Noel Nichols



Sound Designer+Engineer

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About:

My work primarily includes designing sound for theatrical works and plays, audio engineering for live entertainment or web-based dramatic works, and functioning in a variety of roles in post-production for film and audio dramas.

My first priorities are safety, equity, and accessibility, and I constantly strive to put those three things at the forefront of any and every creation.

Education

Yale School of Drama
May 2022
MFA in Sound Design

Arizona State University May 2015

BA in Theatre, Concentration in Design and Production

Awards/Scholarships

Audible Theatre - 10 Best of the Year Selection	Complicity Island	2023
CT Critics Circle Nomination - Best Sound Design	Today is my Birthday, Yale Rep	2022
Tribeca Film Festival Feature Audio Storytelling	Vapor Trail	2022
Webby Award Honoree	Cadence Podcast, Sn. 3	2021
Frieda Shaw, Dr. Diana Mason OBE, and Denise Suttor Prize for Sound Design	Yale University	2022
Shubert Scholarship	Yale University	2021, 2022
Knight Scholarship	Yale University	2020
National Hispanic Scholar	Arizona State University	2012
Ellis Jordan Scholarship for Excellence in Technical Theatre	Arizona Thespian Society	2012
Meritorious Achievement Award (Design)	KCACTF	2014
AriZoni Nomination (Youth Design)	AriZoni Awards	2015, 2014

Sound Design for Theatre

	Sound Design			WV -VV
Show	Position	Company/Venue		Year
Avaaz	Sound Design	Olney Theatre Center	Dir. Moritz Von Stuelpnagel	2024
Lady Day at Emersons Bar and Grill	Co-Sound Design	Baltimore Center Stage	Dir. Nikkole Salter	2023
Working - A Musical	Co-Sound Design	CU Boulder	Dir. Bud Coleman	2023
Ghosts of USC	Sound Designer/Direction	Company of Angels	Dir. Corinne Chooey	2023
Tiny father	Co-Sound Design	Barrington Stage/Chautauqua	Dir. Moritz Von Stuelpnagel	2023
Port of Entry	Assoc. Sound Design	APTP/Third Rail Projects	SD: Mikhail Fiksel Dir Jennine Willett, David Feiner	2023
The ripple, the wave that carried me home	Sound Design	Goodman Theatre	Dir Jackson Gay	2023
Mojada	Sound Design/Original Music	Indianapolis Shakes	Dir Maria Souza	2023
How to Defend Yourself †	Assoc. Sound Design	New York Theatre Workshop	SD: Mikhail Fiksel	2023
Avaaz	Sound Design	South Coast Repertory Theatre	Dir. Moritz Von Stuelpnagel	2023
Chicken and Biscuits	Co-Sound Design	Asolo Repertory	Dir. Bianca Jones	2023
Which Way to the Stage	Sound Design	Signature Theatre	Dir Ethan Heard	2022
Blues Clues and You - Live!	Content Production and Recording	Round Room Theatrical		2022
The ripple, the wave that carried me home	Sound Design	Berkeley Repertory Theatre	Dir Jackson Gay	2022
Queen	Co Sound Design	NAATCO/A.R.T. NY	Dir Aneesha Kudtarkar	2022
Peppa Pig - Live!	Voiceover Editor - International Tour	Round Room Theatrical		2022
Happy Life	Co-Sound Design	The Hearth	Dir. Kat Yen	2022
Sidewalk Echoes	Sound Design	En Garde Arts	Dir. Johanna Mckeon	2022
Queen	Co Sound Design	Long Wharf Theatre	Dir Aneesha Kudtarkar	2022
Tomás and the Library Lady	Sound Design	Lake Dillon Theatre Co	Dir. Sara Rodriguez	2022
Memory House	Sound Design	Lake Dillon Theatre Co	Dir. Joshua Blanchard	2022
Choir Boy	Assoc. Sound Design	Yale Repertory Theatre	Dir. Christopher Betts	2022
Fires in the Mirror	Co-Sound Design	Long Wharf Theatre	Dir. Nicole Brewer	2022
First Down	Sound Design	Noor Theatre/59E59	Dir. Johanna Mckeon	2022
Today is my Birthday**	Sound Design	Yale Repertory Theatre	Dir. Mina Morita	2022
Fires in the Mirror	Co-Sound Design	Baltimore Center Stage	Dir. Nicole Brewer	2021
She Kills Monsters	Assoc. Sound Design	Yale School of Drama	Dir. Adrienne Williams	2021
already there	Assoc. Sound Design	The REACH at Kennedy Center	Dir. Britta Joy Peterson	2021
Media Clown	Sound Design	University of Iowa	Dir. Daniel Fine	2021
Kitchen of Truth	Sound Design	Yale Cabaret	Dir. Kim Golding	2021
Transpositions	Original Music	Yale Schwarzman Center	Dir. Jennifer Newman	2020
Winter's Tale (cancelled)	Sound Design, Composer, Music Director	Yale School of Drama	Dir. Christopher Betts	2020
Fun Home	Sound Design	Yale School of Drama	Dir. Danilo Gambini	2019
In His Hands	Sound Design	Yale School of Drama	Dir. Maeli Goren	2019

