

Sally Howard

Mixed Media Artist & Theatre Designer

Biography

Sally started working in theatre from an early age which opened her eyes to a world of art and performers then went on to study Art and Design at Ipswich Art School moving on to specialise in Theatre Design at Croydon College, London. During her studies Sally worked for many costumiers and theatre companies. After graduating, Sally embarked on a career working in theatre and the creative industries as a Theatre Designer, designing Set and Costumes for many theatre companies as well as the Mercury Theatre, Colchester. She also works professionally as a Scenic Artist, Prop Maker, Costume Maker and Sculpture.

Working from her studio in Fingringhoe, Essex, Sally is now developing her own artwork in a wide range of practices such as Stained Glass, Painting and Drawing, Portraiture, lino printing, Mosaic and Textiles. Sally's inspiration comes from the beautiful countryside and coastal areas locally, in and around Essex and Suffolk.

Sally loves working and manipulating materials across all arts and crafts and has been producing art for as long as she can remember. Examples of work can be found on the following sites:

<http://www.sallyhoward.com>

<https://www.instagram.com/artbysallyhoward/>

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Work History

Freelance Artist / Maker

March 2026	Painting and Glass	Maeldune Heritage Centre,
Dec 2025	Exhibition	Maldon
Sept 2024	Scenic Artist	The New Wolsey Theatre
Sept 2017 to June 2024	Prop Maker	The New Wolsey Theatre
	Life Drawing Tutor	Prested Hall, Feering, Essex
July – Aug 2023	Collections Exhibition	Maeldune Heritage Centre,
		Maldon
May 2023	Asian Puppet Make	Felstead School, Essex
Jan – Dec 2022	Portrait Painting	Part of the Portraits for NHS
		Heroes
August 2022	Head Dresses, Jungle	Theatre on Kew, Kew Gardens
	Book,	
April 2017	Prop Costume Maker,	Colchester Mercury, Essex
	Spamalot	

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Nov 2016	Design and Concept Visual for winter themed golf course	RockartUK, Halesworth, Suffolk
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Employed work

Sept 2022 – June 2025	Art & Design Technician	Paxman Academy Colchester
Sept 2017 – July 2022	Foster Carer	Essex County Council, Children's Services
April 2017 – June 2019	Theatre Design Tutor	Colchester Institute, Colchester, Essex
Sept 2012 to Oct 2016	Art, Textile & Food Technician	Thurstable Secondary School, Essex
Sept 2009 – June 2012	Module Leader and Theatre Design Tutor	Colchester Institute, Essex
2003 - 2006	Crafts Teacher to mixed ages	Summerhill School, Suffolk
1995 - 1996	Visiting Lecturer Scenic Design to Performing Arts Students	Suffolk College, Ipswich
1979 - 1983	Assistant Carpenter	Wolsey Theatre Ipswich

Theatre Design Credits

The New Wolsey Theatre Sept 2024

A Mid Summer Nights	Play	Set, Costume and Props
Dream		

Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts – Designer 2010 to 2012

Fire Island	Play	Set & Costume
Our House	Play	Set & Costume
Harper Reagan	Play	Set & Costume

Mercury Theatre, Colchester Essex – Designer - 2000 to 2009

Cinderella	Pantomime	Set & Costume
Nora	Play	Set & Costume
Dick Whittington	Pantomime	Set & Costume
Habeas Corpus	Play	Set & Costume
Sleeping Beauty	Pantomime	Set & Costume
She Stoops to Conquer	Play	Set & Costume
Jack and the Bean Stalk	Pantomime	Set & Costume
Brass Balls	Play	Set & Costume
Babble	Play	Set & Costume

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Ghetto – Mercury Youth Theatre	Play	Set & Costume
Aftermath	Play	Set & Costume
Babble	Play	Set & Costume
Beauty and the Beast	Pantomime	Set & Costume
Entertaining Strangers	Play	Set & Costume
Aladdin	Pantomime	Set & Costume
Canterbury Takes – Mercury Youth Theatre	Play	Set & Costume
Babes in the Woods	Pantomime	Set & Costume

Warwick Arts Centre – Designer 1992 to 1994

Good King Wenceslas	Christmas Show	Set & Costume
Hansel & Gretel	Christmas Show	Set & Costume
Christmas cat and the Pudding Pirate	Christmas Show	Set & Costume

Quercus Children's Theatre – Designer 1989 - 1993

What Say Florentine Esubius	Play – Children's Theatre	Set & Costume
The Secret Garden	Play – Children's Theatre	Set & Costume

Worcester Swan Theatre - Resident Designer 1989 to 1991

Stig of the Dump	Children's Theatre	Set & Costume
The Dramatic Attitude Of Miss Fanny Kembel	Play	Set & Costume
Othello	Play	Set & Costume
Far From the Madding Crowd	Play - Touring	Set & Costume
A Man For All Seasons	Play	Set & Costume

The Redgrave Theatre, Farnham – Resident Designer 1987 - 1989

Blithe Spirit	Play	Set & Costume
Matilda (No 1 Tour) <i>(New Script)</i>	Play - Touring	Costume
Freedom to Forget <i>(New Script)</i>	Play	Set & Costume
Revenge (No 1 Tour) <i>(New Script)</i>	Play - Touring	Set & Costume
Who Killed Cock Robin	Children's Theatre	Set & Costume
Kingdom Of Earth	Play	Set & Costume
Bedroom Farce	Play	Set & Costume
Barber of Seville	Barber of Seville	The Entertainer
TIE Electricity (design)	Cluedo	Dial M for Murder
Same Time Next Year	Lady Chatterley's Lover	Matilda
The Devils Virtuoso	The Entertainer	

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Nottingham Playhouse

Design Assistant -

Hello Dolly

The Inspector Calls

Plaza Suite

Dick Whittington

The Hobbit

Oliver

Scenic Art / Prop making / Costume / Design Projects

Experience This Theming – 2002-2009

Christmas Grotto

Centre Stage Backdrops

Tunnel Theming

Mercury Theatre, 2000 - 2011

Private Lives

The White Devil

Three Sisters

Old World

Dick Whittington

Caucasian Chalk Circle

Present Laughter

The Caretaker

The Recruiting Officer

Dance Of Death

The Crucible

Blood Wedding

Jack and the Beanstalk

The Tempest

Macbeth

Arms and the Man

The Lady Vanishes

Twelfth Night

Blithe Spirit

All My Sons

Cinderella

Oh What A Lovely War

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Pull Of Negative Gravity

Triumph of Love

Aladdin

Return to the Forbidden Planet

Arms and the Man

Attraction Projects Worldwide Limited – 1996 - 2000

Kristian Sands - Norway

Spieltunn Arcades

Santa World - Rovernimie

Bamses World - Norway

London Dungeon

Tales of the Silent City - Malta

Around The World -

York Dungeon

Helsinki

Mercury Theatre, 1992-1995

Jack and the Beanstalk

Shirley Valentine

The circle

Meet Me at Mimi's

Wizard of Oz

Babes in the Wood

Bedroom Farce

Various Other Work

Orange Tree Theatre

Narnia

Adam Bead

Ballet Rambert

Stella Sea line, Show Cloths for Can-Can

Slip Stream

Hilary Vernon-Smith

Panto Wimbledon

Training

Croyden College,

3 yrs HND Theatre Design and Production

Suffolk College

2 yrs Diploma Art Foundation Course

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2 yrs City & Guilds Furniture Craft

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