# Dear Jack, Dear Louise: The Intermingling of Artistry and Technology

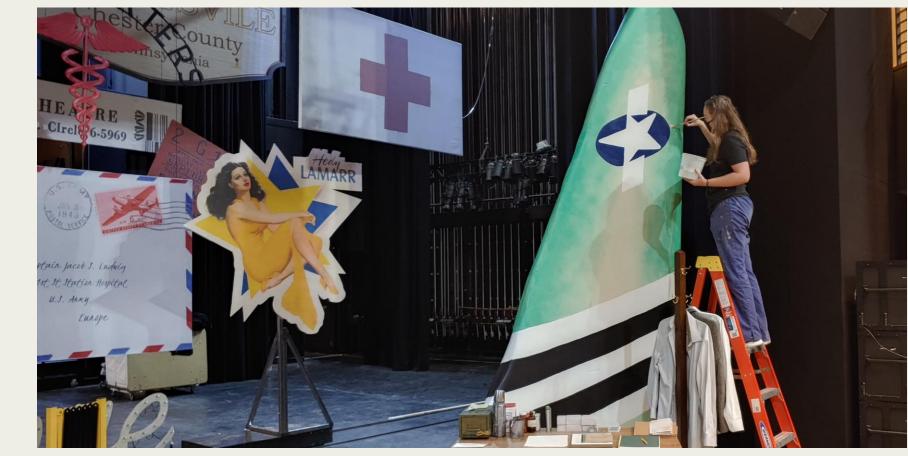




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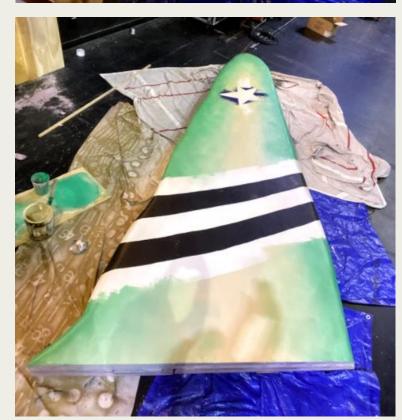


# **Project Experience**

- Learned painting techniques to create faux tile and metal textures and multiple wood grains
- Explored color theory to match, highlight, shadow, and touch up printed designs
- Developed techniques of blending and feathering to create highlights and shadows
- Experimented with different materials to make long lasting and reusable stencils to create a repeated pattern
- Created computer aided drafts that were later translated into full scale furniture used in the production
- Gained valuable professional experience and created quality pieces to add to a design portfolio



