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Professional Summary

Safety-conscious and reliable Set Lighting Technician with 4+ years of experience in film and television and a strong technical background in LED technology, rigging, and power distribution for studio and location shoots. Proven ability to troubleshoot equipment quickly, reducing downtime and optimizing efficiency. Passionate about using light to support storytelling, seeking to leverage technical expertise to deliver high-quality lighting setups.

Core Technical Skills

- **Rigging and Safety:** Installing, hanging, and securing lighting fixtures (trussing, motors, clamps) according to safety standards and OSHA regulations.
- **Fixture Operations:** Proficiency in operating, maintaining, and repairing a wide range of fixtures, including LED, tungsten, HMI, and moving lights.
- **Troubleshooting and Maintenance:** Identifying and fixing equipment failures, including lamp heads, cables, and power issues, quickly under pressure.
- **Electrical Knowledge:** Understanding AC/DC circuits, calculating electrical loads, balancing power distribution, and using generators safely.

These skills ensure that the lighting department operates safely and efficiently, meeting the creative demands of the **Cinematographer** and/or the **Chief Lighting Technician**.

Production Credits

| Production Title | Position | Cinematographer/Chief Lighting Technician | Company/Network | Year |
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| Chaparones | Set Lighting Technician | Arseni Khachaturan | A24 | 2025 |
| Love Meets in the Sunshine | Assistant Chief Lighting Technician | Nathaniel Regier | Angel Studios | 2025 |
| Joseph of Egypt | Set Lighting Technician | Patrick Murguia, Patrick Cady | Netflix | 2025 |
| Dark Winds S4 | Set Lighting Technician | Blake Evans, Todd Dos Reis | AMC | 2025 |
| Pluribus S1 | Set Lighting Technician | Paul Donachie | Apple TV | 2024 |
| Trap House | Set Lighting Technician | Matt Flannery | Amazon | 2024 |
| Dark Winds S3 | Set Lighting Technician | Paul Elliott, Blake Evans | AMC | 2024 |
| She Rides Shotgun | Set Lighting Technician | Wyatt Garfield | Amazon | 2024 |
| Him | Set Lighting Technician | Kira Kelly | Universal Pictures | 2024 |

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| Eddington | Rigging Electric | Darius Khondji | A24 | 2024 |
| Miss You Love You | Set Lighting Technician | Daniel Moder | TBD | 2024 |
| Duster S1 | Set Lighting Technician | Celiana Cárdenas, Paul Elliott | HBO Max | 2024 |
| American Primeval | Rigging Electric | Jacques Jouffret | Netflix | 2024 |
| The Really Loud House S2 | Set Lighting Technician | Brandon Mastrippolito, Greg Matthews | Nickelodeon | 2023 |
| Xeno | Set Lighting Technician | Paul Marschall | Amazon | 2023 |
| A Really Haunted Loud House | Set Lighting Technician | Brandon Mastrippolito | Nickelodeon | 2023 |
| Dark Winds S2 | Set Lighting Technician | Paul Elliott | AMC | 2022 |
| Obliterated S1 | Set Lighting Technician | Abraham Martinez | Netflix | 2022 |
| Hold Your Breath | Set Lighting Technician | Zöe White | Hulu | 2022 |
| Love Lies Bleeding | Set Lighting Technician | Ben Fordesman | A24 | 2022 |

Work Experience

IATSE Local 480 Set Lighting Technician • Various Union Productions

- Collaborate with Gaffers and Cinematographers to translate artistic intent into technical lighting plots.
- Manage load-ins and load-outs for productions with equipment budgets exceeding \$10M.
- Ensure 100% compliance with safety and electrical codes during the rigging of high-voltage systems.
- Supervise junior crew members in the safe installation of lighting equipment, carts, and rigging.

Education & Certifications

Associate of Applied Science, Film Production
 Central New Mexico Community College - 2024
 Certificate
 Central New Mexico Community College - 2023
 Certificate
 Central New Mexico Community College - 2021
 MEWP Operator & Supervisor 3A & 3B
 Supplemental MEWP 3B

Military

Branch: Army 2012-2019