

Mary Alice Groat

Costume Design | Costume Craft

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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

M.F.A. in Costume Design

August 2023 - May 2024

GPA: 3.95

University at Buffalo, *The State University of New York*

B.F.A. in Theatre Design and Technology

August 2016 - May 2020

GPA: 3.90

Minor in Studio Art

Honors College, Dean's List

Relevant Coursework

Costume History, Music Theatre History, Costume Design for Dance, Costume Design for TV/Film, Costume Rendering, Concept Character Illustration, Figure Drawing, Patterning, Jewelry Making, Draping, Fabric Dyeing and Printing, Millinery, Laser Cutting and 3D Printing, Mask Making, Molding and Cast Making, Intaglio, Lithography, Block Printing, Typography, Scenic Painting

COSTUME DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

Company: Costume Design

April 2026

(Dir. Darren Lee)

Dance/Light 2026: Costume Design

February 2026

(Chor. Kiana Carbone, Karina Halevy)

Ghosts: Costume Design

April 2025

(Dir. Carlos Martinez)

Twelfth Night (or What You Will): Costume Design

September 2024

(Dir. Gary Logan)

A Little Night Music: Assistant Costume Design

April 2024

(Dir. Ethan Heard, Costume Design Evan Riley)

Ottone in Villa: Assistant Costume Design

February 2024

(Dir. KT Shorb, Costume Design Yinxue Wang)

Dance/Light 2024: Costume Design

February 2024

(Chor. Benji Santiago)

Kinetic Theatre, Pittsburgh, PA

A Life in the Theatre: Costume Design

June 2024

(Dir. Andrew Paul)

Pittsburgh CLO, Pittsburgh, PA

The Color Purple: Assistant Costume Design July 2024
(Dir. Christopher D. Betts, Costume Design Claudia Brownlee)

Williamsville South High School, Williamsville, NY

The Addams Family: Costume Design February 2023
(Dir. Bobby Cooke)

University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Everybody: Costume Design March 2020
(Dir. Lindsay Brandon Hunter)

Guys and Dolls: Costume Design November 2019
(Dir. Keith Andrews)

Julius Caesar: Costume Design February 2019
(Dir. Danielle Rosvally)

45 Plays for 45 Presidents: Costume Design November 2018
(Dir. Lindsay Brandon Hunter)

Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown: Costume Design April 2018
(Dir. Nathan Matthews)

My Fair Lady: Assistant Costume Design April 2017
(Dir. Vincent O'Neill, Costume Design Bethany Kasperak)

ArtPark, Lewiston, NY

Aladdin Jr.: Assistant Costume Design July 2019
(Dir. Paschal Frisina III, Costume Design Bret Runyon)

The Odyssey: Assistant Costume Design July 2018
(Dir. Roger Danforth, Costume Design Bret Runyon)

WARDROBE EXPERIENCE (IATSE LOCAL 783)**Shea's Performing Arts Center**, Buffalo, NY

Ain't Too Proud May 2025

Annie December 2024

Into the Woods (National Tour Launch) February 2023

Hamilton December 2022

My Fair Lady March 2022

Frozen (National Tour Launch) September 2021

Mean Girls (National Tour Launch) September 2019

Aladdin August 2018

ArtPark, Lewiston, NY

Carmina Burana July 2023

UB Center for the Arts, Buffalo, NY

CoCoMelon Live! JJ's Journey November 2022

Key Bank Center, Buffalo, NY
Jurassic World Live

October 2022

Seneca Niagara Casino, Niagara Falls, NY
A Bronx Tale

May 2022

FILM AND TELEVISION

Lazarus, Apple TV+: Costume Production Assistant

August 2025

Mayor of Kingstown, Paramount+: Costume Production Assistant

May – June 2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University

Teaching Assistant: History of Clothing
(Instructor: Amanda Gladu)

Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Teaching Assistant: The Evolution of Costume Through World History
and Social Interaction
(Instructor: Laura Crow)

Fall 2024, Spring 2025

University at Buffalo

Teaching Assistant: Costume Construction
(Instructor: Donna Massimo)

Spring 2018, 2019, 2020

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

School of Drama, Carnegie Mellon University

Drama Arts Assistant

Fall 2023 – Spring 2026

- Assisted with sewing tasks for other student productions.
- Refurbished costume classroom spaces to prepare for upcoming courses.
- Assisted cataloging/reorganizing thousands of costume pieces in off-site warehouse.

Department of Theatre and Dance, University at Buffalo

Stitcher

April 2023

- Assembled costumes under the direction of student designer.

Costume Shop Assistant

Fall 2018 – Spring 2020

- Mentored junior students in costume design positions.
- Assisted with sewing tasks for other student productions.

JoAnn Fabrics, Clarence, NY

Associate Manager, Inventory Coordinator

July 2020 – December 2024

- Served as manager on duty for many weekly work shifts.
 - Executed merchandising plan according to corporate specifications.
 - Coordinated team during weekly truck deliveries of thousands of distinct products.
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YMCA Camp Weona, Gainesville, NY

Arts and Crafts Program Lead

Summer 2015, 2016, 2017

- Supervised cabins of approximately eight campers, age 7-14.
- Authored and implemented curriculum for arts and crafts, ceramics, and culinary arts programs.

SERVICE

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

Student Affairs Committee, Graduate Student Association

Spring 2024 – Spring 2026

Dining Student Advisory Committee

Fall 2024 – Spring 2026

University Student Affairs Council

Fall 2024 – Spring 2026
