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The purpose of this thesis is to provide research, supporting paperwork, documentation of the process and results of the lighting design for the University of Maryland – College Park, School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies production of The Waiting Room. This thesis contains the following: research images collected to develop and visually communicate ideas about color, intensity, form, composition and mood to the production team; storyboard with research images and description to depict the arc of lighting design; preliminary and final organization of desired equipment to execute the lighting design; a full set of drafting plates and supplementary paperwork used to communicate the organization and placement of lighting equipment to the master electrician; magic sheets and cue list used as organizational tools for the lighting designer during the tech process. Archival production photographs are included as documentation of the completed design.

# THE WAITING ROOM: A LIGHTING DESIGN THE ROBERT & ARLENE KOGOD THEATRE CLARICE SMITH PERFOMING ARTS CENTER UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND - COLLEGE PARK

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Scenic Designer: Andrew Cohen

Costume Designer: Maho Nishida

Sound Designer: Eric Shimelonis

Stage Manager: Dwight Townsend-Gray

Assistant Lighting Designer: Max Doolittle

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#### Chapter 1: The Pre-Production Design Process

#### 1.1 : Design Concept

In a waiting room that transcends time, women sit patiently, encased by the bleak, glaring glass walls representing society's idea of censorious beauty. Soft radiance from the floating lamps lightens up their deep shadows of burden and helps them feel comfortable enough to share and support each other. It's the staunch, startling punches of sound that catapult them back into their dark, isolated world. Guided by the impersonal, emotionless orderly, we are taken through the women's haunting journey in a cold, clinical world.

The small bedside lamp brightens increasingly to an acid amber glow that grazes Victoria's pale cheek. As her argument with Oliver heats up, the lamp transforms into a blazing, rust colored torch that carves out Oliver's hysterical profile. As Oliver steps closer to Victoria his shadow enlarges, protruding into the dark interior and invading her once secluded world.

Red Chinese lanterns are lit one by one behind the tawny glass walls and brushed the room with crimson colored glow. Forgiveness from Heaven sits down on the bench, her check just skimmed by the sallow sunlight as it filters through the window as she waits for husband to join her.

We meet Wanda in the moody indigo and sepia bar, where she spills her feelings of her life from hope to the terrible news that she might have a tumor. Outside, blanketed under a deep navy blue sky in the empty park, Brenda, Wanda and Victoria sit down together, caressed by the soft white pool of light from the street lamp nearby. Forgiveness's optimism invites the gentle alabaster moonlight that slowly percolates through the tree branches, giving them a brief moment of relief away from trouble.

In the doctor's office, even the reflective late afternoon sky cannot brighten the dreary office, while the glaring, unfriendly fluorescents cast deep shadows into Douglas' eye sockets after losing a promising hope for a cure. The fluorescent becomes crueler as Douglas announces the terrible news to Wanda that her urgent deteriorating health requires immediate surgery. A loud thump pulls away all the daylight, and the world quickly floods with an eerie green glow that echos the visceral fear of going into surgery. Flashing spots of emergency lights are seen bouncing on the hallway walls. As Douglas slowly walks in, a ghostly beam creates a sharp intense path of light that pierces the unconscious trio on their gurneys. Covered by ghostly pools of light fixed under the pulsing operation lamp, the gurney ballet has begun.

Later in the sterile recovery room, gloomy overcast daylight cascades through the thin gaps between blinds, stretching over the beds of the women. As the waning daylight gradually fades away, Wanda and Forgiveness are left under the obtrusive clinical lamps, surrounded by the dreary walls now brushed by the frigid night sky. Harsh, caustic light from the street lamp slices through the window blinds leaving the room with gashes that match the women's fresh surgical incisions.

Night sky fades into darkness after Forgiveness's death, her body caressed by a heavenly white beam. Her silhouette is slowly awakened by the graceful Chinese flute. A path of sharp, brilliant beam quickly opens up and with the swell of the music embraces Forgiveness in its pure white tone as she finally finds her liberation. Just as we see Forgiveness finds hope, a loud thump throws us back into the bleak recovery room, where Wanda remains under the glare of clinical beams, leaving us with a visualization of the consequences of pursuing modern beauty.

