

Afsaneh Aayani SCENIC DESIGNER, PUPPETEER, AND ARTISTEmail: af.aayani@gmail.comWebsite: afsanehaayani.com**SCENIC DESIGNS**

PRODUCTION	DIR / LEAD DESIGN	THEATER / COMPANY	YEAR
2020/1 Season: ASD	Michael Locher	Alley Theater – Houston, TX	2020-2021
Charlotte's Web (Postponed: 2021)	Robin Robinson	Main Street Theater – Houston, TX	2021
Innominate (Postponed: 2021)	Afsaneh Aayani	Self-Produced – Houston, TX	2021
Sole Mates: The Musical (Postponed: 2021)	Travis Coombs	Match Theater – Houston, TX	2021
The Music Man (Canceled: COVID)	Mitchell Greco	Theater Under the Stars – Houston, TX	N/A
Book of Grace (Canceled: COVID)	Jeffrey Miller / Ryan McGettigan	Catastrophic Theater – Houston, TX	N/A
The Tamarie Show (Canceled: COVID)	Tamarie Cooper / Ryan McGettigan	Catastrophic Theater – Houston, TX	N/A
Appropriate (Canceled: COVID)	Julia Traber / Stefan Azizi	The Rec Room – Houston, TX	N/A
The Wolves (Canceled: COVID)	Sophia Watt / Stefan Azizi	The Rec Room – Houston, TX	N/A
Fefu and Her Friends (Assist)	Julia Traber / Ryan McGettigan	Catastrophic Theater – Houston, TX	2020
Passover (Assist)	Mekeva Mcneil / Stefan Azizi	The Rec Room – Houston, TX	2020
Haroun and the Sea of Stories	Adam Noble	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2019
The Gift of the Magi	Katherine Hatcher	A.D. Players – Houston, TX	2019
Pulsate	Rachael Logue	Prohibition - Houston, TX	2019
The Children (Assist)	Brandon Weinbrenner / Stefan Azizi	The Rec Room – Houston, TX	2019
Unplugged	Joey Watkins	A.D. Players – Houston, TX	2019
Lysistrata	Julia Traber	Classical Theater – Houston, TX	2019
The Wind in the Willows	Chip Simmons	A.D. Players – Houston, TX	2019
The Effect	Sophia Watt / Co-design: Stefan Azizi	Houston Equity Festival – Houston, TX	2019
The Fairytale Lives of Russian Girls	Christopher Owens	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2019
Two Mile Hollow	Lisa Wartenberg	Rogue Production, Houston, TX	2019
Dear Charlotte	Christopher Owens	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2018
Wanda, Daisy, and the Great Rapture	David Rainey	Alabama Shakespeare Festival, AL	2018
Caught	Stephen Miranda	Landing Theater – Houston, TX	2018
Oleanna	Sophia Watt	Landing Theater – Houston, TX	2018
David the Best Slinger in the West	Rob Bronson	A.D. Players – Houston, TX	2018
The Last Night of Ballyhoo	Carolyn Boone	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2018
Luchadora	Justin Lucero	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2017
The Little Black Fish	Bahar Sadafi	Bochum, Germany	2016
The Puffed Up Prima Donna	Josh Laforce	HGO.co – Houston, TX	2016
The Pastry Prince	Matt Hune	HGO.co – Houston, TX	2014
Kiss	Alireza Koochjalali	Austria Embassy in Iran – Tehran, Iran	2012
Monotalkhak	Nema Deghani	Tehran, Iran & Bochum, Germany	2011-2014
Krapp's Last Tape	Afsaneh Aayani	Tehran, Iran & Bialystok, Poland	2011-2012
In a Grove	Javod Namaki	Tehran, Iran	2011
Hamlet, As Told on the Street	Javod Namaki	Tehran, Iran	2008-2009
Rumpelstiltskin	Maryam Teymouri	Tehran, Iran	2007
Black, White, Mah Pishooni	Hamed Zarean	Tehran, Iran	2006
Where are my Wings?	Afsaneh Aayani	Tehran, Iran	2006

Scenic Painting

Haroun and the Sea of Stories	Adam Noble	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2019
The Children	Brandon Weinbrenner	The Rec Room – Houston, TX	2019
The Nest	Sophia Watt	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2019
Luchadora	Justin Lucero	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2017

Costume Design

King Lear (Canceled: COVID)	Stephanie Shine	Houston Shakespeare Fest – Houston, TX	2020
Three Sisters	Sophia Watt	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2019
Genealogy of Lies and Loneliness	Sajad Afsharian	Tehran, Iran	2012
Monotalkhak	Nema Deghani	Tehran, Iran	2011
King's Flight	Nema Deghani	Tehran, Iran	2011

