

# KIRSTEN L. THOMPSON

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## EXPERIENCE

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**The Carolina Theatre of Durham**, Durham, NC

Nov 2021 – Present

*Technical Director*

- Operates and safeguards all technical assets of the 1,000-seat Fletcher Hall, which hosts more than 50 Star Series performances each year – in addition to the plethora of non-profit and commercial entities that rent the space throughout the performance season
- Advances production details with national touring acts, rental clients and other event producers according to artist contract riders
- Prepares timely reports of labor and equipment costs to settle events and prepare payroll
- Recruits, trains and schedules a pool of 60+ part-time technical staff

**The University of North Carolina at Charlotte**, Charlotte, NC

May 2021 – Oct 2021

*Technology Support Technician*

- Assisted with the programming and operation of complex audiovisual systems – encompassing sound and lighting equipment, scoreboards, courtside tables and projector units in areas serviced by the 232,000-square-foot Barnhardt Student Activity Center
- Served as a dependable resource concerning technical services for conferences, televised athletic events or major entertainment productions within the 9,000-seat Halton Arena
- Acted as liaison between equipment manufacturers to troubleshoot problems, implement new software and hardware upgrades alongside purchasing duties
- Contributed to the training, supervision and evaluation of 10+ student technicians

**Walt Disney World**, Lake Buena Vista, FL

Feb 2019 – Dec 2020

*Entertainment Stage Technician, Level 3*

- Operated audio, lighting and show control systems for live shows at Disney's Hollywood Studios, including *Disney Junior Dance Party* and *Jedi Training: Trials of the Temple*
- Monitored as well as routed audio for parkwide announcements, background music and various outdoor performances via Q-SYS from Entertainment Central
- Provided auxiliary support for broadcasted events hosted within each of the four parks, ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex and Disney's Typhoon Lagoon
- Relief crew chief and Disney trainer

## INTERNSHIPS

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**Hangar Theatre Company**, Ithaca, NY, *Sound Intern*

Jun 2018 – Aug 2018

**The Naples Players**, Naples, FL, *Sound Intern*

May 2017 – Aug 2017

## WORK-STUDY

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**Elon University**, Elon, NC, *Media Services Technician, Level 2*

Aug 2016 – Dec 2018

## EDUCATION

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**Elon University**, Elon, NC

Graduated Dec 2018

*Bachelor of Science (B.S.) – Music Production & Recording Arts*

Minor in Theatrical Design & Technology; Magna Cum Laude