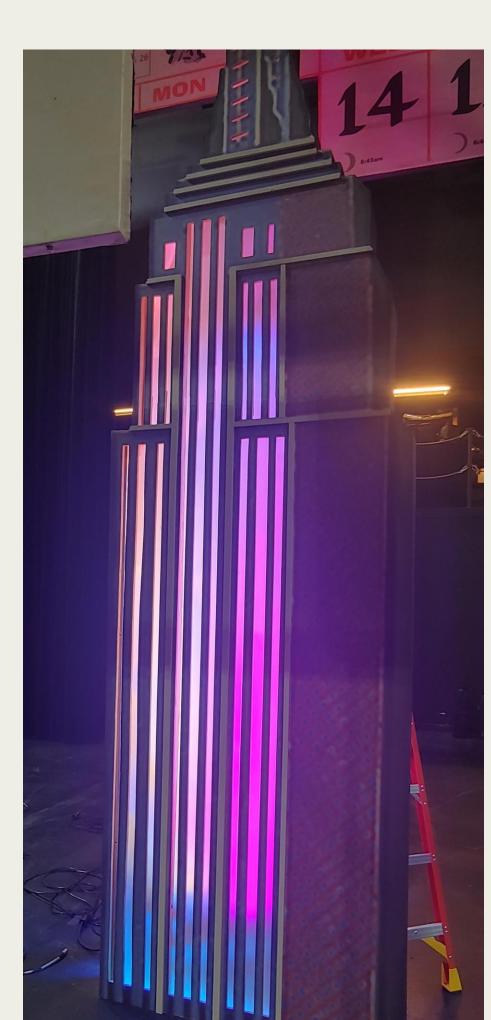




Process photos of the paint treatment by Jordan House



Costume Des. by Kristina Miller
Lighting Des. by Jack Jacobs
Property Des. by Charly Topper
Scene Des. by Kirk A. Domer
Sound Des. by Shawn St. John
Technical Dir. by Michael Mullins
Asst. Scene Des. by Jordan House

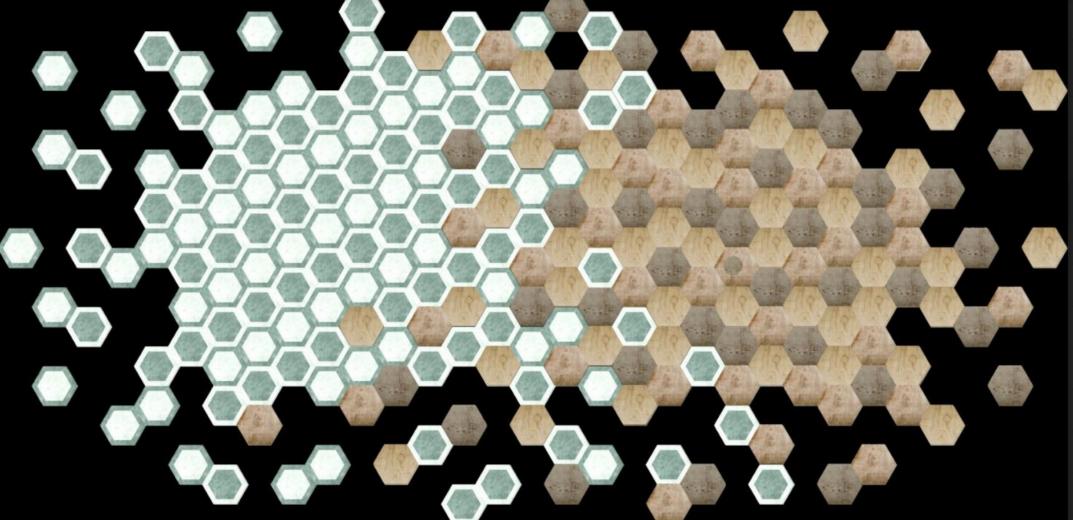


Production photo of *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* at the George Theater in Houston, TX

# **Project Background**

- Dear Jack, Dear Louise produced by the A.D. Players at The George Theater in Houston, Texas
- The play tells the story of how Louise Rabiner and Jack Ludwig (the playwright's parents) met and fell in love by letter during World War II
- Served as assistant scene designer to Professor Kirk Domer in a professional regional theater
- Worked with the Scene Designer, Properties Artisan, Technical Director and carpentry team onsite in Houston, Texas

# Example of printed scenery with touched up edges and added highlights and shadows



Floor rendering by Kirk A. Domer for the scene design of *Dear Jack*, *Dear Louise* 





2 of 120 tiles painted by Jordan House that made up half of the stage floor design

# 4'-10" 2'-3" 11/2" 3" 1'-11" Side 2'-4 3/4" 1'-7 1/4" 3'-8" Part Referrice Part Refe

### **Project Abstract**

For Dear Jack, Dead Louise, a play by Ken Ludwig, I served as the assistant scene designer to Professor of Scene Design Kirk Domer at Michigan State University's Department of Theatre. The research revolved primarily around learning and implementing painting techniques to create a variety of faux textures, including tile, multiple wood grains, and metal. Using Rosco Off-Broadway Scenic paints, color theory was employed to match, highlight, shadow, and touch up printed designs on the flown scenery. Professional-quality paint samples and drafting were completed before the residency, becoming valuable additions to a student design portfolio.