Props Master

<i>The Realistic Joneses</i>	Jennifer Dean	4 th Wall – Houston, TX	2020
<i>Haroun and the Sea of Stories</i>	Adam Noble	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2019
<i>The Fairytale Lives of Russian Girls</i>	Christopher Owens	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2019
<i>Rupture, Blister, Burn</i>	Kim Tobin	4 th Wall – Houston, TX	2019
<i>Two Mile Hollow</i>	Lisa Wartenberg	Rogue Production, Houston, TX	2019
<i>Dear Charlotte</i>	Christopher Owens	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2018
<i>Caucasian Chalk Circle</i>	Justin Lucero	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2018
<i>Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead</i>	Adam Noble	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2018
<i>Luchadora</i>	Justin Lucero	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2017
<i>Topdog / Underdog</i>	Matthieu Chapman	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2017
<i>Wizard of Oz</i>	Adam Windsor Delka	Stageworks Theater – Houston, TX	2017
<i>Elephant Man</i>	Debbie Schultz	Stageworks Theater – Houston, TX	2017
<i>The Producers</i>	Dru Wiser	Stageworks Theater – Houston, TX	2017

Directing

<i>Innominate (Postponed: 2021)</i>	Afsaneh Aayani	Self-Produced – Houston, TX	2021
<i>The Black Cat</i>	Afsaneh Aayani	Catastrophic Theater – Houston, TX	2020
<i>Krapp's Last Tape</i>	Afsaneh Aayani	Tehran, Iran & Bialystok, Poland	2011-2012
<i>What Color Were God's Socks?</i>	Afsaneh Aayani	Tehran, Iran	2009
<i>Where are my Wings?</i>	Afsaneh Aayani	Tehran, Iran	2006

Puppeteering

<i>The Black Cat</i>	Afsaneh Aayani	Catastrophic Theater – Houston, TX	2020
<i>Melvin the Birder</i>	Spencer Lott	Beady Little Eyes and Henson Company – Portland, OR	2013
<i>Melika, Queen of the Cats</i>	Nancy Aldridge	Tears of Joy Theater – Portland, OR	2013
<i>Monster of the Sky</i>	Sam Koji Hale	Ibex Puppetry – Portland, OR	2013
<i>Daisy Short</i>	Jason Miranda	Light Bulb Puppetry – Portland, OR	2013
<i>Tunde's Trumpet</i>	Samuel Pearson	Boom Arts Company – Portland, OR	2013
<i>The Young Eagle</i>	Jason Miranda	Puppet Slam Portland – Portland, OR	2013
<i>Girls from the Garden of Carpets</i>	Afsaneh Zamani	Chengdu, China	2012
<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	Zarah Aziminia	Tehran, Iran / Colombo, Sri Lanka	2011 / 2012
<i>Mother Ocean's Daughters (Nane Darya's Daughters)</i>	Tara Shoghi	Tehran, Iran / Bialystok, Poland	2009 / 2010
<i>Seven Heads, Seven Hats</i>	Tara Shoghi	Tehran, Iran	2007
<i>Rumpelstiltskin</i>	Hossein Cheraghi & Maryam Teymouri	Tehran, Iran	2007
<i>Blue, Blue, Four Fish</i>	Zarah Aziminia	Tehran, Iran	2007
<i>White, Black, Mah Pishooni</i>	Hamed Zarean	Tehran, Iran	2007

Puppet Making

<i>The Black Cat</i>	Afsaneh Aayani	Catastrophic Theater – Houston, TX	2020
<i>Bard in a Box</i>	Laura Moreno	Hermann Park – Houston, TX	2019
<i>As You Like It (Jester Head)</i>	Christina Keefe	Rice University - Bochum, Germany	2019
<i>Dr. Bubbles</i>	Rob Shimko	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2019
<i>Caucasian Chalk Circle</i>	Justin Lucero	University of Houston – Houston, TX	2018
<i>The Comedy of Errors</i>	Jack Young	HSF Production – Houston, TX	2018
<i>Hand to God</i>	Samuel Pearson	Rice University, Houston, TX	2018
<i>The Little Black Fish</i>	Bahar Sadafi	Bochum, Germany	2016
<i>Little Prince, Multiple Puppets</i>	Afsaneh Aayani	3 Balloons Entertainment, Houston, TX	2016
<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i>	Nancy Aldridge Team Build	Tears of Joy, Portland, OR	2013
<i>Tunde's Trumpet</i>	Ruth Wikler-Luker	Boom Arts Company – Portland, OR	2013
<i>Krapp's Last Tape</i>	Afsaneh Aayani	Tehran, Iran	2011
<i>The Great Dan Dan</i>	Design: Afsaneh Aayani Build: Monir Molavi	Tehran, Iran	2010
<i>An Elegy for a Clown</i>	Director: Ramin Cohan Color Design: Afsaneh Aayani	Tehran, Iran	2009
<i>Hamlet, As Told on the Street</i>	Javod Namaki	Tehran, Iran	2009
<i>White Like Moon, Blue Like Earth</i>	Director: Naema Karami Design: Afsaneh Aayani	Tehran, Iran	2009
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Hasan Majooni	Tehran, Iran	2006

