

Ivory Besse

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Experience

Design and Assistance:

Cypress Productions, Lexington, KY

Costume Designer	<i>I Wanttt a Unicorn Frappe!!!</i>	Figaro Vance	2024
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University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Costume Designer	<i>Little Women</i>	Christina Ritter	2023
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Costume Designer	<i>Name! That! Sin!</i>	Aden Amburgey	2023
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Costume Coordinator	<i>Magic Flute</i>	Tracy Barber	2022
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Assistant Costume Designer	<i>Bright Star</i>	Nelson Fields	2022
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Wardrobe Crew Head	<i>The Thanksgiving Play</i>	Tracy Barber	2021
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Stitching and Patterning:

Firsthand	<i>Little Women</i>	Natalie Maynard	2023
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Patterning/Stitcher	<i>Shakespeare in Love</i>	Natalie Maynard	2023
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Firsthand	<i>The School for Scandal</i>	Natalie Maynard	2022
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Stitcher	<i>Bright Star</i>	Tracy Barber	2022
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Stitcher	<i>La Boheme</i>	Tracy Barber	2022
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Current Employment

Stagehand and Stage Manager Singletary Center for the Arts March 7th, 2022 - Current

Tanya Harper Production Director Singletary Center for Arts, Lexington, KY Tkharp2@uky.edu

Skills

- 5 years of experience in hand/machine sewing; 3 years working in a costume shop
- Experienced in industrial and domestic sewing machines
- Experienced in industrial sergers and blind hem machines
- Introduction to patternmaking
- Proficient in design - including traditional art (charcoal, acrylics, etc) and digital editing
- Deep understanding of evocative and factual research

Education

B.A. in Theatre	University of Kentucky	May, 2025	Lexington, KY
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Diploma	Beechwood High School	May, 2021	Ft Mitchell, KY
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References

Natalie Maynard
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