

# Mercedes Blankenship

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## Professional <sup>^</sup> = Helen Hayes Award Nominee - Outstanding Production of a Play (Helen), \* = upcoming

Andalusian Treasures (Winter Revels 2025)	Production Stage Manager	The Washington Revels, <i>dir. Roberta Gasbarre</i>
The Pliant Girls <sup>^</sup>	Stage Manager	Theatre Prometheus & Nu Sass [co-pro], <i>dir. Ileana Blustein</i>
The Lightning Thief (TYA Version)	Assistant Stage Manager	Adventure Theatre MTC, <i>dir. Kurt Boehm</i>
Or, *	Props Designer	Constellation Theatre Company, <i>dir. Allison Stockman</i>
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown	Props Designer	Adventure Theatre MTC, <i>dir. Kurt Boehm</i>
Dracula	Props Designer	Rorschach Theatre, <i>dir. Rebecca Rovezzi</i>

## Educational \* = upcoming

The Lightning Thief *	Director	James Hubert Blake High School
Argonautika	Director	James Hubert Blake High School
How to Succeed in Business...	Rehearsal Stage Manager	Imagination Stage Performance Ensemble, <i>dir. Tyler Herman</i>
Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812	Props Designer	George Mason University, <i>dir. James Gardiner</i>
Bat Boy	Props Designer	American University, <i>dir. Clancey Yovanovich</i>
Urinetown	Props Coordinator	American University, <i>dir. Kathryn Chase Bryer</i>
Spring Awakening	Props Coordinator	American University, <i>dir. Nadia Guevara</i>
As You Like It (musical)	Props Coordinator	American University, <i>dir. Aaron Posner</i>

## Community \* = upcoming

Be More Chill	Director	Rockville Musical Theatre (Gaithersburg Arts Barn)
Choices	Director	Silver Spring Stage One Act Festival (3rd Place Overall Winner)
The Lightning Thief	Director	Wildwood Summer Theatre
The Full Monty	Assistant Director and Props Designer	The Arlington Players, <i>dir. Michael Kharfen</i>
Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Stage Manager	Georgetown Gilbert & Sullivan Society, <i>dir. Shannon Wilson</i>
The Theory of Relativity	Producer	Wildwood Summer Theatre, <i>dir. Becca Haven</i>
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown	Producer	Wildwood Summer Theatre, <i>dir. Dillon Mitcham</i>
Head Over Heels	Scenic/Props Designer, Associate Producer	Wildwood Summer Theatre, <i>dir. Ileana Blustein</i>
School of Rock *	Props Designer	Little Theatre of Alexandria, <i>dir. Kristina Friedgen</i>
Urinetown	Props Designer	Rockville Musical Theatre, <i>dir. Kristina Friedgen</i>

## Additional Experience

Box Office Associate	Round House Theatre	Sep. 2022 - Present
Prop Shop Overhire	University of Maryland, College Park	Feb. - Apr. 2023
Tenured Member	Wildwood Summer Theatre Board of Directors	Aug. 2017 - Aug. 2023

## Education

American University, Washington, DC – B.A. Musical Theatre

Instructors: Jason Arnold, Tara Giordano, Caleen Sinnette Jennings, Karl Kippola, Carey Lawless, Nathan Beary Loughstein, Carl Menninger, Aaron Posner, Meghan Raham, Kelly Smith Jones, Colleen Sullivan, Erin Sullivan

## Related Skills

**Technology/Software:** Tessitura; DonorPerfect; Google Workspace; Microsoft Office Suite; Adobe Photoshop; Canva; iMovie; Final Cut Pro; Slack; MailChimp; Constant Contact; SquareSpace; Wix; basic HTML/CSS

**Additional:** CPR/First Aid certified; Maryland Driver's License; cross-stitching; bass drum/percussion experience; vast knowledge of niche musical theatre trivia