Mask Making

Sweeney Todd	Norma Cortez (Head of Costume)	Houston Grand Opera, Houston, TX	2015
Carmen	Collaboration: Julie Weiss	Houston Grand Opera, Houston, TX	2014
Samak Ayyar	Iraj Raminfar Build with Homa Sadatian	Tehran, Iran	2010-2011
A Night in Paris	Roozbeh Masoumi	Tehran, Iran	2010
Oresteia	Sogol Ghalatian	Tehran, Iran	2010

Voice Acting

Rimengah Stories (54 Episodes)	Mohammad Alami	Tehran, Iran	2012
Blue City (54 Episodes)	Mohammad Alami	Tehran, Iran	2011-2012
We Wish You Were With Us (24 episodes)	Mohammad Alami	Tehran, Iran	2011-2012
Golamooz (15 episodes)	Sara Roostapoor	Tehran, Iran	2011
Friendship House (54 episodes)	Mohammad Alami	Tehran, Iran	2011
Brothers (64 episodes)	Mohammad Alami	Tehran, Iran	2010
Dani and I (54 episodes)	Arzhang Amirfazli	Tehran, Iran	2010
Pooya and Pooneh (Motion Picture)	Hadi Hasanali	Tehran, Iran	2010
Chehel Tike (100 episodes)	Amir Feizi	Tehran, Iran	2009

Other Professional Experiences

Puppet Making Instructor		University of Houston – Houston, TX	2018-2019
Puppet Making Workshop		Stageworks Theater – Houston, TX	2017
Promotional Videographer		Ashburn Technologies – Houston, TX	2016
Puppet Making Workshop		Asia Society – Houston, TX	2016
Puppet Opera Camp		HGO.co – Houston, TX	2015
Puppet Making Workshop		HGO.co – Houston, TX	2015
Mask Making Workshop		Beyuda – Houston, TX	2015
Mask Making Workshop		Asia Society – Houston, TX	2014
Artistic Director		12 th International Festival of Student Puppet Theater – Tehran, Iran	2009
Art Instructor		Tehran, Iran	2009

FESTIVALS AND AWARDS

- 2020 USITT Scenic Design Award Sponsored by Rose Brand
- 2019 Houston Press Best Scenic Design Nomination, "The Effect"
- 2013 Puppet Slam – Portland, Oregon
- 2012 Bialystok Theatre Festival – Bialystok, Poland
- 2012 21st Unima Congress & International Puppet Theater Festival – Chengdu, China
- 2012 1st Colombo International Theater Festival – Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2011 13th International Festival of Student Puppet Theater – Tehran, Iran
 - "Krapp's Last Tape"
 - Overall Best Show of festival
 - First Prize: Directing, Scenic Design, Lighting Design, Poster & Brochure Design
 - Second Prize: Puppet Design and Puppet Making, Puppeteering
 - "The Old Man and the Sea"
 - First prize for Puppeteering
- 2011 29th Fajr International Theatre Festival – Tehran, Iran
- 2010 12th International Student Theater Festival – Tehran, Iran
- 2010 28th Fajr International Theatre Festival – Tehran, Iran
- 2010 13th Tehran–Mobarak International Puppet Theater Festival – Tehran, Iran
- 2010 11th EXPERIENCE Theater Festival – Tehran, Iran
 - "Oresteia" First Prize: Mask Making & Make Up
- 2010 Bialystok Theatre Festival – Bialystok, Poland
- 2009 12th International Festival of Student Puppet Theater – Tehran, Iran
 - "White like Moon, Blue like Earth" Second prize: Puppet Design
- 2008 12th Tehran–Mobarak International Puppet Theater Festival – Tehran, Iran
 - "Rumpelstiltskin" First Prize: Puppeteering
- 2008 10th International Student Puppet Theater Festival – Tehran, Iran
- 2007 6th International BANOO Theatre Festival – Tehran, Iran
 - "Black, White, Mah Pishooni" Third Prize: Puppeteering
- 2006 2nd NEGAHE KHALAGH Student Puppet Theatre Festival – Tehran, Iran
 - "Where are my Wings?" First Prize: Scenic Design

EDUCATION

- 2020 MFA (Scenic Design) University of Houston, Houston, TX
- 2010 BA (Puppetry) Dramatic Art University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran