



# Janell Berté

## Costume Designer

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2011	Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer	New York Musical Festival – NYC Mt. Gretna Theater, PA Mt. Gretna Theater, PA Opera Lancaster, PA Elizabethtown College, PA	Christopher Windom Dennis Courtney Christian Saint-Girard John Darrenkamp Michael Swanson	Central Avenue Breakdown Funny Girl My Fair Lady Tosca Rosencrantz & Guildenstern
2010	Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer	Beckett Theatre, Theatre Row, NYC New York Musical Festival - NYC Midtown International Theatre Festv. NYC Engeman Theater – New York Boheme Opera, NJ Boheme Opera, NJ Opera Lancaster, PA Mt. Gretna Theater, PA Mt. Gretna Theater, PA Elizabethtown College, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Brandywiners, PA	Jamibeth Margolis Paul Stancato Dennis Courtney Paul Stancato Jamibeth Margolis Jamibeth Margolis John Darrenkamp Jason Summers Dennis Courtney Terri Masterbuono Rich Repkee Gene Ellis Matt Good Henry Porreca	Family Dinner Trav'lin <b>Civil War Voices*</b> Sound of Music Pirates of Penzance Warsaw La Bohème Putman County Spelling Bee Peter Pan The Crucible Man of La Mancha Lady in Question Putman County Spelling Bee Guys & Dolls
2009	Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer	New York Musical Festival, NYC Opera Lancaster, PA Opera Lancaster, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA	Samuel Buggeln Ellen Fritz John Darrenkamp Pat Kautter	Plagued – A love story The Light in the Piazza Cavalleria-Rusticana The Producers
2008	Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer	Theater of the Seventh Sister, PA Theater of the Seventh Sister, PA Opera Lancaster, PA Opera Lancaster, PA	Gary Smith Gary Smith Rich Repkee Rich Repkee	Seed of a Nation Mother Courage Gianni Schicchi Suor Angelica
2007	Costume Designer Co-Designer Costume Designer	Theater of the Seventh Sister, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA	Beth Schachter Ken Seigh Ed Fernandez	Midsummer Night's Dream Dirty Blonde South Pacific
2006	Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer	Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA	Ed Fernandez Ed Fernandez Ed Fernandez Ed Fernandez Jody Reppert	Sound of Music Mystery of Irma Vep Sordid Lives Gypsy The Crucible
2005	Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Designer Costume Vendor	Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Ephrata Performing Arts Center, PA Universal Pictures / FOCUS Features, CA	Ed Fernandez Ed Fernandez Ed Fernandez Ed Fernandez Ed Fernandez Ed Fernandez Kevin Ditzler Hope Hanafin	Evita Sweeney Todd Fifth of July Wonderful Town Virginia Wolf A Man of No Importance Annie Warbucks Something New

\* Winner Outstanding Costume Design – Midtown International Theatre Festival

Costume Design for additional productions of:

Good Man Charlie Brown / Peter Pan / Once Upon a Mattress / Guys & Dolls / Alice in Wonderland / Sound of Music / Thoroughly Modern Millie / The Foreigner / Wizard of OZ / Crimes of the Heart / Anthropology Project / Carousel / Aida / Titanic / Midsummer Night's Dream / Phantom Tollbooth / Little Women / Hairspray / Jungle Book / Raisins in the Sun / To Kill a Mockingbird / Pride and Prejudice



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## Technical Skills

Garment Design, Custom Fabric Design, Draping, Patternmaking (Manual & PDS/Gerber), Corseting, Pattern Grading, Production Cutting, Marker Making, Industrial Sewing, Hand Knitting, Hand Finishing, Alterations, Beading & Embroidery Design for Production

Management skills for garment production, fittings and staff training. World travel to China, Europe, and India to source materials and supervise garment production. Self-Starter and competitive. Loves challenges both as a team leader and participant. Resourceful and works well under pressure.

## Education

BS	Drexel University	Fashion Design	Graduated Cume Laude
	Broadway Teaching Lab	Graduate Studies Course	
	Albright College	Masters Class in Corseting	
	Otis Parsons - Los Angeles	Costume Design	

## Teaching Experience

2006-Present	Instructor	Milton Hershey School, PA	Costume Design / Fashion Design
2007	Adjunct Professor	Drexel University, PA	Couture Sewing — Graduate Studies
1998-2001	Adjunct Professor	Pennsylvania University, PA	Pattern Making, Draping, Fashion Design
1986-1987	Adjunct Professor	Fullerton College, CA	Draping

## Other Experience

1982 – Present	Fashion Designer	Berté, Ltd.	National line of Bridal Gowns
1979-1982	Fashion Designer	Elegance of Paris, Beverly Hills	Ready-to-Wear
1990 - Present	Magazine editorials in Elegant Bride, Brides, Modern Bride, Martha Stewart, People Magazine, In Style		
2006	Awarded Excellence in Couture Design and Craft by International Bridal Manufactures Association		
2001	Designed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inaugural Ball Gown for wife of PA Governor Tom Ridge		
2001-2005	Directed and Produced retail seminars for Las Vegas Bridal Market		
1996	Named “Couture Designer of the Year” by Elegant Bride Magazine		
1994	Named “most popular bridal gown in USA” by People Magazine		

## References

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