We Are Proud to Present a	Sound Design	Yale Cabaret	Dir. Christopher Betts	2019
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How to Relearn Yourself	Sound Design/Composer	Yale Cabaret	Dir. Maeli Goren	2019
Latinos Who Look Like Ricky Martin	Sound Design	Verano Cabaret	Dir. Jecamiah Ybañez	2019
Counting Pebbles	Sound Design/Composer	Faultline Ensemble	Dir. Taiga Christie	2019
Locusts	Asst. Sound Design/Engineer	Yale School of Drama	SD: Kathy Ruvuna	2019
Othello	Asst. Sound Design/Engineer	Yale School of Drama	SD: Dakota Stipp	2019
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	Sound Design/A1	Colgate University	Dir. Simona Giurgea	2017
Pregnant Pause	Sound Design	United Solo Festival	Dir. Maureen Monterubio	2016
Ghost Card	Sound Design	FullStop Collective	Dir. Megan Weaver	2016
The Love of the Nightingale	Asst. Sound Design	Atlantic Stage 2	SD: Matt Otto	2015
This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing	Sound Design/ Original Score	ASU Mainstage	Dir. Erika Hughes	2015
Beyond Therapy	Sound Design	Mesa Community College	Dir. David Vining	2015
romeo and juliet/VOID	Asst. Sound Design	ASU Mainstage	SD: Stephen Christensen	2014
Invincible: A New Musical	Sound Design/A1	ASU Capstone	Dir. Anna Chasse	2013
Black Art	Sound Design	ASU Studio 133	Dir. Pam Sterling	2013
TRUE	Sound Design	ASU Studio 133	Dir. William Partlan	2013
Edith Can Shoot Things and Hit Them	Co Sound Design	TYA Graduate Production	Dir. Riley Braem Co-SD: Sarah Jacquez	2012

^{** =} Connecticut Critics Circle Nomination † = Lucille Lortel Award Nomination - Best Sound Design

	Sound - Web-Based Media/Post Production			
Show	Position	Company/Venue		Year
Stop Motion (Short Film)	Dialogue Editor	Parity Productions	SD: Megumi Katayama	2023
Complicity Island	Foley/Sound Associate	Audible Theatre	Dir. Moritz Von Stuelpnagel	2022
FADE	Sound Design/Composition	Audible Theatre	Dir. Tanya Saracho	2022
Nightwatch	Sound Design/Recordist	Dorset Theatre Festival	Dir. Moritz Von Stuelpnagel	2022
this place is a message	Post and Production Audio	Yale Schwarzman Center	Dir. Taiga Christie	2022
Gay St./Montauk	Sound Design/Mix	Rattlestick Playwrights Theatre	Dir. Jacob Basri	2021
Pleasure Machine (Audio Drama/ Podcast)	Sound Design/Editor/Lead Recording Engineer	Colt Couer	Dir. Tara Eliot	2021
The Masses are Asses (Audio Drama)	Sound Design/Supervisor	Wesleyan Center for the Arts	Dir. Miranda Haymon	2021
Moriah Smallbone-Covers Series	Mix Engineer	Chapel Productions	Moriah Smallbone	2021
For the Right Reasons	Sound Design	Atlantic (Staging Success)	Dir. Sivan Battat	2021
Redeemed	Recording Engineer	Dorset Theatre Festival	SD: Justin Ellington	2021
Cadence (Podcast)**	Editor/Mix	Cadence Podcast, Sn. 3	Dir. Indre Viskontas	2021
CRAM (Short Film)	Mastering Engineer	Rad Rhinoceros Productions	Sup. Daniela Hart	2021

