# **Madeline Riddick-Seals**

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#### **Education**

Boston University, Boston, MA

May 2024

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Theatre Arts, Minor in History of Art & Architecture

Honors: Cum Laude; Dean's List with Special Distinction; Kilachand Honors College

L'Accademia di Belle Arti di Venzia, Venice, IT

Spring 2023

Study abroad semester, Sculpture and Drawing

#### **Awards**

Grand Prize Winner, Ester B. and Albert S. Kahn Career Entry Fund for the Arts, College of Fine Arts

Spring 2024

# **Museum & Gallery**

## The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

June 2025 - Present

Met Live Arts Production Assistant

Manage, guide, and assist visiting performers throughout their on site rehearsals and performances.

# The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

June 2024 - June 2025

Twelve Month Live Arts Intern

Conducted research for programming, production, and development subdepartments, assisted in managing visiting artists for exhibition *Flight into Egypt*, and fielding independent oral historical research on performance artforms in Sicily.

#### The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Boston, MA

Jan 2024 - Apr 2024

MFA Pathways Contemporary Curatorial Management Intern

Worked closely with curators on daily tasks including label writing, artist research, visits, and interviews, art handling, and collection management.

MINT Gallery, Atlanta, GA July 2023

EngageMINT Volunteer

Facilitated activities to engage community members with local PoC artists and their work for annual fundraiser.

#### Research & Scholarship

Independent

## The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

June 2024 - Present

Pending Title: Public Art and Performance in Contemporary Sicily

Advised by Art Priromprintr and Limor Tomer

This project investigates the relationship between traditional Sicilian "cantastorie" and contemporary street art as tools of cultural preservation through the methods of field research and oral history.

Academic

#### Kilachand Honors College, Boston, MA

Sept 2023 - May 2024

The Blackberry Patch: A Cultural Preservation Project

Advised by Dr. Kristin Leahey

This thesis explores the intersection of Black American culture and contemporary Black artmaking through my own family's stories and photos. Inspired by archival research into the artistic process of pivotal Black women and the oral histories from the matriarchs of my own family, I create a body of work that crystalizes their stories through creative writing, photography, and collage.

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Tender Loving Care: Contemporary Art from the Collection Mentored by Michelle Millar Fisher

# **Public Speaking & Symposia**

Keystone on Tap, "A Quilted Culture: Black American Cultural Preservation Through the Arts"

Dec 2023

June 2024

A mid-thesis progress presentation to the Kilachand Honors College community that focused on my archival research of select Black women artists.

Keystone Symposium, "The Blackberry Quilt | Stories of Friendship Street: A Cultural Preservation Project"

Apr 2024

Final presentation of my completed honors thesis to professors, classmates, and university community which revealed my creative response to my grandmother and great-aunts' oral histories.

## **Theatre Arts & Design**

Brooklyn Tavern Theater, New York, NY

July 2025 - Present

Dan Furman

Production Coordinator

Eno River Players, New York, NY

Sept 2025 - Oct 2025

Scenic Designer, The Angel That Troubled the Waters

dir. Leo Egger

The Marjorie S. Deane Little Theater, New York, NY

June 2024 – July 2024

Director, i love you and i always will, or charlie's play

by Tommy Vines

Boston University, Boston, MA

Sept 2023 – Apr 2024

Art Director and Production Designer, She's Got Sol

Advised by Prof. Micheal Kaye

Greater Boston Stage Company, Boston, MA

Mar 2024 – Apr 2024

Scenic Assistant, *Where We Stand* **Boston University**, Boston, MA

dir. Taisia Jones June 2023 – Dec 2023

Scene Designer and Projections Designer, Fucking A

dir. Patdro Harris

Boston University, Boston, MA

December 2023

Director, *Orpheus in the Overworld* **Boston University**, Boston, MA

by Dante Gonzalez

October 2023
by Isabelle Sanatdar Stevens

Director, *broke (not broken), lost n found* **Boston University**, Boston, MA

July 2023 - Sept 2023

Production Designer and Co-director, i love you and i always will, or charlie's play

by Tommy Vines

Actors' Shakespeare Project, Charlestown, MA

July 2023

Scene Designer, Twelfth Night

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Boston University, Boston, MA

dir. Allison Taaffe

Director, The Expenses of a Godly Divorce

December 2023 by Gaby Tovar

Boston Young Artists, Boston, MA

Nov 2022 - Dec 2022

Scene Designer, *Mother, May I?* **Boston University**, Boston, MA

prod. Dominic Colangelo

Director, Florence Reece Goes to Camp

Sept 2022 – Dec 2022 Advised by Prof. Clay Hopper

Boston University, Boston, MA

Sept 2022 - Nov 2022

Scene Designer, Little Row Boat or, Conjecture

dir. Thomas Jones

Boston University, Boston, MA

Boston University, Boston, MA

Feb 2022 – Apr 2022

Production Designer, See Right Thru You

Jan 2022 - Apr 2022

Scene Designer, roots

devised by Will Edelson and Ken Yotsukura

devised by Mya Ison and Ivan Cecil Walks

Asst. Scene Designer and Props Coordinator, Proving Up

dir. Nathan Troup

# **Skills & Abilities**

Soft Skills: Public speaking, Project management, Interdisciplinary communication, Collaboration, Design principles

Computer: Microsoft Office, Google Suite, The Museum System, InDesign, Vectorworks, Tessatura

Language: Italian (Intermediate), Spanish (Advanced Beginner)