

LEO CHAVOLLA

Sound Designer & Engineer

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

Professional Experience

2022-Present	Freelance Sound Engineer & Designer
2022-Present	Systems Engineer (A1, A2, L1, L2, Cam Op, Spot Op, Warehouse Tech, Repair Tech), Interstate Sound
2021-Present	CAD Technician & Fabricator, Commercial AV Systems
2024	Lead Sound Assistant, Ohio Light Opera
2023	Lighting Designer & House Manager, Birch Creek Music Performance Center
2020-2021	Landscape and Hardscape Technician, Landscape Gardening & Sunset Gardens
2019	Laborer & Equipment Operator, Apple Creek Apple Orchard
2018	Crop Scout, AgSource Inc.
2016-2018	Laborer & Equipment Operator, Sacia Orchards
2015	Laborer, Southwind Orchards

Academic Experience

2024	Sound Programmer, New Richmond High School
2024	Lighting Technician and Programmer, Sparta High School
2023-2024	Sound Designer, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2023	Lead Electrician, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2023	Recording and Live Mix Engineer, GET High School Performing Arts Center
2022-2024	Lighting and Sound Shop Staff, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2022-2023	Show Band Director, Onalaska High School
2021-2023	Guest Artist & Section Coach, La Crosse Youth Symphony Orchestras
2021-2024	Sound Engineer, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2020-2023	Jazz Department Librarian, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Honors and Awards

2024	National Sound Design Award
	The Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival – National Festival <i>Dr. Faustus</i> at The University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
2024	John E. Magerus Award for Outstanding Graduating Senior
	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities
2024	Certificate of Merit – Sound Engineering
	The Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival Region III <i>James and the Giant Peach</i> at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2021-2024	All-Student Juried Art Exhibition Featured Artist
	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2023	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Undergraduate Research and Creativity Grant Recipient

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2023	Certificate of Merit – Sound Design The Kennedy Center’s American College Theatre Festival Region III <i>Dr. Faustus</i> at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2023	Bill Fiorini Award for Metalsmithing University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2022, 23, & 24	Honors Recital Featured Artist University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2022-2023	Best Band (6 times over competition season) Onalaska High School Show Choirs
2022	Charlie Krause Leadership Award Kids From Wisconsin
2021	Leo Chavolla Spirit Award Kids From Wisconsin
2020-2024	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Dean’s List 8 Semesters
2019	John Philip Sousa Award GET High School
2019	Manual Precision Machining – Gold Medal Skills USA Wisconsin State Competition
2019	Principal Bass Trombonist La Crosse All-Star Jazz Orchestra (final season)
2019	Principal Euphonium, Outstanding Soloist and Featured Artist Dorian Band Festival, Luther College
2018	Principal Euphonium Winona State University Band Festival
2018	Principal Bass Trombone Winona State University Jazz Festival
2017	Principal Euphonium, Outstanding Soloist Dorian Band Festival, Luther College
2017	Principal Euphonium University of Wisconsin-Platteville Band Festival

EDUCATION

2020-2024	Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance-Jazz Studies Emphasis, Highest Honors Minor in Theatre Technology and Design. Minor in Art University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2017-2019	Certificate in Prototype Engineering Minnesota Post-Secondary Education Opportunities Program Minnesota State College Southeast, Winona Campus
2015-2019	High School Diploma Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School

TEACHING

2024	Sound Engineering Teaching Assistant University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
2022-2023	Show Band Director Onalaska High School Show Choirs
2021-present	Low brass private lessons teacher

CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Sound & Lighting Work

Event	Role	Venue	Supervisor	Year
<i>Finn</i>	Assistant Sound Designer	Kennedy Center Theatre for Young Audiences	Justin Schmitz	2024
<i>Elf</i>	Sound Programmer	New Richmond High School	Jodi Mealey	2024
<i>Grease</i>	Lighting Programmer & Technician	Sparta High School	Skyler Erickson	2024
Uncommon Denominator	A1	Various around Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois	Emily Watkins	2023,2024
Wisconsin Economic Development Summit	L1	La Crosse Center	Dana Erickson, Interstate Sound	2024
Wisconsin AFL-CIO Convention	L1	La Crosse Center	Tim McCune	2024
La Crosse Oktoberfest	A1, A2, L1, L2	Oktoberfest Festgrounds	Dana Erickson, Interstate Sound	2024
Quinn XCII's <i>All You Can Eat Tour</i>	House L2	La Crosse Center Arena	Paul McGettigan, Interstate Sound	2024
<i>Valmaturgy</i>	Sound Designer	Frederick Theatre, University of Wisconsin La Crosse	Val Fish	2024
<i>Altra Rocks featuring Des Rocs, Dead Poet Society, and Highly Suspect</i>	L1, L2	Copeland Park	Dana Erickson, Interstate Sound	2024
Trane Technologies Leadership Summit	A2	Gaylord Opryland Convention Center	Joe DePoole, Interstate Sound	2024
Wisconsin State Counties Association	GAV	La Crosse Center	Joe DePoole, Spotlight AV	2024
Hornel SPAM Community Celebration	A2 (Monitors)	SPAM Museum	Trent Edgerton, Sound Central	2024
Ashley for the Arts	A1	Amphitheater Stage, Veterans Memorial Park	Dana Erickson, Interstate Sound	2024
<i>The Arcadians</i>	Sound Designer	Freedlander Theatre, College of Wooster	Steven Daigle, Ohio Light Opera	2024
<i>The Count of Luxembourg</i>	A2	Freedlander Theatre, College of Wooster	Steven Daigle, Ohio Light Opera	2024
<i>The Gondoliers</i>	A1	Freedlander Theatre, College of Wooster	Spencer Reese, Ohio Light Opera	2024
<i>The Sound of Music</i>	Assistant Sound Designer & Qlab Programmer	Freedlander Theatre, College of Wooster	Christopher Plummer, Ohio Light Opera	2024
<i>Me & My Girl</i>	Sound Designer	Freedlander Theatre, College of Wooster	Jacob G. Allen, Ohio Light Opera	2024
<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	A1	Freedlander Theatre, College of Wooster	Christopher Plummer, Ohio Light Opera	2024
<i>James and the Giant Peach</i>	A1	Toland Theatre, UWL	Greg Parmeter	2024
<i>Spirits Among Us</i>	Sound Designer	Frederick Theatre, UWL	Bao Xiong	2024