B-Boy Blues (Feature Film)	Dialogue Editor	Supermassive Productions	Dir. Jussie Smollett	2021
Vapor Trail**	Recording Engineer/Dialogue Editor	MIT Theatre, Playwrights Horizons	Dir. Knud Adams SD:Daniel Kluger	2021
l Hate It Here	Recording Engineer/Dialogue Editor	Studio Theatre	Dir. Ike Holter SD: Mikhail Fiksel	2020
A Voice in the Dark (Audio Drama)	Recording Engineer/Mastering Engineer	Yale Cabaret	Dir. Mia Walker	2020
Ofrenda New Haven	Director/Prin. Investigator, Sound Design	Yale School of Drama Thesis	Co-SD: Bailey Trierweiler and Daniela Hart	2020
Truck III (Radio Play)	Recording Engineer/Dialogue Editor	Satellite Festival	Dir. Danilo Gambini	2020
Ain't no dead thing: A Radio Play	Producer/Mix Engineer	Yale Cabaret	Dir. a.k. payne	2020

Sound Technician/Engineer				
Show	Position	Company/Venue		Year
Ghosts of USC	System Design	Company of Angels/ USC SDA	Dir. Corinne Chooey	2023
Queen	Sound Supervisor	Long Wharf Theatre	SD: Daniela Hart	2022
Marisol	Sound System Design	University of Rochester	SD: Daniela Hart	2022
The Juniors	Sound Engineer	Colgate University	SD: Daniela Hart	2021
Passing Strange	A2	Long Wharf Theatre	SD: Stan Mathabane	2021
Elon Musk and the Plan to Blow Up Mars The Musical	A1	Yale Cabaret	SD: James McLoughlin	2020
Measure for Measure	A1	Yale School of Drama	SD: Bailey Trierweiler	2020
Underground Railroad Game	Sound Supervisor	Ars Nova	SD: Mikaal Sulaiman	2019
The Carlotta Festival of New Plays	Festival Sound Engineer	Yale School of Drama	Sup. Mike Backhaus	2019
The Prisoner	Production Audio	Yale Repertory Theatre	Dir. Peter Brook	2018
Sundown, Yellow Moon	Sound Supervisor	Ars Nova/ Womens Project	SD: Leah Gelpe	2017
Salute/reluctant to burn	Sound Operator	The New School	SD: Emily Auciello	2017
Sweeney Todd	Asst. Production Audio	Barrow Street Theatre	SD: Matt Stine	2016
Fuerza Bruta Wayra	Lighting/Audio Op Sub	Fuerza Bruta NYC	SD: Hernan Nupieri	2016
The Magic Flute	A2	The Glimmerglass Festival	Sup. Joel Morain	2015
Cato in Utica	A1/ Proj. Programmer	The Glimmerglass Festival	Dir. Tazewell Thompson	2015
Carousel	A1	The Glimmerglass Festival	Dir. Charles Newell	2014
Ariadne in Naxos	A2	The Glimmerglass Festival	Sup. Joel Morain	2014
Invincible: The Musical	Sound Design/ Engineer	ASU Student Collaboration	Dir. Anna Chasse	2013
The King and I	Asst. Sound Engineer	Theater Works	SD: Stephen Christensen	2012

