Costume Symposium 2011 Information for the USITT Conference Program

Title

Digital Costume Rendering: Painting From Your Desk!

If you missed the very successful Professional Development Workshops sponsored by the USITT Costume Commission in 2009 and 2010, worry not! This summer's Costume Symposium will present a new more comprehensive, innovative and exciting three-day hands-on workshop.

Dates

Wednesday July 27 (Arrival and Reception) to Saturday July 30, 2011.

Presenter BIO

Rafael Jaen has been teaching workshops in digital painting and web design for the past decade. His art and theatrical training informs his use of digital software. In addition, Mr. Jaen has been designing costumes for the past 25+ years; recent works include "God in America Part 1 & 2" (PBS/WGBH: American Experience), Boston Marriage and A Doll's House (New Repertory Theatre), Light Up The Sky (Emerson Stage), Nicholas Nickleby (Lyric Stage), Color of Rose (ArtsEmerson), and 42 Street (Stoneham Theater). His designs for Kiss Me, Kate (Lyric Stage) and The Remarkable Rooming House of Mme Le Monde (BeauJest/ Provincetown Tennessee Williams Festival) got 2010 IRNE nominations and Hubbie Awards for Best Costumes. Memberships include USA Chapter 829 and USITT where he chairs the Costume Commission's Student Leadership Initiatives. In addition, he serves as the Design, Technologies & Management Co-Chair for the Kennedy Center ACTF Region 1. He is a design-tech faculty at Emerson College; he is the recipient of a USITT '08 Costume Technology Grant and his work has been featured in Live Design, TD & T and Sightlines. Mr. Jaen is the author of Developing and Maintaining a Design-Tech Portfolio (FOCAL Press). Web site: www.rafaeljaen.biz

Location

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. SIUE is situated on the fertile farmland of downstate Illinois. The campus' 2660 acres include wooded areas, flowering trees, Cougar Lake, scenic bike paths, a geodesic dome, and the Gardens at SIUE. While enjoying the tranquility of a rural atmosphere, students, faculty, and staff also have access to a nearby metropolitan area across the Mississippi River. Just 20 minutes from the SIUE campus, St. Louis is renowned for its Gateway Arch and welcomes visitors to its symphony, opera, museums, professional theatres, professional sports, parks, botanical garden, zoo,

cathedrals, and numerous institutions of higher learning. For a campus map and virtual tour visit: http://www.siue.edu/maps/

Laura Hanson, Ph.D. will be the host on location. She is an Associate Professor and Head of Design & Technical Theatre at the Department of Theater and Dance, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Description

This is a three-day hands-on workshop designed to demonstrate ways in which to paint effective costume renderings using Photoshop software. The presenter will demonstrate with comprehensive step-by-step samples how to use layers, how to create and manipulate fabric patterns, and tools to create depth and texture. This demo will also include how to apply color theory for highlighting based on lighting gel colors. The first day will review various steps, such as the planning and archiving digital costume sketches, creating page templates and painting exciting character sketches using Photoshop Elements. During the next two days of the symposium, participants will create their own templates for a full show and draw/paint their own sketches using the techniques explored the previous day. Each participant will work in small groups and have one-on-one coaching during the process. In addition, there will be a final presentation/discussion, which will include the teaching points gathered by the group.

Field trips will complement the development of design metaphors, color theory and texture processes.

Required Materials

- Handouts
- Personal laptop computer
- Participants are expected to bring their pre-scanned b/w drawings for a show; saved as a Multicolor file JPEG, in a 2GB flash (USB) drive
- 10 to 12 b/w drawings are recommended
- Participants need to have Adobe Photoshop Elements 2 to 7 or Adobe CS2 to CS4 in their computer.
- Note: 30 Day Photoshop Software trials can be downloaded at: http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop/photoshop/

Participants will receive handouts via email in PDF format.

Schedule

- Wednesday July 27th – 6:30 PM: Reception
- Thursday July 28
    - 8:30 AM: Breakfast

- 9:30 AM: Workshop
- 12:00 PM: Lunch
- 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM: Workshop
- 3:00PM to 3:30 PM: Snacks
- 3:30 to 6:00 PM: Workshop
- 6:30 PM: Dinner
- Friday July 29th
  - 8:30 AM: Breakfast
  - 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM: Field Trip – Lunch scheduled within this time
  - 4:00PM to 6:00 PM: Workshop
  - 6:30 PM: Dinner
- Saturday July 30th
  - 8:30 AM: Breakfast
  - 9:30 AM: Workshop
  - 12:00 PM: Lunch
  - 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM: Workshop
  - 3:00PM to 3:30 PM: Snacks
  - 3:30 to 6:00 PM: Workshop
  - 6:30 PM: Dinner

Registration

- USITT Member Registration
  - $395 Postmarked by May 1
  - $425 After May 1
- Non-Member Registration
  - $450 Postmarked by May 1
  - $475 After May 1

Registration includes the three-day workshop, reception, meals and field trip.

Travel

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements, booking their own airfare, train fare and car rental. The closest airport is the St Louis, MO – St Louis Lambert International Airport, 22 mi / 35 km W.

Participants staying on-campus won't need a car; those staying in hotels nearby will need a car to get around.

Housing

Participants are responsible to book their own housing either at the SIUE campus or nearby.

Residence hall housing (online registration available through SIUE):

- Single (own bedroom; share bath with one other person) $37/night per person X 4= $148
- Double (two in bedroom; two bedrooms and one bath per suite) $27/night per person X 4= $108
- On campus housing is within walking distance of conference rooms.

Nearby hotel prices are around $90/ night if people prefer more amenities, but will need a car to get to the conference site. Hotel info can be found at: http://www.siue.edu/maps/lodging.shtml
- Hampton Inn and Suites 5723 Heritage Crossing Drive Glen Carbon, IL 62034 (618) 589-5000 (Ask about special SIUE rates.)
- Country Hearth Inn and Suites 1013 Plummer Drive (adjacent to Edwardsville High School) Edwardsville, IL 62025 (618) 656-7829 (Ask about special SIUE rates.)

Food

The University campus dining services will cater full breakfast, lunch, and dinner buffets just for our Symposium participants. This will be set up conveniently in the University Center, so people staying on-campus without a car won't need to leave the premises in search of meals. There are restaurants *near* campus for those that want to explore the surroundings and have a car. Plain water will be provided in the meeting rooms, plus a selection of snacks and beverages (bottled water, soft drinks, iced tea). There will also be a catered reception on Wednesday July 27th evening with a complementary glass of wine plus cash bar.

Registration price includes 3 meals per day and afternoon snacks. Arrangements will be made for vegetarian meal. The only meal not provided is lunch on field trip day.

Field Trip

SIU Edwardsville is 25 minutes from downtown Saint Louis; so field trips will include a tour of The Fabulous Fox Theatre and the mosaics at the Cathedral Basilica. Day Schedule:
- 9:30 AM: Vans leave SIUE Campus
- 10:30 AM to12:00 Noon: Tour of Fox Theatre
- 12:15 PM: Air-conditioned vans to the Cathedral Basilica
- 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Visit Basilica and lunch on your own in the Central West End (walkable from Cathedral; lots of restaurants in various price ranges and variety of cuisines).
- 2:30 PM: Vans pick up for return to SIUE campus
- 4:00PM to 6:00 PM: Workshop
- 6:30 PM: Dinner

Registration price includes tour transportation and tour tickets.