

# NIA SAFARR BANKS

## COSTUME DESIGN

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Theatre</b>			
Designer	<i>Clyde's</i>	Portland Stage	Dominique Rider, Director
Designer	<i>The Color Purple</i>	Nashville Repertory Theatre	Reggie Law, Director
Designer	<i>Alabaster</i>	Brown/Trinity Repertory Theatre	Sharifa Yasmin, Director
Designer	<i>Chasing G. Washington</i>	Virginia Rep. Theatre	Amber Martinez, Director
Designer	<i>Self Portrait</i>	The Bushwick Starr	Dominique Rider, Director
Designer	<i>Everybody</i>	Alice Jepson Theatre	Julie Fulcher, Director
Designer	<i>A Wrinkle In Time</i>	Wheelock Family Theatre	Regine Vitale, Director
Designer	<i>Fences</i>	Shakespeare & Co.	Christopher Edwards, Director
Designer	<i>True West</i>	Brown/Trinity Repertory Theatre	Tara Moses, Director
Designer	<i>One Flea Spare</i>	Brown/Trinity Repertory Theatre	Sharifa Yasmin, Director
Designer	<i>...And Jesus Moonwalks</i>	Muhlenberg College	Christopher Burris, Director
Designer	<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	Theatreworks	Lynn Hastings, Director
Designer	<i>Black Pearl Sings!</i>	Florida Studio Theatre	Kate Alexander, Director
Designer	<i>Private Lives</i>	Gloucester Stage Co.	Diego Arciniegas, Director
Designer	<i>Hamlet</i>	American Shakespeare Center	Cameron Knight, Director
Designer	<i>The Light</i>	Yes, and Theatrical Co.	Lucretia Marie, Director
Designer	<i>Berta Berta</i>	Firehouse Theatre/New Theatre	Tawnya Pettiford-Wates, Director
Designer	<i>Seven Guitars</i>	Actors' Shakespeare Project	Maurice E. Parent, Director
Designer	<i>Angry, Raucous,...</i>	Virginia Stage Company	Tawnya Pettiford-Wates, Director
Designer	<i>Passover</i>	American Shakespeare Center	Christopher Burris, Director
Designer	<i>Miss You Like Hell</i>	Alice Jepson Theatre	Drs. P. Herrera & D. Holland, Director
Designer	<i>Certain Aspects..</i>	Premiere Stages	Othell J. Miller, Director
Designer	<i>Paradise Blue</i>	Gloucester Stage Co.	Logan Pitts & Elise Joyner, Director
Designer	<i>A Christmas Kaddish</i>	Richmond Triangle Players	Lucian Restivo, Director
Designer	<i>The Crossword Play</i>	Lake Dillon Theatre	Lara Toner Haddock, Director
Designer	<i>Pipeline</i>	Virginia Rep. Theatre	Katrinah Lewis, Director
Designer	<i>4000 Days</i>	Richmond Triangle Players	Lucian Restivo, Director
Designer	<i>Fences</i>	Virginia Rep. Theatre	Tawnya Pettiford-Wates, Director
Designer	<i>An Octoroon</i>	TheatreLab	Tawnya Pettiford-Wates, Director
Asst. Designer	<i>Bees &amp; Honey</i>	MCC Theatre	Devario D. Simmons, Designer
Asst. Designer	<i>Il Barbiere Di Siviglia</i>	The Santa Fe Opera	Andrew Edwards, Designer
Asst. Designer	<i>Airline Highway</i>	Virginia Rep. Theatre	Emily Tappan, Designer
2nd Asst.	<i>Othello</i>	The Public Theatre	Toni Leslie James, Designer
2nd Asst.	<i>Come from Away</i>	American Broadway Tour	Toni Leslie James, Designer
Shopper	<i>The Piano Lesson</i>	Barrymore Theater	Toni Leslie James, Designer
Production Asst.	<i>Come From Away</i>	North American Tour	Toni Leslie James, Designer
Fabric Swatcher	Production Season '23	The Santa Fe Opera	Blair Gulledge, Cost, Director

## Film /Television

Production Assist.	<i>The Good Lord Bird</i>	Showtime	Amy Andrew Harrell, Designer
Stitcher	<i>Turn</i>	AMC	Neno Russell, Draper
Alterations	<i>Loving</i>	Raindom Films	Neno Russell, Draper

## EDUCATION

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Boston University (BU) , MFA Costume Design, Spring 2023

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Richmond, BFA Costume Design, Spring 2019

Henley Street/ Richmond Shakespeare Costume Design Internship, Fall 2012

## ACHIEVEMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

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Nominated Outstanding Achievement in Costume Design (Musical) by Richmond Theatre Critic's Circle (2022)

Nominated Outstanding Achievement in Costume Design (Play) by Richmond Theatre Critic's Circle (2019)

Speaker (Panel), “Get Involved! Student Activism 2021” at The United States Institute for Theatre Technology

Speaker, Costumes in Film at Armstrong High School (Richmond, Virginia)

## REFERENCES

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