#### 1.2 : Design Meetings

The first design meeting for The Waiting Room took place in May 2013 with the original director, Kris Messer. During this meeting, she talked with the group about her initial concept for the production and her general feelings for the play. Her concept statement for the show was "through physical oddities we transcends and opens ourselves." These women in the waiting room came closer together physically and emotionally. One thought Kris shared with us was that, "to unbind ourselves we must bind together." Kris presented a very clear vision that left plenty of room for the design team to provide input. In her vision the waiting room was a sterile environment, but not cold since it was meant to be comforting. In addition, these women were trapped in a confined space. In terms of lighting, it was important that the time of day and shifts in time were clear.

In the next meeting, Andrew Cohen, the scenic designer, brought in research presenting the idea of a modern waiting room: contemporary and clean looking ceiling lamps similar in an operating theatre, reflective floor and translucent wall panels. I suggested that to support the idea of time transcending in the space, each environment might its own signature quality of light. For example, the Victorian lamp in the dark isolated bedroom, or the red Chinese lanterns brushing Forgiveness' room with a scarlet tone. This discussion clarified the concept of lighting in the waiting room and helped me in my approach to lighting the different scenes.

The Waiting Room was performed in Kogod theatre, which is a blackbox theatre that gave us the ability to change the seating arrangement. Andrew wanted the seating arrangement to be an "L" shape, with the audience on two sides of the room and a small center section. Scenic walls on the opposite side squared the stage, enclosing it with the audience and supporting the concept that the women were bonded in the society.

Turning the set at an angle in this theatre and combining all other design elements including reflective surfaces, large quantities of hanging lamps, and ceiling pieces gave me many challenges for lighting. Andrew and I worked very closely as a team, especially figuring out the reflective material on the scenic design. We spent time together in the light lab exploring possible materials to create a light box that would not catch as much attentions in darker scenes and would still achieve the desired effects. Furthermore, we had various conversations about the number of hanging lamps, preferred locations, sizes and heights that would be possible to reach above the stage.

Our design team, including Maho Nishida, the costume designer, met with Kris the week following our first meeting to discuss details in transitions. Besides establishing the flow of each transition, Maho also talked to us about her concerns on some costume changes that happen on stage, especially for the moment of revealing the bound feet in Act 1 Scene 7 in Forgiveness's bedroom and in Act 2 Scene 11 that involved untying the foot binding on stage for the ribbon dance. Maho was looking for lighting that would help to mask the trick in costume construction and create the illusion of real bound feet.

Our original director had to step out a week before the rehearsal started. With the arrival of our new director, Mary Coy, there was a huge change in the conceptual approach of lighting, please see section 2.4 for more details.

#### 1.3: Research Images

#### 1.3.1 : Act 1



Act 1 Sc. 1 The Waiting Room

In a waiting room that transcends time, women sit patiently, encased by the bleak, glaring glass walls representing society's idea of censorious beauty. Diffuse but bleak sunlight filter through the glass panel.

(The Day My Brother Was Born, Lottie Davies)





Act 1 Sc. 2 Examination Room Soft white fluorescents on top of the examination bed.



Act 1 Sc. 3 Victoria's Bedroom
The small bedside lamp brightens increasingly to an acid amber glow that grazes Victoria's pale cheek. As her argument with Oliver heats up, the lamp transforms into a blazing, rust colored torch that carves out Oliver's hysterical profile. As Oliver steps closer to



Victoria his shadow enlarges, protruding into the dark interior and invading her once secluded world.

(Circumstance, Richeille Formento. Les Châtelains, Eve North)





Act 1 Sc.4 Golf Course Bright white afternoon sunlight coming from a slight angle, while light blue reflective sky filled the shadow under their chin.





Act 1 Sc. 6 Steam Room

Deep saturated glow from the bench and lamps confine the hot and uncomfortable environment.



Act 1 Sc. 7 Forgiveness of Heaven Bedroom

Red Chinese lanterns are lit one by one behind the tawny glass walls and brushed the room with crimson colored glow. Forgiveness from Heaven sits down on the bench, her check just skimmed by the sallow sunlight as it filters through the window as she waits for husband to join her.