Lighting Design

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Show	Company/Venue	Director	Year
Elon Musk and the Plan to Blow Up Mars: the Musical	Yale Cabaret	Liam Bellman-Sharpe	2020
Taking Warsan Shire out of Context on the Eve of the Great Storm	Yale Cabaret	Olivia Plath	2018
The Little Prince	Glimmerglass Festival	Francesca Zambello	2017
Once Upon a Mattress	Manhattan School of Music	James Noble	2016
Guys and Dolls/Carousel	Manhattan School of Music	Giuseppe Spoletini & James Noble	2016
KISS	Colgate University	Adrian Giurgea	2015
Red Planet Respite	La Jolla Playhouse	Dir. Katherine Harroff	2014
Blood Wedding	Orange Theatre Group	Dir. Matthew Watkins	2013
The Book of Moron	TheaterWorks	Robert Dubac	2013
Forever Plaid	Mesa Encore Theatre	Edgar Torrens	2013
Into The Woods	YouthWorks	Athena Hunting	2012
The Velveteen Rabbit	YouthWorks	Chris Hamby	2012
The Oresteia	YouthWorks	Chris Hamby	2012
Les Miserables	Creative Stages	Jason Washburn and Jim Gradillas	2011
Killer Halloween	YouthWorks	Jason Washburn	2011
The Hour We Knew Nothing of Each Other	Arizona State University	Phil Soltanoff	2015
Finger Painting [for grown-ups]	Binary Theatre Company	Molly Schenck	2014
Red Planet Respite	Arizona State University	Katherine Harroff	2014
Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar and Grill	Binary Theatre Company	Anna Chasse and Fernando Perez	2014
Jester's Cap	Binary Theatre Company	Bradford Forehand	2013
Invincible: A New Musical	Arizona State University	Anna Chasse	2013
Los Santos	ASU Studio 133	Pam Sterling	2013
The Halfway House	ASU Studio 133	Laurelann Porter	2013
Commons	Emerge 2013	Chelsea Pace	2013
8: The Play	Binary Theatre Company	Anna Chasse	2012
Sorry, We're Closed	Binary Theatre Company	Alex Stahl	2011
Across	Binary Theatre Company	Cody Goulder	2011

Other Production Positions

Show	Position	Company/Venue		Year
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Cunning Little Vixen	Light Board Operator	The Glimmerglass Festival	Sup. Joshua Taylor	2018
West Side Story	Deck Electrician	The Glimmerglass Festival	Sup. Joshua Taylor	2018
The Barber of Seville	Followspot Operator	The Glimmerglass Festival	Sup. Joshua Taylor	2017
Porgy and Bess	Light Board Operator	The Glimmerglass Festival	Sup. Cypress Staelin	2017
The Siege of Calais	Deck Electrician	The Glimmerglass Festival	Sup. Cypress Staelin	2017
Le Roi l'a Dit	Master Electrician	Manhattan School of Music	LD: Kate Ashton	2016
soot and spit	Asst. Lighting Designer	ASU Mainstage	Dir. Kim Weild	2013
Fall of the House of Escher	Master Electrician	ASU Mainstage	LD: Adam Vachon	2013
Anamika	Master Electrician	ASU Student Collaboration	LD: Hailey Featherstone and Collin Mulligan	2013
¡Bocón!	Master Electrician	ASU Mainstage	LD: Celeste Brown	2012
American Victory	Co-Master Electrician	ASU Mainstage	LD: Adam Vachon	2012
The House of the Spirits	Asst. Master Electrician	ASU Mainstage	LD: Anthony Januzzi	2012
Johnny Guitar	Asst. Stage Manager	Theater Works	SM: Paris Rhoad	2010
Into the Woods	Deck Manager/ Vortek Operator	Theater Works	SM: Paris Rhoad	2010

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Sound Design

2022-Present

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

- Full time appointment in residence, teaching 8-10 credit hours sound design for the stage
- Mentorship for student sound designers on 6 productions per year
- Service in IDEA committee, Literary committee, design faculty committee, and short term hiring committees

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June 2023

Latinx Theatre Commons Convening, Portland, OR

- Convening held by Latinx Theatre Commons hosted 37 theatre designers and directors to network engage in a design process
- Work in a select design team to envision not just a play, but to use affinity space to reconsider and reimagine the collaborative processes within professional and collegiate theatre making

Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)

2020-2021

Yale University, New Haven, CT

- Represent the Yale School of Drama in a collective of elected representatives across all of the graduate and professional level schools across Yale University

