



# SHELBY THACH

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Current second-year MFA student in lighting design at UC San Diego. Experience working as a lighting designer, assistant, and electrician for theatre and dance productions, as well as art galleries.

## THEATRE EXPERIENCE (SELECT PRODUCTIONS)

### Lighting Designer

<i>Fifty Boxes of Earth</i>	Dir. Cambria Herrera	Shank Theatre, UC San Diego	May 2022
<i>Limp Wrist on the Lever</i>	Dir. Rosie Glen-Lambert	Shank Theatre, UC San Diego	May 2022
<i>Everybody</i>	Dir. Daniel Jaquez	Forum Theatre, UC San Diego	March 2022
<i>Peerless</i>	Dir. Tyler Nii	Shank Theatre, UC San Diego	November 2021
<i>Trojan Women: A Version</i>	Dir. Charlie Oates	Digital Production, UC San Diego	May 2021
<i>Godspell</i>	Dir. James Whitson	Digital Production, CLHS	April 2021
<i>WinterWORKS Dance Concert</i>	Various Choreographers	Digital Production, UC San Diego	March 2021
<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>	Dir. James Whitson	Black Box Theatre, CLHS	November 2019
<i>I Love You So Much Squeeze Me to Death</i>	Chor. Koryn Wicks	Bootleg Theatre/Wisdome LA	October 2019
<i>Hedwig and the Angry Inch</i>	Dir. Ray Zarate	xMPL Theatre, UC Irvine	May 2019
<i>Physical Graffiti Dance Concert</i>	Various Choreographers	Claire Trevor Theatre, UC Irvine	April 2019
<i>Tea</i>	Dir. Kelley Ho	Robert Cohen Theatre, UC Irvine	March 2019
<i>Crane + Man</i>	Dir. Anna lallegio	xMPL Theatre, UC Irvine	October 2018

### Assistant Lighting Designer

<i>Human Measure</i>	LD: Christopher Kuhl	REDCAT	June 2021
<i>Letters from Cuba</i>	LD: Harry Foster	Digital Production, UC San Diego	November 2020
<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>	LD: Lonnie Alcaraz	Julianne Argyros Stage, South Coast Repertory	February 2020
<i>Legally Blonde</i>	LD: Marissa Diaz	Irvine Barclay Theatre, UC Irvine	November 2018
<i>American Idiot</i>	LD: David Hernandez	Claire Trevor Theatre, UC Irvine	May 2018
<i>The Lear Project</i>	LD: Lonnie Alcaraz	xMPL Theatre, UC Irvine	March 2018

### Other Projects

<i>Dance Visions Dance Concert</i>	Light Board Programmer	Irvine Barclay Theatre, UC Irvine	February 2019
<i>Model Minority Syndrome</i>	Stage Manager/Projections Designer	Winifred Smith Hall, UC Irvine	March 2018
<i>When Asians Speak</i>	Stage Manager/Sound Designer	Nixon Theatre, UC Irvine	January 2018
<i>Rising Tides</i>	Scenic Designer	Nixon Theatre, UC Irvine	March 2017

## RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

### Technician

Experimental Media Performance Lab (xMPL Theatre)	October 2015-June 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Load in and strike for theatre and dance shows (lighting, video/projection, dance floor/marley, seating)</li> <li>• Serve as run crew for shows (board op/backstage/ASM)</li> <li>• General maintenance of theater</li> </ul>	UC Irvine

### Lighting Consultant and Electrician

University Art Galleries	May 2018-June 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate with artists and curators on lighting of art pieces</li> <li>• Operate lifts to hang and focus lighting fixtures</li> </ul>	Irvine, CA

### Summer Observership Program 2019

Illuminating Engineering Society of Orange County	July 2019-August 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six week observership program within the commercial and architectural lighting industry</li> <li>• Shadow and work with lighting design, engineering, distributing, manufacturing, and sales firms</li> </ul>	LA and OC Areas

## EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego	Projected 2023
Master of Fine Arts - Lighting Design	La Jolla, CA
University of California, Irvine	June 2019
Bachelor of Arts - Drama	Irvine, CA

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Honors in Design and Technology - Lighting	April 2019
	UC Irvine
Dean's Honor List	Fall 2015-Spring 2019
	UC Irvine
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society	Spring 2019
	UC Irvine

## SKILLS

**Lighting:** Hanging/Focusing Lighting Fixtures; Programming on EOS Family Consoles  
**2D/3D Modeling and Drafting:** Vectorworks 2021, Lightwright 6, Basic Cinema 4D  
**Adobe Creative Cloud:** Photoshop, After Effects, Illustrator  
**Lifts:** Trained on select Genie and JLG lifts  
**Microsoft Office:** Word, Excel, PowerPoint  
**Languages:** English, Conversational Mandarin and Cantonese

References Available Upon Request