(Raise the Red Lantern)

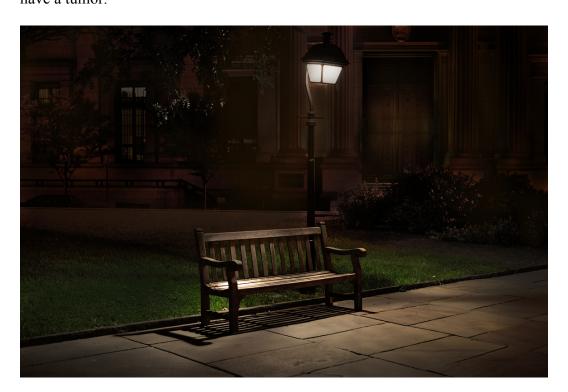






Act 1 Sc. 8 Bar

We meet Wanda in the moody indigo and sepia bar,
where she spills her feelings of her life from hope to the terrible news that she might have a tumor.



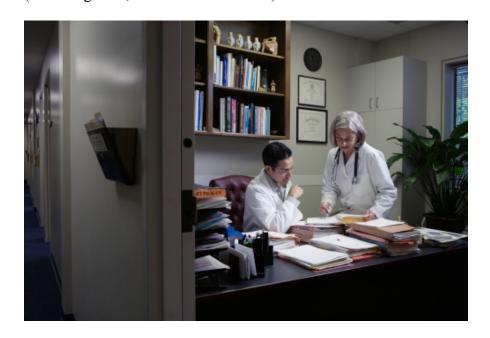
Act 1 Sc. 9 Central Park

Outside, blanketed under a deep navy blue sky in the empty park, Brenda, Wanda and Victoria sit down together, caressed by the soft white pool of light from the street lamp nearby. Forgiveness's optimism invites the gentle alabaster moonlight that slowly percolates through the tree branches, giving them a brief moment of relief away from trouble.

#### 1.3.2 : Act 2



Act 2 Sc. 4 Larry's office Sallow sunlight slanted through the squared window, carved out harsh truth of Douglas's sickness. (Diva magazine, Cathrin Jo Ann Wind)



Act 2 Sc. 4 Douglas office

In the doctor's office, the late afternoon reflective sky could not brighten the depressing office, while the glaring unfriendly fluorescents cast deep shadows down under Douglas' eye sockets after losing a promising hope for a cure.



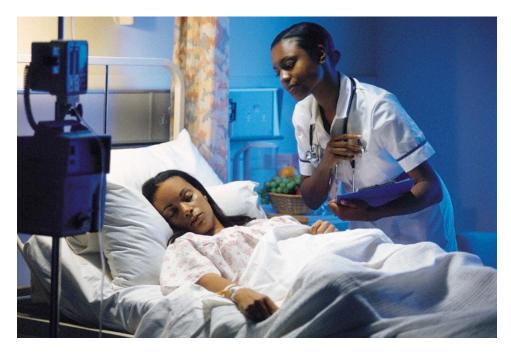
Act 2 Sc. 4 – 5 Gurney Ballet

A loud thump pulls away all the daylight, and quickly flood the world with an eerie green glow of the scared emotion going into surgery. Flashing spots of emergency lights are seen on the hallway walls, as Douglas slowly walks into a ghostly beam a sharp intense path of light cuts through pushing the unconscious Victoria, Forgiveness from Heaven and Wanda on their gurneys through the ghostly pools of light under the pulsing operation lamp.



Act 2 Sc. 5 Recovery Room In the sterile gray tone recovery room, gloomy overcast daylight cascades through the thin gaps between blinds stretching to the other end of the room over the beds of the women.

