

BRADLEY WALDEN

Sound/Swing Theatre Technician and Electronic Engineer

@bradpatwalden@gmail.com

+353 87 342 5830

Dublin / Galway, Ireland

bradley-walden

I'm a soon-to-be graduate of Electronic and Computer Engineering at the University of Galway, with a lifelong passion for theatre. With over a decade of hands-on experience in theatre tech and event production, through school, university, and volunteer work across South Africa, Switzerland, Ireland, and the USA, I bring a unique blend of creative and technical expertise. Through my studies, I've gained a solid foundation in digital systems, complex signal processing, programming, networking, control systems and more, along with strong analytical and problem-solving skills. I'm passionate about using engineering principles to improve reliability, efficiency, and innovation in technical theatre systems. My experience spans a wide range of disciplines, including audio, video, lighting, rigging, wigs, costumes, carpentry, and more. Colleagues often value my ability to learn quickly, adapt under pressure, and contribute with precision, attention to detail, and dedication. I'm now committed to building a career that combines my engineering background with my lifelong passion for theatre.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Audio/Video Technician

Elliot Hall of Music, Purdue

Aug 2024 – May 2025

West Lafayette, Indiana, USA

- Broad live event experience, incl. audio engineer (50+ events), video engineer (10+), camera operator (16+ incl. sports, ceremonies, and concerts), lighting technician (8+), and general stagehand for many more.
- Worked as local crew of 4 US National Tour stops, across Sound, Lighting, Wigs & Carpentry

Audio/Video Technician

Uni. of Galway Societies Office

Oct 2023 – May 2024, Jul – Oct 2025

Galway, Ireland

- Audio and lighting at a variety of university events, incl. club nights, conventions and society events
- Problem solving and quick thinking skills, often working with limited time, resources and information

Head of Tech & Musical Director/Sound Designer

Uni. of Galway Drama Society

Sep – Nov 2023

Galway, Ireland

- Exit The King (Oct 2023) & The Lightning Thief (Nov 2023)
- Led the technical team, overseeing all aspects of sound, lighting and video for both productions
- Acting the liaison between the technical teams and the creative team

Stage Manager - Immersive Christmas Experience

Elf Town Galway

Oct – Dec 2023, Sep – Dec 2025

Galway, Ireland

- Managed the "Santa Grotto" floor, coordinating the flow of visitors, actors and technical elements, preserving the "magic of Christmas" for 10000+ visitors across 2 seasons
- Installed various sound systems, across 3 buildings and troubleshoot technical issues across lighting, sound, video and computer systems
- Covered many managerial roles, at a moment's notice, as well as assisting with costuming, wigs and makeup, and general stagehand work

P2 Test Development Engineer Intern

Valeo

May 2023 – Sep 2023

Tuam, Ireland

- Developing a version control and auto-update system for production line testing
- Using a combination of NI TestStand, Python, Tortoise SVN & batch scripts
- Seamless integration into the existing production line testing system

IT Support Specialist

International School Basel

Dec 2021 – Aug 2022

Basel, Switzerland

- IT Helpdesk work, troubleshooting a wide variety of issues, across Windows, Mac & iOS
- Part of the tech crew for 4 school musicals, working as Dep. Head of Sound, Sound Designer, Patch Technician etc.
- Built the school's video streaming system, using up to 4 cameras to livestream concerts and events

TECHNICAL THEATRE SKILLS

Audio

- Sound mixing (FOH & Monitor), system setup, patching & troubleshooting
- Experience with Allen & Heath iLive & MIDAS M32R, QLab, SCS, OSC, Dante, Wireless Workbench
- Dante Level 2 Certification

Video

- Live video directing & switching
- Building and operating LED walls
- Camera operation (long-glass, handheld & PTZ) for sports matches, conferences and ceremonies

Lighting

- Rigging, setup & patching of lights
- Lighting design & programming (ETC Ion)

Other

- Wig styling and application, incl. working as a local wig dresser for a national tour
- Sewing; building and altering costumes
- Basic carpentry skills; building and painting sets
- Experience with rigging, incl. chain motors and counterweight fly systems

ENGINEERING SKILLS

Programming & Problem Solving

- Proficient in Python, C, C++, Java, experience in object-oriented design & data structures
- Strong technical problem-solving and debugging skills across hardware and software systems
- Familiar with Git version control, Linux environments, shell scripting & command line tools

Hardware Electronics

- Circuit design, analysis, and simulation (analog & digital), PCB layout and soldering
- Microcontrollers and embedded systems
- Power electronics knowledge, power distribution and system safety fundamentals

Signal & Data Processing

- Strong foundation in signals and systems, time/ frequency domain analysis and Fourier transforms
- Signal processing concepts, sampling, filtering
- Python for data analysis, simulation, and algorithm development

Wireless, Networking & Communication

- Practical knowledge of networking protocols, IP addressing, and network security
- Understanding of RF theory and wave propagation through electromagnetics

STRENGTHS

- Fast learner, pick up new skills quickly, adaptable
- Attention to detail, ensuring high-quality work in all aspects of production
- Problem solver, thinking on my feet and troubleshooting under stress
- Organisation, communication & collaboration

CREATIVE & PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- *South Pacific* (2016): StewPot & Ensemble, The International School Basel
- *My Fair Lady* (2017): Prof. Henry Higgins, The International School Basel
- *Guys And Dolls* (2018): Arvide Abernathy, The International School Basel
- *Calamity Jane* (2019): Doc. Pierce, The International School Basel
- 16 years playing the piano; ABRSM Grade 6
- Many years singing; ABRSM Grade 4, as well as many choirs and ensembles

EDUCATION

IB Diploma (May 2020)
International School Basel

38/45 points, with Higher Level Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

B.Eng Electronic & Computer Engineering (Exp. Aug 2026)
University of Galway

Achieved First Class Honours in first three years of study, with an average above 80%, ranking in the top 6% of my course. I have a strong interest in embedded systems and software development, and was selected for a year abroad at Purdue University (Indiana, USA) based on academic performance.