

Karin Olson.

Lighting Designer.

Bio | Karin Olson has devoted her life to lighting design since discovering its magic at 15. She divides her time between lighting dance and theater productions, doing an average of 25 shows per year. While the bulk of her work has been in Minneapolis-St. Paul, her designs have been seen across the country, in venues ranging from Joyce Theater (NY) and Trinity Rep (RI) in the east to Oregon Shakespeare Festival to the west. Wherever she goes, she brings her trademark passion and humor to the tech table.

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Education

1998 | B.A.

LIGHTING DESIGN

University of Minnesota
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Selected Design History

MAR 2023

THE SONG POET (WORLD PREMIERE)

MINNESOTA OPERA | Dir: Rick Shiomi

MAY 2022

RUNESTONE! (WORLD PREMIERE)

HISTORY THEATER | Dir: Tyler Michaels King

MAR 2022

ANTIGONE

CLEVELAND PLAYHOUSE | Dir: Lauren Keating

FEB 2022

REDWOOD

JUNGLE THEATER | Dir: H. Adam Harris

JUNE 2020

CAMBODIAN ROCK BAND

JUNGLE THEATER | Dir: Lily Tung Crystal

FEBRUARY 2020

HERBEAT (WORLD PREMIERE)

TAIKO ARTS MIDWEST | The Ordway Center

FEBRUARY 2020

SPAMTOWN, USA! (WORLD PREMIERE)

CHILDREN'S THEATRE COMPANY | Dir: Will Davis

OCTOBER 2019

THE HOLLOW (WORLD PREMIERE)

TRADEMARK THEATER | Dir: Tyler Michaels King

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Selected Design History, Continued

4/23	The Defeat of Jesse James (world premiere)	History Theater
3/23	The Revolutionists	PRIME productions at Park Square Theater
12/22	Promise of Peace, St. Olaf Christmas Festival	St Olaf @ Orchestra Hall
10/22	Fire in the New World (world premiere)	Full Circle Theater @ Park Square
9/22	A Different Pond (premiere)	Stages Theater Company
2022	The Humans, Atacama	Park Square Theater
5/21	Handprints, cineplay (film)	Ten Thousand Things @ North Garden Theater
8/20	Annie and the Bang Bang album release (video)	Southern Theater
11/2019	Pride and Prejudice, Aubergine	Park Square Theater
11/2019	Fast Company	Theater Mu @ Guthrie Theater
2015-2022	St. Olaf Christmas Festival	St. Olaf College
4/2019	Brothers Paranormal	Penumbra Theater
11/2018	A Christmas Carol	Trinity Rep, Providence RI
10/2018	All Hail the Queen (premiere)	Movement Architecture @ Cowles Center
9/2018	Understood (premiere)	Trademark Theater @ Soma Studios
8/2018	The Korean Drama Addict's Guide...	Theater Mu @ Park Square Theatre
7/2018	Legally Blonde, Footloose	Artistry
5/2018	Jason Moran: The Last Jazz Festival (world premiere)	Walker Art Center
3/2018	The Wolves	Jungle Theater
11/2017	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Mixed Blood Theatre
11/2017	Uncertain Realities (premiere)	Threads Dance @ Cowles Center
9/2017	How to Use a Knife	Mixed Blood Theatre
5/2017	Fuente Ovejuna	Trinity Rep, Providence RI
4/2017	MN Taiko Festival	Mu Daiko @ Guthrie Theater
4/2017	West Side Story	Ordway Center for the Performing Arts
2/2017	Secret Songs of Slavery (premiere)	Threads Dance @ The O'Shaughnessy
11/2016	The Oldest Boy	Jungle Theater
2/2016	You For Me For You	Mu Performing Arts @ Guthrie Theater
6/2015	The Count of Monte Cristo	Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Elizabethan Stage
4/2015	Tu Dance: The More Things Change	Cowles Center
2015	Hir, An Octoroon	Mixed Blood Theatre
11/2014	Duetted and Connected	Schuchart+Rodero @ Danceworks Milwaukee WI
10/2014	We Wait in the Darkness	Rosy Simas Danse @ Columbia College, Chicago
10/2014	Colossal	Mixed Blood Theatre
9/2014	Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike	Syracuse Stage, Syracuse NY
6/2014	Candide, Berlin to Broadway	Skylark Opera @ Concordia
4/2014	Threepenny Opera	Frank Theatre
10/2013	Kung Fu Zombies vs Cannibals	Theater Mu @ The Southern
1/2012	Flesh and the Desert	Workhaus Collective @ Playwrights' Center
2011-2022	A Minnesota Nutcracker Ballet	Twin Cities Ballet @ Ames Center
3/2011	Oedipus el Rey	Pangea World Theater @ Lab Theater
5/2010	Circle Mirror Transformation	Guthrie Theater
2/2010	O(h)!	casebolt and smith @ Joyce Soho, NYC
1/2008	Warm Beer, Cold Women	Guthrie Theater
9/2007	Rocky Horror Show	Ordway Center for the Performing Arts
2000-2003	Circus of Tales, The Marriage of Figaro	Theatre de la Jeune Lune
11/2000	Romeo and Juliet	Park Square Theatre
3/1999	A Bright Room Called Day	Outward Spiral Theatre

...and many more. Full list on request.