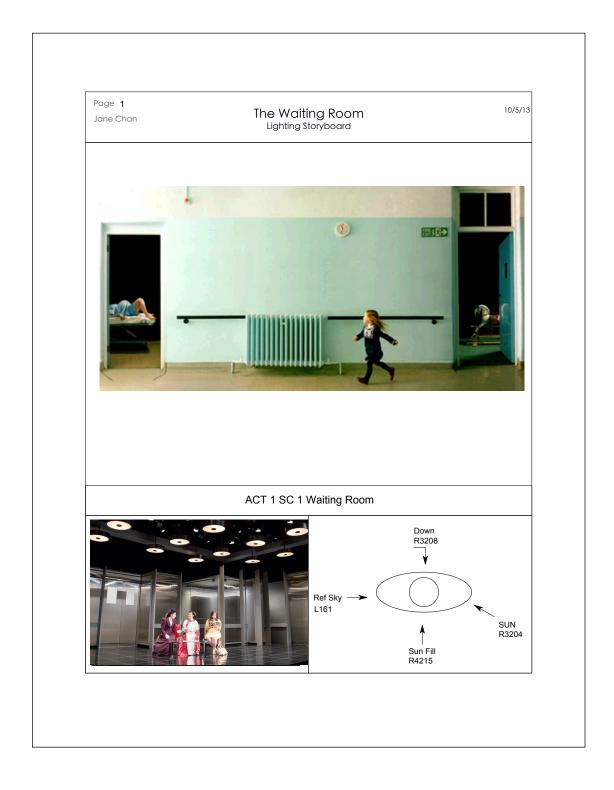


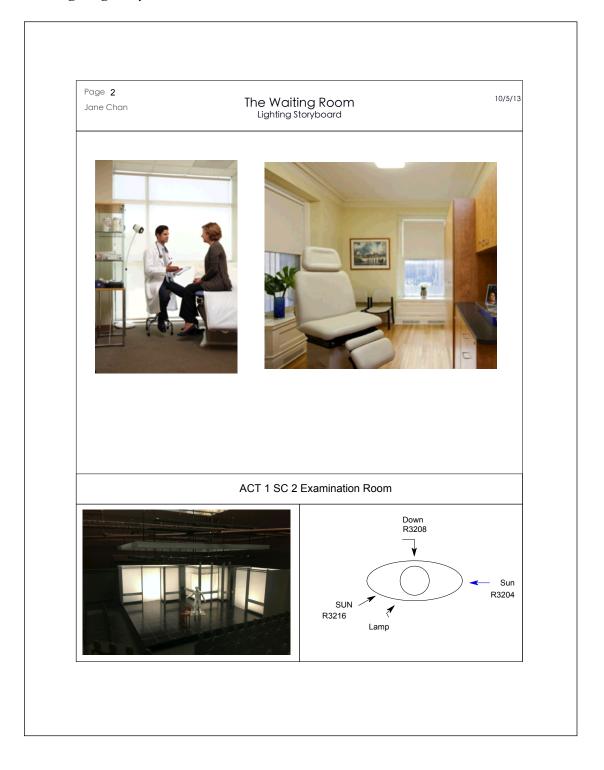


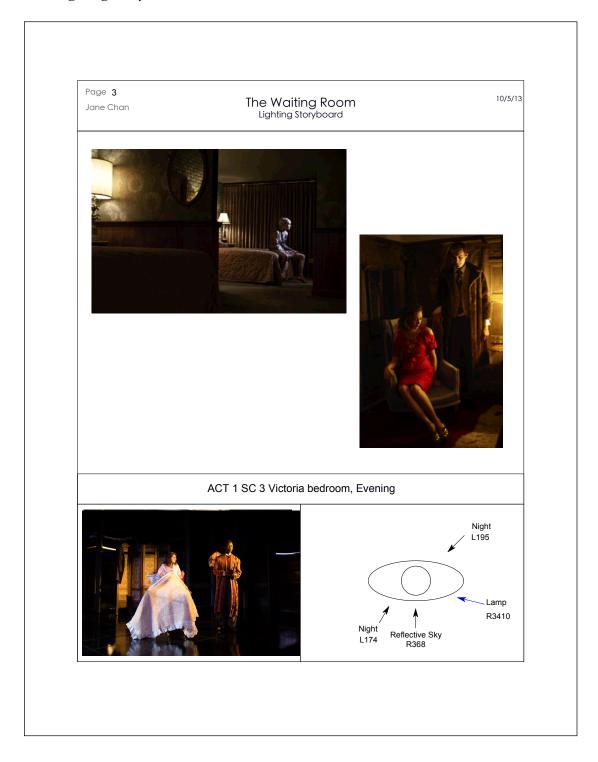
Act 2 Sc. 9 Recovery Room Night As the waning daylight gradually fades away, Wanda and Forgiveness are left under the obtrusive clinical lamps, surrounded by the dreary walls now brushed by the frigid



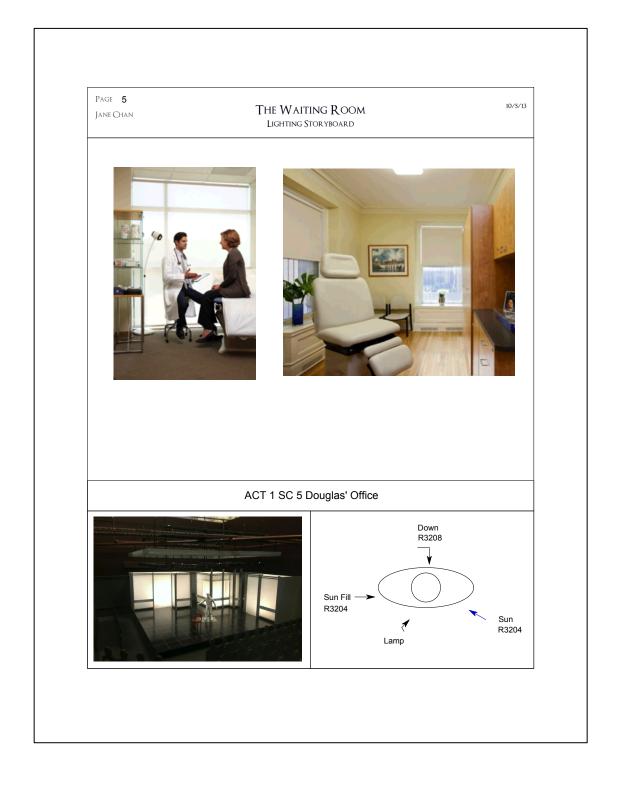
Act 2 Sc. 11 Recovery Room Night - Later Harsh, caustic light from the street lamp slices through the window blinds leaving the room with gashes that match the women's fresh surgical incisions.

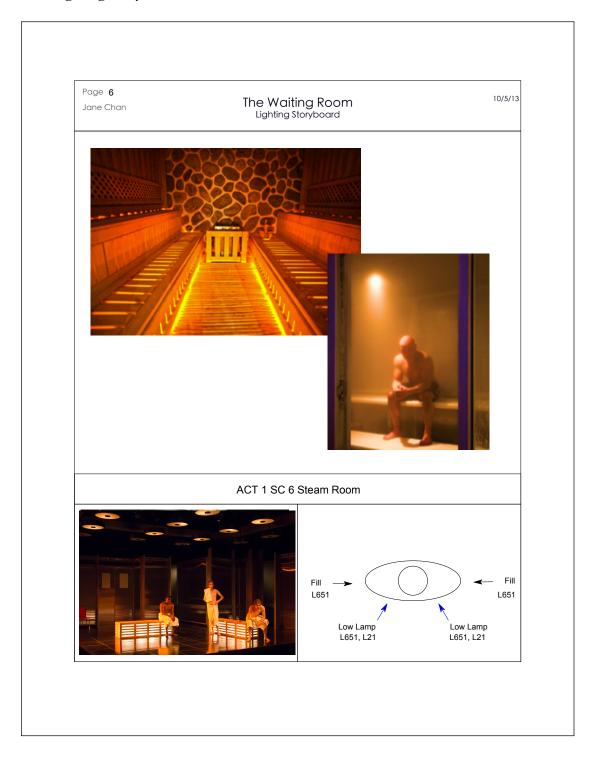


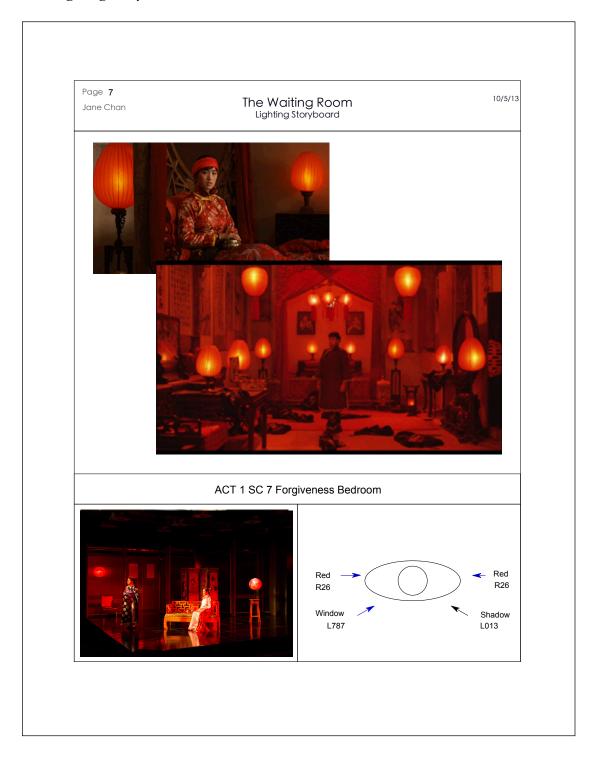




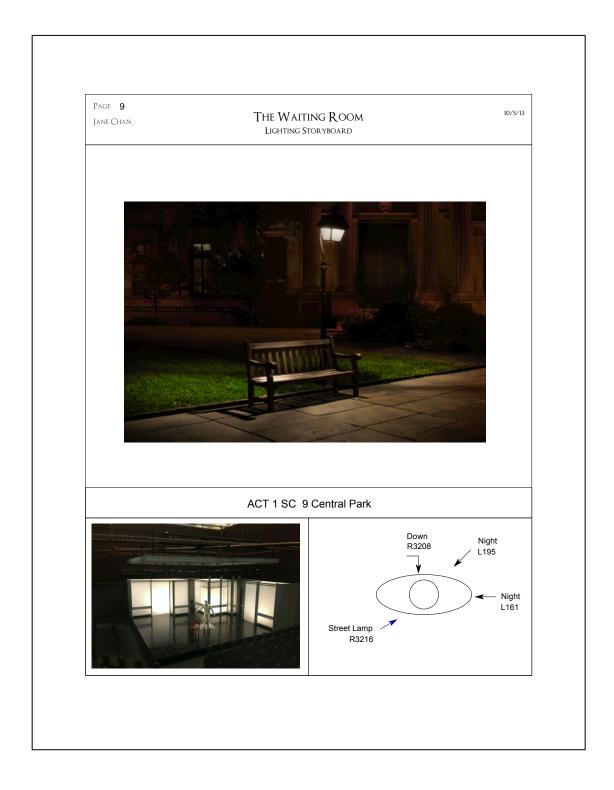


