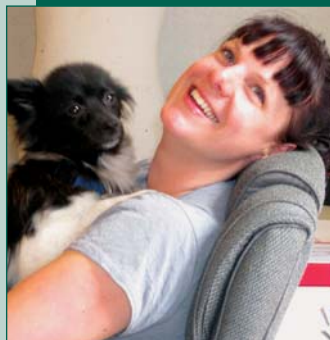


Member Profile: Allisa M. Swanson

NAME: Allisa M. Swanson
DEPARTMENT: Costumes
POSITION: Costume Designer
MEMBER SINCE: 2006
PARTIAL RESUME: Do You Know Me?
 Knights of Bloodsteel
 Masters of Science Fiction
 Godiva's
 Robson Arms



WHY ACFC WEST: "The crews are fantastic. They have knowledge, they have talent, they have a great work ethic and everyone has a good time. It has a great sense of comradery on set."

FIRST SHOW: Robson Arms

BEST EXPERIENCE: "I really enjoyed "Knights of Bloodsteel." It was a creative project that allowed me to design fantasy costumes with a medieval/steampunk feel. The producers and production manager were fabulous and they really allowed me to have full design control. I had a fantastic crew, our cast was great, our stunt people were a dream and each day was challenging, creative and was filled with lots of laughs!"

SPECIAL SKILLS: "I have a BFA in Fashion Design with an emphasis in Costume Design so I have a vast knowledge of costume history. I also sketch, illustrate, drape and draft patterns, sew and have lots of breakdown experience. It really helps when I take a sketch to my cutter/seamstress and can explain in depth how I want the garment constructed - it eliminates 'unpleasant' surprises."

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: "I have been working in costumes since 1991 and have been in film since 1996. I always wanted to be a Costume Designer, and have been Designing since 1999. In 2004 I won a Leo Award for Best Costume Design for a Feature, for the film "The Snow Walker." In 2008 I got my dream job designing a fantasy mini series for Reunion Pictures "Knights of Bloodsteel."

After amassing 4 storage spaces of costumes from the dark ages to the present, I began renting them out 3 years ago, along with rolling racks, cozy coats and truck kits. As of last summer in an attempt to reduce the rent I'm paying for storage I began to have monthly sales. They have been a success and have provided some really great deals to many other costume designers around town!"

WHAT IS A TERM THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT USES THAT MOST ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH?:

"Truck girl - everyone gives me funny looks when I start talking about our "truck girl."

Breakdown - always requires quite an explanation, and no one ever really gets their head around the fact that we spend hundreds, maybe thousands of dollars on an outfit, to then pay another couple of hundred dollars to have someone basically trash it to the point that the audience will actually think that it smells..."

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