

Melissia-Dawn Hopson

Creative and Talented Problem Solver at Your Service!

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Willing to relocate: Anywhere

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

Team Leader/Surgical Instrument Tech

STERIS - Mebane, NC

January 2012 to Present

Decontaminate and sterilize surgical instruments; repair broken instruments; Build surgical kits to be used in hospitals; Operate Hamo & Hobart machines, Run sterilizer; Take inventory of surgical instruments in stock as well as chemicals and cleaning supplies needed for my department; Clean Decontam and Instrument areas; Package and seal instrument sets being sent to customer

Actor; Makeup

JD Mayo Films-Our War - Greensboro, NC

September 2016 to October 2016

Performed roll of Samantha; Did makeup & hair on set for production as needed to fit the Civil War era

Actor; Special Effects, Makeup, Wardrobe

The Endless Horizon-Haunting of Four Points - Winston-Salem, NC

January 2016 to September 2016

Performed roll of Gilly; Designed and made costume pieces, Supervised work of other costumers; designed and executed special practical effects on set as well as special effects makeup; applied wigs, scarring, blood and lesions, supervised other fx artists on set; worked closely with director and actors; worked under a budget in a timely manner

Assist. Director/Stage Manager/Actor/Set/Tech Crew/Assist. Costumer

The Aracoma Story, Inc. - Logan, WV

May 1990 to August 2016

Directed actors and blocking during scenes, coached acting and helped actors build characters. Managed productions, called shows via visual and audible cues, worked closely with Director on blocking and scheduling, props, effects and notes, worked closely with Board to schedule rehearsals, keeps productions within budget, publicize productions on television and newspaper.

Performed in both dramas and musical theatre productions over the years, including "Bye Bye Birdie", "Grease", "Annie", "Wizard of Oz" and "The Aracoma Story".

Designed and built props and theatrical sets on an outdoor stage at an amphitheater. This required both carpentry and painting. I repaired and rigged lights; ran lights and sound during night time

productions as well as moved set pieces and scenery during the shows. Cleaned both the backstage and onstage as well as the house and restrooms nightly after closing. Strikes sets and stored pieces at the end of each season.

Assisted Susan Jones over the years with the making, sewing and assigning of costumes for the different productions

Seasonal work, during summers only. (May-August)

Makeup/Wardrobe

Dogme Productions-Kiss Me, I'm Irish - Yanceyville, NC
2009 to 2009

Designed the looks and appearance of characters; Applied makeup and hairstyles to actors; Purchased and altered wardrobe pieces as needed to fit the actors and convey the nature of the characters; Worked under a budget; Kept stock of items of items and kept clean during production

Makeup/Wardrobe/Actor

Jeff Nelson Films-Quarters - Yanceyville, NC
2009 to 2009

Performed role of a mother who with child finds herself inside a burning car; Created the effect of burning car on set; Designed hair, makeup and wardrobe of characters and applied them on set

Bartender/Owner, Operator

Destiny's Nightclub - Man, WV
January 2001 to August 2008

Owned and operated a bar; mixed and served alcoholic beverages; Placed orders, took inventory and stocked shelves; Cleaned bar area: washed dishes, waxed dance floor, cleaned carpet in searing area and tended to restrooms.

Makeup/Wardrobe

PCC Productions, Colin Porterfield-The Rain - Yanceyville, NC
2008 to 2008

Designed the looks of characters; purchased and made costume pieces for actors to wear during production; Applied hair and makeup to create the realism of characters

Sales Associate

Walmart - Logan, WV
January 2007 to July 2007

Stocked and zoned shelves; Assisted customers with finding products; Ran cash register; Wrangled carts in parking lot.

Cook/Laborer

The Wesley House - Amherstdale, WV
January 2000 to January 2007

Cooked and prepared healthy meals for senior citizens of the community; Made deliveries to Seniors who could not dine in; Washed dishes; Cleaned dining area, kitchen and restrooms.

Education

Belly Dance, Xavier

Twisted Dance - Greensboro, NC
October 2011 to September 2012

Film & Video Production

Piedmont Community College - Yanceyville, NC
August 2008 to April 2010

Liberal Arts

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College - Mud Fork, VA
August 1997 to May 2002

Hip Hop, Jazz, Pop

The Dance Studio, Dena Wigal - Logan, WV
August 1996 to May 2002

Apprenticeship, Jim Hutchinson in Graphic Design and Printing

Ralph R. Willis Vocational Center - McConnell, WV
January 2001 to February 2002

Workshop, Dian Savoka in Acting for Camera

Top Models Kentucky, Inc. - Williamson, WV
2001 to 2001

Workshop, Sandy Smith in Improv

Aracoma Story, Inc. - Logan, WV
1999 to 1999

Workshop, Sandy Smith in Stage Makeup

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College - Mudfork, WV
1998 to 1998

Diploma in College Prep

Man Senior High School - Man, WV
August 1995 to May 1997

Internship, Chuck Elkins in Stage Lighting

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College - Mudfork, WV
1997 to 1997

Internship, Sandy Smith in Directing

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College - Mudfork, WV
1997 to 1997

Internship, Sandy Smith in Set Design

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College - Mudfork, WV
1997 to 1997

Workshop, Chris Wood in Improv

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College - Mudfork, WV
1996 to 1996

Workshop, Chris Wood in Directing

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College - Mudfork, WV
1996 to 1996

Voice, Brenda Hager

Don Elkins Music, Co. - Logan, WV
1992 to 1995

Skills

Written Communication, Power Tools, Powerpoint, Excel, Word, Special Events, Final Cut Pro, After Effects, Photoshop, Photography, Video Editing, Video Production, Directing, Acting Coach, Painting, Scenic Painter, Set Design, Dance, Glass Etching, Sewing, Drawing, Screenprinting, Printing Press, Stage Lighting, Film Lighting

Links

http://m.imdb.com/name/nm8165830/?ref_=m_tt_cl_i8

Awards

True Thespian Award

1994

Awarded for prestigious knowledge and execution of the Arts and Literature

Most Talented

1997

Awarded Most Relented of the Senior Class 1997 for my creativity and talents as shown in Band, Dance, Chorus, Art, Theatre, and Creative Writing skills.

Best Drama Short

2017

Our War, in which I played Samantha, was awarded Best Drama Short at Mysticon Independent Film Festival 2017.

Certifications/Licenses

Zumba Instructor

Certified Zumba Instructor, ZIN member certification does not expire.

Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

February 2018 to February 2020

Adult, Child and Infant First Aid/CPR/AED through the American Red Cross Association

Pound Instructor

March 2018 to March 2019

Certified Pound Fitness instructor

Additional Information

Great people skills and communication skills, both written and verbal. Interpersonal skills. Driven, fast paced worker who is a self starter; takes direction very well. I work great under pressure and have quick problem solving skills. Very strong eye for detail.