

MARK THODE

Graphic Designer, Photographer & Arts Administrator

WORK EXPERIENCE

Pipestone Performing Arts Center • Pipestone, Minnesota *Managing Director*

Day-to-day operations of the theater, grant writing, oversee marketing/promotions, technical director of theater, manage volunteers for regional choir and theater organizations
June 2018 - Present

Mark Thode Photography & Design • Pipestone, Minnesota *Business Owner, Photographer, Graphic Designer* Wedding Photography, High School Senior Portraiture Family Portraiture, Children & Infant Portraiture Landscape & Nature Photography, Freelance Graphic Design September 2009 - June 2022

EDUCATION

Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota
Design Technology, Bachelor of Science
Specialization in Digital Print Design
Production & Digital Design Electronic Delivery
August 2007 - May 2011, Graduated May 2011

PRESENTATIONS & EXHIBITS

Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Graphic Design Gallery, "Skycloth Creative Posters", Spring 2024

Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Photography Gallery, "Chasing the Light", Spring 2016

Pipestone Performing Arts Center Photography Gallery, "Insights", October 2013

INTERESTS & SKILLS

Photography, Graphic Design & Branding,
Technical Theater, Theatrical Light Design



REFERENCES

Mrs. Reggie Gorter
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Mark is a print and identity designer with an introverted disposition and a love of the theater. Long before getting his degree in Graphic Design from Bemidji State University, he began his career in theater working behind the scenes in community theater productions. Fast-forward to the present, he's worked for a newspaper, owned a portrait photography studio for 12 years, has collaborated as a freelance graphic artist on many projects, and has been the director of a performing arts venue for many years. In his spare time, he loves learning and experiencing with theatrical light design, serves on the board of three different non-profit arts organizations, and loves spending time with his two Cocker Spaniels: Bailey and Sheldon. He's fluent in Lorem Ipsum.

Skycloth Creative • Pipestone, Minnesota *Graphic Designer*

Design print and digital identities for stories and projects of the stage
January 2023 - Present

Pipestone Publishing Co., Inc. • Pipestone, Minnesota *Advertising & Commercial Graphic Designer* Design print materials & display advertisements for local businesses & organizations Summer 2009 (Intern), Summer 2010 (Intern) July 2011 - November 2017

THEATRE EXPERIENCE

Managing Director • Pipestone Performing Arts Center
Director • Cats, The Last Five Years
Producer • Peter Pan, Tarzan, Cats, Into The Woods, Scrooge + More
Stage Manager • Wizard of Oz, The Music Man, Annie, Peter Pan, Tarzan, Scrooge + More

ACTIVITIES & INVOLVEMENT

Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Board Member, January 2025 - Present
Arts & Mentoring Project Vice Chair, January 2017 - December 2026
Pipestone Performing Arts Center Board Member, June 2014 - August 2025
Calumet Players Chair, June 2014 - July 2015
Calumet Players Board Member, June 2011 - June 2014

AWARDS

Minnesota News Paper Association Better Newspaper Contest
News Photo, January 2018
Minnesota News Paper Association Better Newspaper Contest
First Place, Feature Photo, January 2017



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