

# Martin Benesh

Lighting Designer/Draftsperson  
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## Selected Experience

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### Lighting Design

<i>End of the Rainbow</i>	Curtain Call Theatre	Phil Rice (DIR)	2023
<i>Clara &amp; Carmilla</i>	NY Theater Festival	Nico Torrez (DIR)	2022
Apprentice Scenes	The Santa Fe Opera	Philip Alfano (Former Lighting DIR)	2022
<i>Songs for a New World</i>	SUNY New Paltz	Catherine Doherty (DIR)	2022

### Assistant Lighting Design

<i>El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego</i>	San Francisco Opera	Victor Zapatero (LD)	2023
<i>Man of La Mancha</i>	Riverside Theatre	Travis McHale (LD)	2022
<i>This &amp; That</i>	East Coast Contemporary Ballet	Ethan Newman (LD)	2022

### Drafting

Season 48, Episodes 10-15	Saturday Night Live, Beast Unit	Omri Chaimovitz (Gaffer)	2023
<i>Plant Dad/ Musical Staircase</i>	The Tonight Show	Omri Chaimovitz (Gaffer)	2023
Almost Acoustic Christmas	KROQ	Stan Crocker (LD)	2022
<i>The Aids Play</i>	The other two.	Omri Chaimovitz (LD)	2022
Stars and Strings	Audacy	Stan Crocker (LD)	2021

### Programming

Spring Dance	Juilliard	Nicole Pearce (LD)	2023
3rd Year Cabaret	Juilliard	Paul Hudson (LD)	2023
"The French Triple Bill"	Manhattan School of Music	Reza Behjat (LD)	2022
<i>Weightless</i>	The WP Theater	Stacey Derosier (LD)	2022

### Apprenticeships

Lighting Design Intern	San Francisco Opera	Justin Partier (Lighting DIR)	2023
Electrics Apprentice	The Santa Fe Opera	Philip Alfano (Former Lighting DIR)	2022
Production Intern	Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival	Vinny Vigilante (Production DIR)	2019

### Awards & Scholarships

Vectorworks Design Scholarship	Vectorworks	<i>Songs for a New World</i>	2022
Craig J. Miller Award	The Santa Fe Opera	2022 Season	2022

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## Related Skills

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Vectorworks (Proficient)	OSHA-10 Outreach Certification (Construction)
Lightwright 6 (Proficient)	Proficient at Soldering (Circuit Board, LED Tape)
ETC Eos Family Console Programming (Level 4 Certification)	Counterweight Lineset Operation and Balancing
Adobe Photoshop Rendering (Proficient)	PTZ Camera Operation (Basic)
Followspot Operation (Proficient)	Reads Music
Can Reach the Top Shelf	Valid Iowa State Driver's License & U.S. Passport

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## Education

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State University of New York (SUNY) at New Paltz, B.A. in Theatre: Design & Technology, 2022 Valedictorian  
-Minor in Digital Design & Fabrication

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## References

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Travis McHale  
Freelance Lighting Designer  
\*Contact Info Available  
Upon Request

Stan Crocker  
Head Designer  
Sightline Design Group  
\*Contact Info Available  
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Omri Chaimovitz  
Gaffer  
SNL Beast Unit  
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