

# MICHELLE THOMAS

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## FASHION DESIGNER, COSTUMER AND ALTERATIONS SPECIALIST

Extensive background in design concept development, administration / project management, order processing and showroom management. Experienced costumer and tailor in TV and film, commercials and music video production. Creator of innovative design concepts that incorporates my knowledge of current fashion trends and trend forecasting in order to make original designer items. Extensive seamstress experience performing alterations and tailoring for red carpet looks, during fittings and on set for A-List clients.

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### DESIGNER / TAILOR SKILLS

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Sewing- Straight Stitch  
Hand Stitching  
Sewing - Serger  
Beading  
Wood burning

Leather Working  
Original Designs  
Concept Development  
Jewelry Design  
Industrial / Home Sewing

Resin and Casting  
Fabrication  
Mold Building  
Rhinestone application  
Alterations/ Tailoring

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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## Costumer: TV / Film

Maintain the costume designer's vision for each character while on set. Maintaining the continuity of the costumes during filming and managing the day-to-day running of the on-set costume crew.

<b><u>Wardrobe Lead</u></b>	November 2022	<i>"Rock &amp; Roll Hall of Fame"</i> Awards Show
<b><u>Wardrobe Lead</u></b>	September 2022	<i>"Hip Hop Awards Rap Cypher"</i> Awards Show
<b><u>Wardrobe Lead</u></b>	June-August 2022	<i>"Yara Shahidi's Day Off"</i> Talk Show
<b><u>Wardrobe Lead</u></b>	June 2022	CNN "Juneteenth Special"
<b><u>Costumer</u></b>	March – April 2022	<i>"Becoming a Popstar"</i> Reality TV Series
<b><u>Seamstress Cutter / Fitter</u></b>	July - September 2021	<i>"The Neighborhood"</i> CBS Sitcom
<b><u>Key Costumer</u></b>	June-July 2021	<i>"The Devil You Know"</i> Feature
<b><u>ACD / Key Costumer</u></b>	May - June 2021	<i>"Vicious"</i> TV Series
<b><u>Set Tailor</u></b>	May 2021	<i>"Match Me If You Can"</i> Reality TV Series
<b><u>ACD / Key Costumer</u></b>	Feb. - April 2021	<i>"Well Done w/ Sebastian Maniscalco"</i> Docuseries
<b><u>Set Costumer / Tailor</u></b>	June 2019	<i>"NBA Awards"</i> w/ Shaquille Oneal

## Set Tailor / Alterations: Commercials / Music Videos

Maintain the costume designer's vision for each character while on set. Maintaining the continuity of the costumes during filming and managing the day-to-day running of the on-set costume crew.

<u>Set Tailor</u>	September 2022	"Petsmart" Featuring Jujubee
<u>Set Tailor</u>	September 2022	"Beats by Dre" Featuring Jackson Wong
<u>Set Tailor</u>	September 2021	"Made You look" Meghan Trainor Music Video
<u>Set Tailor</u>	August 2022	Ulta Beauty
<u>Set Tailor</u>	June 2022	Ulta Beauty
<u>Set Tailor</u>	May 2022	"Neutrogena" Featuring Jenna Ortega
<u>Set Tailor</u>	July 2021	"The General" Featuring Shaquille O'Neal
<u>Set Tailor</u>	December 2020	"The General" Featuring Shaquille O'Neal
<u>Set Tailor</u>	December 2020	"Ebay"
<u>Set Tailor</u>	January 2020	"JC Penny"
<u>Set Tailor</u>	September 2019	"The General" Featuring Shaquille O'Neal
<u>Set Tailor</u>	February 2019	"The General" Featuring Shaquille O'Neal

## Fashion Design

### *Aunt Funky's Closet & The Kut Studios*

As the owner and designer of Aunt Funky's Closet, Inc. I am responsible for every aspect of the company as the President of the Corporation. I am the owner of The Kut Studios LA, a fashion design studio and showroom in the Fashion District of Downtown Los Angeles. Below is a list of my responsibilities as the President and designer, but is not limited to these duties:

<u>Owner/ Designer</u>	June 2010 - Present	Los Angeles, CA
◆	Setup of designer Showroom	
◆	Acquisition of retail buyers specific to brand target market	
◆	Utilization of design techniques and tools involved in production of precision technical plans, blueprints, drawings, and models.	
◆	Presenting, promoting, and selling showroom products and services, including marketing strategy and tactics, product demonstration, sales techniques, and sales control systems.	
◆	Designing original avant-garde design concepts by topic or inspirational mood boards.	
◆	Direct and train interns and apprentices on new design techniques and concepts	
◆	Cultivation and creation of client design ideas	
◆	Set prices for styles, Development of capsule accessory collections	
◆	Acquisition of stockists / retailers through dynamic sale presentations	
◆	Identify target markets for designs, looking at factors such as age, gender, and socioeconomic status	
◆	Provide sample garments to agents and sales representatives, and arrange for showings of sample garments at sales meetings, fashion and trade shows.	
◆	Read scripts and consulting directors and other production staff in order to develop design concepts and plan productions.	
◆	Coordinate and negotiate rates for Pulls / Rentals by wardrobe stylists, creative directors and celebrity clientele	

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**CREDITS AND PUBLISHED WORK**


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Moevir Paris	Ellements Magazine	XIOX Magazine
Cosmopolitan	Confidante Magazine	Trend Prive' Magazine
Elle Bulgaria	FOP Magazine	Elle UK
Maxim Mexico	Elle Australia	Maxim Australia Magazine
Elle Arabia	Inked Magazine	Fashion Exchange Magazine
Vogue Italia	Cool Korea (Seoul Korea)	Beauty & Consequence
Lividity Magazine	Level Up Magazine	Graziamagazine
Imirage Magazine	Lividity Magazine	Ellements Magazine
Lady Gunn Magazine	Designer Original	Seven Tribes Magazine
XIOX Magazine	Huf Magazine	Volo Glam Magazine

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**MUSIC VIDEOS & STAGE SHOWS / TOURS**


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Jason Derulo	<i>Mamacita</i>	Mike Will Made It	<i>Perfect Pint</i>
Bad Bunny	<i>Ni Bien Ni Mal</i>	Fergie	<i>Save It Till Morning</i>
Asher Angel	<i>One Thought Away</i>	Tina Campbell	<i>Destiny</i>
Algee Smith	<i>All Girls Matter</i>	Stacey Barthe	<i>War IV Love, Flawed</i>
Chayanne	<i>Desde El Alma World Tour</i>	<i>Beautiful Creatures, Extraordinary Love</i>	
Gwen Stefani	<i>Las Vegas Residency Show</i>		
Ariana Grande	<i>God Is A Woman</i>		
Jennifer Lopez	<i>El Anillo</i>		
Toni Braxton	<i>Long As I Live</i>		

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**EDUCATION**


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UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX – Gardena Campus	2011- 2014
◆ Bachelors - Human Resources Management	
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON – Central Campus	2000 –2003
◆ Associates - Business Marketing / Advertising	

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**CELEBRITY CLIENT LIST**


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Ariana Grande, Singer	Anthony Hamilton, Singer
JLO, Singer	McKenna Grace, Actress (Gifted Movie)
Gwen Stefani, Singer	Naturi Naughton, Actress (Starz Power)
Jason Derulo, Singer	Keisha Epps, Singer (R&B group Total)
Michael Ealy, Actor	Naima Mora, Model (ANTM)
Omar Epps, Actor	Eugenia Washington, Model (ANTM)
Tami Roman, Actress	Shaun Ross, Male Super Model
Vanessa Bell Calloway, Actress	Jussie Smollett, Actor (Empire)
Will Catlett, Actor	Anna Maria Horsford, Actress (Friday franchise)
Glynn Turman, Actor	Yvonne Orji, Actress (HBO Insecure)
Rob Zombie, Musician & Film Producer	Thandie Newton, Actress (HBO Westworld)
Mario, Singer / Songwriter	Meghan Trainor, Singer
Stacey Barthe, Singer	Montell Jordan, Singer
Erykah Badu, Singer	Jackson Wong, Singer
Joi, Singer	Xochitl Gomez, Actress (Dr. Strange 2)
April Daniels, Tv Personality	Jenna Ortega, Actress (Disney)
Sate, Singer	Chaka Khan, Singer
V. Bozeman, Singer	America's Got Talent, TV Show
Paris Hilton, TV Personality	Addison Reicke, Actress (Disney)
Shaquille Oneal, Basket Ball PLayer	Jody Watley, Singer

Amber Rose, TV personality  
Talitha Bateman, Actress (Annabelle)  
Big Freedia, TV personality/ Rapper  
Anita Wilson, Singer (Gospel Artist)  
Jay Hernandez, Actor (Suicide Squad)  
Taryn Manning, Actress (OITNB)  
Draya Michele, TV personality (Basketball Wives)  
Cedric The Entertainer, Actor  
Tina Campbell, Singer (Mary, Mary)  
Disney Corporation (D23 EXPO)  
En Vogue, Singers  
Jujubee, Actress (Rupauls Drag Race)  
Jaylen Baron, Actress (Blindspotting)  
Tischina Arnold, Actress  
Dancing w/ the Stars

Leslie Odom, Jr. (Hamilton)  
Lonnie Chavis, Actor (This is Us)  
Ella Anderson, Actress (The Boss)  
Imani Hakim, Actress (Everybody Hates Chris)  
Maxwell Jenkins, Actor (Lost in Space)  
Charisse Mills, Pop Opera Singer  
Algee Smith, Actor (The Hate You Give)  
Jeannie Mai, TV Host (The Real)  
Dawn Richards, Singer (Danity Cane)  
Jordan Jones, Actor (Rel)  
Tamar Braxton, Singer  
Derrick McCabe, Actor (Wrinkle in Time)  
Alicia Foxx, WWE Divas  
Liv Warfield, Singer (Prince)  
Cora Coleman, Drums (Prince, Beyonce)