<i>Senior Spotlight</i>	Recording Engineer	Viterbo University	Rick Walters	2024
Vocal Ties	Sound Engineer	Annett Recital Hall, UWL	Leo Chavolla	2024
<i>Spring Jazz Concert</i>	Sound Technician	Toland Theatre, UWL	Dr. Jeff Erickson	2024
<i>Art in Motion</i>	Lead Electrician	Toland Theatre, UWL	Christopher Kurtz	2024
<i>Logan High School Show Choir Invitational</i>	A1	Logan High School	Dana Erickson, Interstate Sound	2024
<i>The Wolves</i>	Lead Electrician	Toland Theatre, UWL	Christopher Kurtz	2023
<i>Fuddy Meers</i>	Assistant Sound Designer	Frederick Theatre, UWL	Christopher Kurtz	2023
<i>Dr. Faustus</i>	Sound Designer	Toland Theatre, UWL	Nic Barilar	2023
<i>UWL New Music Festival</i>	A1, Sound Designer	Annett Recital Hall, UWL	Dr. David Dies	2023
Birch Creek Summer Concert Series	Lighting Designer, Lead Electrician, House Manager	James N. Dutton Concert Barn	Mona Christensen	2024
<i>Directing Class Evening of Scenes</i>	Sound Designer	Frederick Theatre, UWL	Nic Barilar	2023
<i>Dragons Love Tacos</i>	Assistant Sound Designer	Frederick Theatre, UWL	Nic Barilar	2023
<i>UWL New Music Festival</i>	A1, Sound Designer	Annett Recital Hall, UWL	Dr. Dylan Findley	2022
<i>Dos Cuerpos: Vox Populi & La Crosse Chamber Chorale</i>	A1	Capella Performing Arts Center	Christopher Hathaway, Julio Morales	2022

Performance Work (Selected)

Event	Role	Venue	Supervisor	Year
La Crosse Jazz Orchestra <i>Martinis and Sinatra</i>	3rd Trombone	Capella Performing Arts Center	Dr. Greg Balfany	2024
Expreso Libertad	Guest trombone soloist	Gran Calavera, Pátzcuaro, Michoacán	Néstor Perez	2024
UWL College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities Fall Convocation	Bassist	Bluffs Ballroom, Student Union, University of Wisconsin La Crosse	Pete Rydberg	2024
UWL Choral Union <i>Brahms and Beethoven</i>	2nd Trombone	Viterbo University Fine Arts Center	Christopher Hathaway	2024
<i>Leo Chavolla Senior Recital</i>	Trombone Soloist	Annett Recital Hall, UWL	Dr. Jeff Erickson	2024
UWL Jazz Orchestra	Principal Bass Trombone	Various	Dr. Jeff Erickson	2020- 2024
Isthmus Brass	Bass Trombonist	Various around Wisconsin	Dr. Michael Forbes	2023
<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>	Trombone	Lyche Theatre, Weber Center for the Performing Arts	Kristin Freedlund- Renfro	2023
La Crosse Jazz Orchestra <i>Christmas Concert</i>	3rd Trombone	Capella Performing Arts Center	Dr. Greg Balfany	2023
Beloit-Janesville Symphony Orchestra <i>A Night at the Opera</i>	Bass Trombone	Various	Robert Tomaro	2023
<i>Dirty Rotten Scoundrels</i>	2nd Trumpet	Toland Theatre, UWL	Mary Anderson	2023
UWL Dana Hoefler Brass Quintet	Bass Trombone, Tenor Trombone	Various	Jon Ailabouni	2021- 2023

UWL Symphony Orchestra	Principal trombone, principal bass trombone, principal tuba	Various	Justin Davis	2020-2023
UWL Wind Ensemble	Principal trombone, principal bass trombone, principal tuba, string bass	Various	Justin Davis	2020-2023
UWL Screaming Eagles Marching Band	Sousaphone, section leader	UWL Veterans Memorial Stadium	Dr. Tammy Fisher	2019-2022
Onalaska High School Show Choirs	Show Band Director	Various	Richard Moses	2022-2023
La Crosse Youth Symphony Orchestras	Guest Artist and Section Coach	Onalaska High School	Randy Mastin	2022-2023
<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>	Trombone	Lyche Theatre, Weber Center for the Performing Arts	Kristin Freedlund-Renfro	2022
Kids From Wisconsin Summer Tour	Bass Trombone, Student Band Leader	Various	Alex Knoepker	2021-2022
<i>The Secret Garden</i>	String Bass	Lyche Theatre, Weber Center for the Performing Arts	Kristin Freedlund-Renfro	2019
<i>Cabaret</i>	String Bass	Lyche Theatre, Weber Center for the Performing Arts	Kristin Freedlund-Renfro	2018
<i>Titanic The Musical</i>	Bass Trombone	Lyche Theatre, Weber Center for the Performing Arts	Matt Salvo	2018