Graduate Assistant 2020-2021

La Casa Cultural at Yale University, New Haven, CT

- Serve as a liaison between La Casa Cultural (Yale's Latinx Cultural Center) and Graduate and Professional students across the university
- Develop programming for graduate students to network and find community based on a Latinx identity

Year

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group Member

2019-2020

Yale School of Drama, New Haven, CT

- Meet monthly with a school wide collective to discuss systemic racism within the Yale program and find ways to address and change those structural issues
- Participate in and uplift an effort to complete a cultural assessment by an outside consulting group to assess the state of anti-racist practices and embedded racist and oppressive behavior, attitudes, and structures at Yale.

Teaching Assistant, Sound Design Department

2018-2021

Yale School of Drama, New Haven, CT

- Design and install a small LCR system in the University Theatre for a class demonstration of system balancing using SMAART, Meyer Compass, and other system management tools
- Maintain various spaces utilized by the sound department including the "blue room", state-of-the-art recording studio, and sound design lab
- Deliver a short demonstration to a class on Vectorworks techniques, looking at how to use 3d drafting as a system design tool
- Assist in launching of a multi-license server for remote access to ProTools and Sibelius for 9 students

Teaching Artist, Sound Design

Fall 2020

Yale Dramatic Association, New Haven, CT

- Serve as a teaching artist for the Yale Dramat's design intensive, offering a brief online course for high school students to learn the basics of design for the stage

Artist in Residence (Lighting and Projection Design)

2015

Colgate University, Hamilton, NY

- Create lighting/projection design and execute programming for a production of "Kiss" by Guillermo Calderón
- Guest lecture for the Stagecraft course during production/residency

Interim Sound Supervisor

Fall 2014

Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ

- Oversee sound department within the Mesa Community College Theatre Outback venue during the transition of personnel to a new venue
- Mentor and lead students working in sound to support blackbox and MainStage productions
- Maintain and create drawings to reflect the repertory sound system and inventory

Performer and Devising Artist, (Dis)Orientation

2010-2012

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

- Work with a team of students and faculty to develop and write a short performance of skits, vignettes, and songs for incoming students based on our own personal experiences entering Arizona State University
- Perform for all incoming freshman students and parents at all of ASU's Orientation events in a variety of stages and venues, across all campuses.

Teaching Artist, Youth Summer Camp

2010-2012

TheaterWorks, Peoria, AZ

- Assist in instructing students from ages 8-16 in a theatrical performance based summer camp program
- Design and operate either lighting or sound for the culminating performances of these camp experiences

Staff Technical Positions

Recording Studio Manager

Yale School of Drama, New Haven, CT

2019-2021

- Responsible for maintenance and upgrades for a multi-function recording and mix studio within the Laurie Beechman Center for Theatrical Sound Design and Music
- Maintain calendar for artists to sign out the space, enforcing COVID safety regulations while remaining on-call for any student learning or troubleshooting needs

Staff Electrician 2017-2018

Glimmerglass Festival, Cooperstown, NY

- Work with a staff of and a crew of interns, assisting with installation and daily re-focus of lighting plot for the fast-paced repertory season in the Alice Busch Opera Theater
- Operating and programming ETC Eos TI and Ion for performances, managing campus-wide ETC network

Assistant Technical Director 2017-2018

Colgate University, Hamilton, NY

- Work as master electrician to prepare and maintain lighting plot in the 500-seat Brehmer Theater for yearly theater productions, touring productions, dance performances, and events.
- Assist with the technical design and build of scenery. Mentor and teach stagecraft to undergraduate students.

