RYAN GILLAM

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EDUCATION

M.A., Strategic Communication, East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, TX — 2022

B.F.A., Production Design, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA — 2014

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Opera & Theatre

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX — August 2025–Present

- Scenic Designer and Technical Director for opera productions

- Design scenery, lighting, and costumes for at least one opera production per semester

- Teach undergraduate courses in technical theatre

Director of Operations & Technical Director

Sue & Frank Mayborn Performing Arts Center, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, TX — October 2022–August 2025

- Technical Director and Production Manager for departmental productions

- Designed scenery and lighting for at least one opera or musical each semester

- Taught undergraduate technical theatre courses (up to one per semester)

- Trained and supervised student technical crews and front-of-house teams

Technical Director

East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, TX — August 2020–May 2021

- Managed technical production operations for five productions

- Designed scenery for a straight play and a mainstage musical

- Mentored student workers in scenic production

Technical Director

Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE — August 2019–May 2020

- Oversaw scenic production from drafting to build, paint, and install

- Managed shop operations and student training

SELECT SCENIC & LIGHTING DESIGN CREDITS

Androcles and the Lion — 2025

Young Stage Festival, Waco, TX | Dir. Felicia Bertch

The Little Prince — 2025

UMHB Opera/Musical Theatre | Dir. Dr. Samantha Balboa

A Grand Night for Singing — 2024

UMHB Opera/Musical Theatre | Dir. Dr. Samantha Balboa

The Hunchback of Notre Dame — 2024

UMHB Opera/Musical Theatre | Dir. Dr. Samantha Balboa

Amahl and the Night Visitors — 2023

UMHB Opera/Musical Theatre | Dir. Dr. Samantha Balboa

Into the Woods — 2023

UMHB Opera/Musical Theatre | Dir. Dr. Samantha Balboa

PROFESSIONAL THEATRE EXPERIENCE

Props Designer / Supervisor / Artisan

Texas Shakespeare Festival, Kilgore, TX

- Props Artisan (2018)

- Props Supervisor (2019)

- Props Designer (2021)

Scenic Artist (“Traingineer”)

TW TrainWorx, Dallas, TX — Aug 2018–Feb 2019

- Fabrication of high-end scenic models for custom model train environments

Art Exhibition Manager

Art Center Waco, Waco, TX — Aug 2021–June 2022

- Managed and delivered ACW’s mobile gallery program to elementary schools

TECHNICAL & DESIGN SKILLS

Software:

AutoCAD, SketchUp, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere), Procreate, ETC EOS Lighting Software, ProPresenter

Areas of Expertise:

- Scenic design and drafting

- Scenic carpentry and rigging

- Theatrical lighting (LED and conventional)

- Production management (scheduling, budgeting, personnel oversight)

- Props design and fabrication