

Becky Hicks

Manager, Educator, Artisan

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Experience

Teaching Specialist/Properties Director

University of Wisconsin-Madison (June 2024 - August 2024)

- Supervised, mentored, and taught students in properties management and fabrication techniques.
- Acted as Properties Director for all university shows.
- Managed inventory and rentals of University props.

Exhibit Designer and Curator

Hi Hungry, I'm Dad Interactive Exhibit (August 2023 - May 2024)

- Designed and built *Hi Hungry, I'm Dad* Interactive Exhibit. This humorous exhibit explored 9 archetypal dad personalities and highlighted the objects that are important to them (Ex.: Grill Dad and his grill platter).
- Curated, conserved, and restored the collected items for display.

Trades Educator and Historian

Old Salem Museums & Gardens (Nov. 2022 - May 2024)

- Worked in 18th and 19th century style Pottery, Joinery/Turning Shop, and Gunsmith Shop, focusing as a potter.
- Demonstrated pottery, woodworking, and smithing skills and interpreted history for museum patrons. Built reproduction pottery pieces for production, museum use, and sale.

Properties Shop Manager

University of North Carolina School of the Arts (Aug. 2022 - May 2023)

- Supervised shop staff team of eleven, including Assistant Shop Managers, Shop Forepeople, Inventory Staff, Purchasers, and thirty-four properties artisans, as well as temporary students.
- Facilitated communication in and outside of the properties department.
- Created procedures and guidelines that increased shop efficiency and productivity.

Properties Director

University of North Carolina School of the Arts (Nov. 2021 - May 2024)

- Directed properties for a musical, a drama to live orchestra, and an opera.
- Budgeted, purchased, and managed student artisans in pre-production, build, and implementation.

Asst. Properties Shop Manager

Ogunquit Playhouse (April 2022 - Aug. 2022)

- Worked underneath Properties Supervisor to source, research, and build properties for a three-show season.
- Aided in the construction of Arts Academy properties, a children's theatre camp.

University of North Carolina School of the Arts (Dec. 2021 - May 2022)

- Helped supervise an academic properties shop of thirty-six artisans.
- Aided the Properties Shop Manager in paperwork, communication, and planning.

Education

University of North Carolina School of the Arts (May 2024)

Masters's of Fine Arts, Design and Production, Stage Properties

- Seaman's Grant Award for thesis research trip, 2023
- Member of Society of American Period Furniture Makers, 2023
- Seaman's Grant Award for Glowforge independent study, 2022

Augustana University (May 2021)

Bachelor of Arts, English, Secondary Education, and Theatre

- Writing Emphasis
- Member of Alpha Psi Omega, 2018
- Member of Sigma Tau Delta, 2020
- Period Acting class T.A.

Skills

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| • Casting/molding | • Conservation/restoration |
| • Set decorating | • Research skills |
| • Wood turning | • Cost estimation/budgeting |
| • Sculpting/pottery | • Team and project management |
| • Special effects/weaponry | • Education/lesson planning |