Lead Technician 2015-2017

Manhattan School of Music, New York, NY

- Working with and leading crews of students and IATSE Local 1 stagehands in 4 different performance spaces
- Assist in coordination and execution of events including orchestral concerts, recitals, and opera performances
- Maintain/focus rep plots across all spaces, design lighting as needed for all events and special performances

Freelance Electrician/Lighting and Sound Designer

2015-2017

2010-2015

New York City, NY

- Theatre, fashion, music, and events
- CS Lighting, TINC Productions, IMCD, Ars Nova, Atlantic Theatre Company, The Public Theater, The Lighting Syndicate, Second Stage, St. Ann's Warehouse, NYU, New York Theater Workshop, and various others

A/V Intern 2014-2015

Glimmerglass Festival, Cooperstown, NY

- Operating and programming Yamaha legacy consoles and other equipment for a campus wide network of page, program, intercom, and monitoring systems
- Assist in installation of gear for seasonal recordings by National Public Radio
- Live mix various small events including music, speakers, and second stage productions

Event Technician/Supervisor

Theater Works, Peoria Center for the Performing Arts, Peoria, AZ

Electrician 2013-2015

Southwest Shakespeare Company, Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, AZ

Carpenter Spring 2015

Arizona State University

Electrician and Audio Technician 2013-2015

Arizona State University

Artistic Company Positions

Sound Associate 2020-Present

UptownWorks, NYC

- Work with a collective of media creatives to produce various forms of new media, including podcasts, audio dramas, promotional videos, films, and live performance art
- Move between lead and support roles within the Sound department, fulfilling such roles as sound designer, recording engineer, mastering engineer, dialogue editor, and others for various projects

Artistic Associate, Sound Design

2019-2020

Yale Cabaret Season 51, New Haven, CT

- Find and coordinate sound designers and work as an assistant and design mentor as needed for all performances produced by the Yale Cabaret
- Manage and maintain sound equipment and inventory for our blackbox venue

Artistic Associate, Lighting Design

2014-2015

Binary Theatre Company, Tempe, AZ

- Find and coordinate student lighting designers and work as an assistant and design mentor for all performances produced by Binary Theatre Company
- Work within the board of associates to select our season each semester from a set of student submissions, as well as participating in all interviews for season selection and new board members

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Training/Certifications

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OSHA - 10 - General Industry Safety and Health Occupational Safety and Health Administration New Haven, CT

Trainer: Anna Glover

Dec. 2020

Youth-Mental Health First Aid

New Haven, CT

Trainer: Brian Honeycutt

National Council for Behavioral Health

Jan. 2019

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people.

Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED for Adults

New Haven, CT

Trainer: Survival Group CT

American Heart Association

Aug. 2018

Beyond Diversity

New Haven, CT

Trainer: Carmen Morgan

artEquity

Dec. 2018

Facilitation for Social Change

New Haven, CT

Trainer: Carmen Morgan

artEquity

Aug. 2019

Bystander Intervention Training

Online

Hollaback!

Summer 2020-2022

Completed subjects include "Stand Up Against Street Harassment", "Bystander Intervention to Stop Police Sponsored Violence and Anti-Black Racist Harassment", and "Bystander intervention: How to be an ally when you witness online abuse"

Dante Level 1/2 Certification

Online

Audient

Summer 2020

Skills

- Mix Consoles: Yamaha CL and QL series and Legacy consoles, Allen and Heath digital consoles, Midas PRO-1 and M32, Digico SD10-T
- **DAWs:** Logic Pro X, Pro Tools (Primary), Adobe Audition
- **Composition:** Dorico (Primary), Sibelius
- Post/Music Production: Izotope RX 10 Advanced, Ozone 9 Advanced, Insight 2; Altiverb, Speakerphone; Fab Filter Pro-Q 3, East West Virtual Instruments, Kontakt, Arturia Analog Lab, and others
- Show Control/Audio Protocol: Qlab, MIDI and OSC Show Control, Max MSP, AES-EBU, MADI, Dante
- Live engineering: Musical Theatre, Theatre, Live Orchestra (Recording), Opera (Recording and Foldback), Rock (Small Venue), Jazz
- Fabrication: Soldering (Cable and circuit board), MIG Welding, Scenic Carpentry, CNC Router, 3D Printer, Laser Cutter
- **Drafting:** Vectorworks 3D (Primary), AutoCAD, Omnigraffle
- System Design/Management: L'Acoustics Soundvision, Meyer MAPP & Compass, d&b ArrayCalc, R1, DME
- **Other:** Amateur Ballroom Dance, Acoustic Guitar, Vocal Performance