OLCC card and food service card
- Musical performance skills; piano/vocal
- Current part-time student at University of Oregon, post-baccalaureate. Studying Global Health/Anthropology and Arts Administration.