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ELLIOTT BERCK

Pursuing a BFA in Lighting Design & Technology at University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music

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PROFILE

I have always enjoyed lighting and hope to further grow as a designer through college courses and experiences that will prepare me for my future professional endeavors.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI (CCM)
Cincinnati, OH, 2026-Present, Expected Graduation 2030

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Naperville, IL, 2022-2026, Class of 2026,
Cum Laude, Weighted GPA: 4.1053

GORDON GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Naperville, IL, 2019-2022, Class of 2022

ROBERT E. CLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Naperville, IL, 2013-2019, Class of 2019

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Lighting designer
EOS programming/operation with Ion Xe 20 and Ion Classic
GrandMA3 programming/operation
GrandMA2 programming/operation
Dot2 programming/operation
xLights (Christmas lighting software)
ADJ myDMX 3.0 programming/operation
Behringer x32 programming/operation
Yamaha console operation (MGXU, QL5, CL5)

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

ELLIOTT'S MOW TOWN
2020-Present
Provided annual landscaping services during spring, summer, and fall months for multiple families including mowing, mulching, trimming, watering, and landscape lighting installation.

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

KLA CHICAGO (July 2025-Present)
Designed and operated lighting for Itasca Fest (2026, 2025) and Sugar Grove Corn Boil (2026) and worked various events around the Chicagoland area in lighting, audio, and video ranging from installation to operation.

LITRONICX LTD. (June 2025)
Installed a long-term lighting rig for Country Club Hills Summer Concert Series at Country Club Hills Amphitheatre as a contracted employee.

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM (*2022-2026)*
Gained experience working all technical aspects in an 861-seat high school auditorium with a 65-foot fly space for flexibility in theatrical productions.

Lighting Designer/Master Electrician
Musical Theatre: *Mamma Mia! (2026); The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (2025); Tony & Tina's Wedding (2025); Spamalot (2025); Anonymous (2024); The Losers (2024); Guys and Dolls (2024); Clue (2023); This (or something better) (2023)*
Music: Crystal Concert *(2025, 2024, 2023, 2022)*
Dance: Orchesis Showcase *(2026, 2025, 2024, 2023);* Steps Showcase *(2026, 2025, 2024, 2023);* Elevate Showcase *(2026, 2025, 2024)*
Auditorium Crew: Variety Show *(2026, 2025, 2024, 2023);* Mr. NVHS *(2026, 2025, 2024, 2023)*
Backstage Tech
Musical Theatre: *Chicago (2023); She Kills Monsters (2022)*
Music: Crystal Concert *(2025, 2024, 2023, 2022)*
Dance: Orchesis Showcase *(2023)*

ZR STUDIOS (*2022-Present)*
Designed lighting and ambiance for home celebrations and community events for a Chicagoland-area entertainment company.

GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL (*2021–2025)*
Lighting designer; designed an upgraded lighting rig for the performance space.
Musical Theatre: *Mary Poppins Jr. (2026); Beetlejuice Jr. (2025); Frozen Jr. (2024); Matilda Jr. (2023); Honk Jr. (2022); School House Rock Live! Jr. (2021, Virtual)*

SPEVAK PERCUSSION CONCEPTS, LLC *(2020-Present)*
Designed lighting, graphics, and audio for student showcases and big band performances, including pre-shows with lasers synchronized to music.

BEYOND CHIRISTMAS LIGHTS *(2020-Present)*
Created annual, synchronized Halloween and Christmas light shows using traditional string lights and pixels controlled by xLights software for a multi-house display.

PARAMOUNT SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS (*2019–2021)*
Technical Theatre
Learned skills of technical theatre from industry professionals from Paramount Theatre's own production shops for the theatre's Broadway Series shows.

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AWARDS

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Illinois State Scholar (2026-2027)
Seal of Biliteracy – German (2026)
Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence (2026)
Neuqua Honors – Music, Business Departments (2026)
National German Exam – Gold Medal (2026)
3rd Place IHSA Musical Theatre Review (2025)
Neuqua Honors - Administration, Mathematics, and Social Studies Departments (2025)
National German Exam – Gold Medal (2025)
Director's Choice Award – Theatre (2024)
Neuqua Honors - English, Theatre, and World Language Departments (2024)
Wildcat Pride Award – Social Studies (2024)
Rising Star – Theatre (2023)
Wildcat Pride Award – Music (2022)

GORDON GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Gordon Gregory Leadership Award (2022)
Pioneer Pride Award (2021, 2019)
Band Director's Award (2020)
S.T.A.R.S. Award (2019)

COMMITTEES

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Neuqua Valley Leadership Panel (2025)
Neuqua Valley Freshman Ambassadors (2023)
Neuqua Valley Freshman Mindsets (2022-2023)

GORDON GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student Council (2019-2022)

HOBBIES

Lighting design
Music – percussion and guitar
Studio production
Synchronized holiday light shows
FPV drones - cinematic and acro
Video editing
Electrical and electronic projects
Smart home automation
Custom PC assembly

MUSIC EXPERIENCE

NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Neuqua Valley Symphony Orchestra: Percussion *(2023-2026)*
Chamber-level students perform high-quality orchestral music
Directors: Kevan Kosobayashi and Jonathan Lauff

Neuqua Valley Band: Percussion *(2022-2026)*
Curricular band
Honors Wind Ensemble (Senior Year); Wind Ensemble (Junior Year); Wind Symphony (Sophomore Year); Concert Winds (Freshman Year)
Directors: Emily Binder, Jonathan Lauff, and Scott Oliver

Marching Wildcats: Percussion *(2022-2026)*
Neuqua Valley Marching Band
Senior Leadership Team *(2025 and 2024 Seasons);* Snare *(2025, 2024, and 2023 Seasons);* Pit Percussion *(2022 Season)*
Notable Performances: *Reliaquest Bowl Halftime Show (2024); Disney's Magic Kingdom Parade (2023)*
Director: Emily Binder

Blue Steel Band: Double Seconds, Engine Room *(2022-2026)*
Steel pan and rhythm section ensemble
Director: Matt Plaskota

SPEVAK PERCUSSION CONCEPTS, LLC: Percussion *(2019-2026)*
The nation's largest privately-owned percussion studio
Percussion Ensemble *(2021-2022);* Funk Band: *Percussion, Guitar (2020-2026);* Weekly Lessons *(2019-2026);* Drum Set Class *(2019-2020)*
Directors: Aaron Spevak and Vern Spevak

GORDON GREGORY MIDDLE SCHOOL: Percussion and Guitar *(2019-2022)*
Memorial Day Parade: *Tenors (2022);* Curricular Band: *Percussion (2019-2022);* Jazz Ensemble: *Drum Set, Guitar (2019-2022)*
Director: Kelly Dimidik

MUSICAL BEGINNINGS

ROBERT E. CLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Young Composer's Club *(2018-2019);* Chorus *(2017-2019)*

PRECUSSION FOR KIDS: Weekly percussion lessons *(2017-2019)*

SCHOOL OF ROCK: Summer Performance Camps *(Summers 2015-2020);* Rookies *(2014-2015);* Little Wing *(2013-2014)*

GUITAR: Weekly private lessons *(2014-2023)*