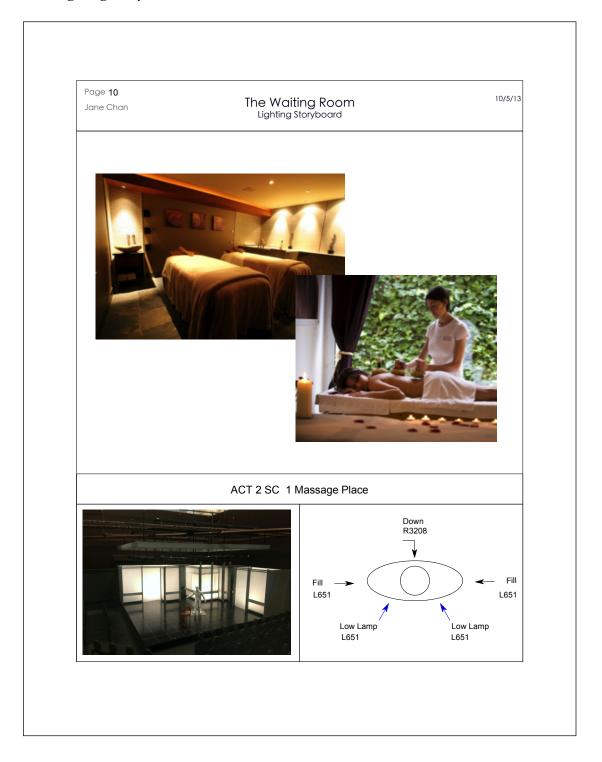




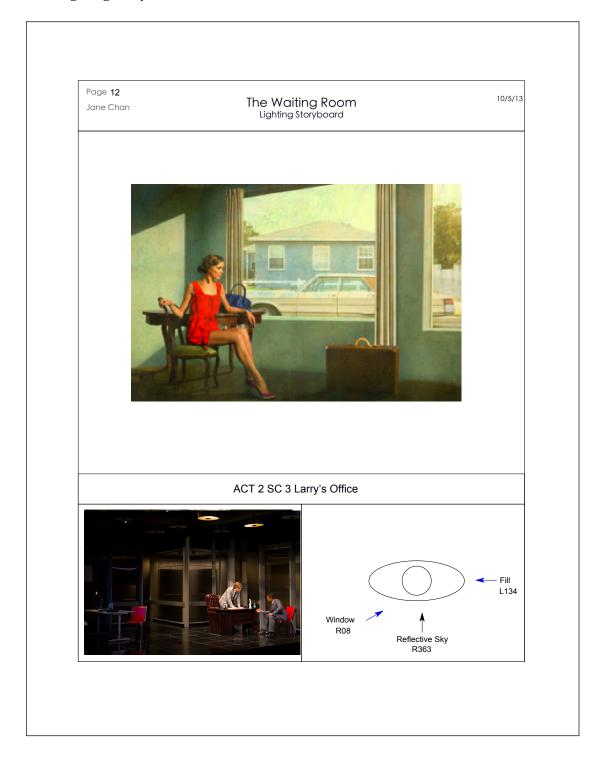


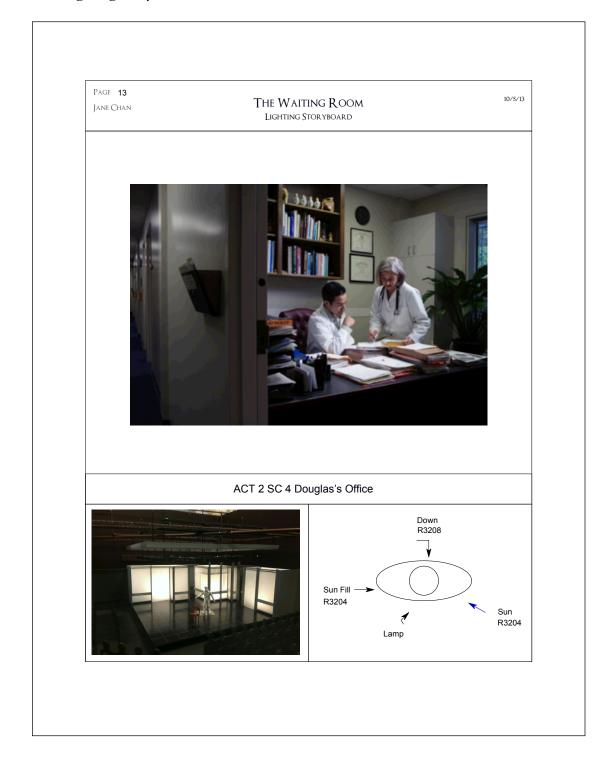


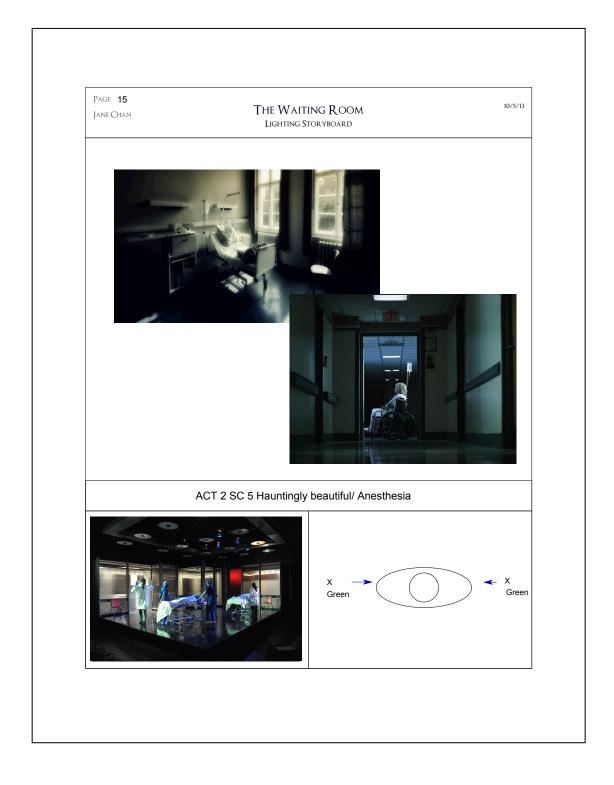


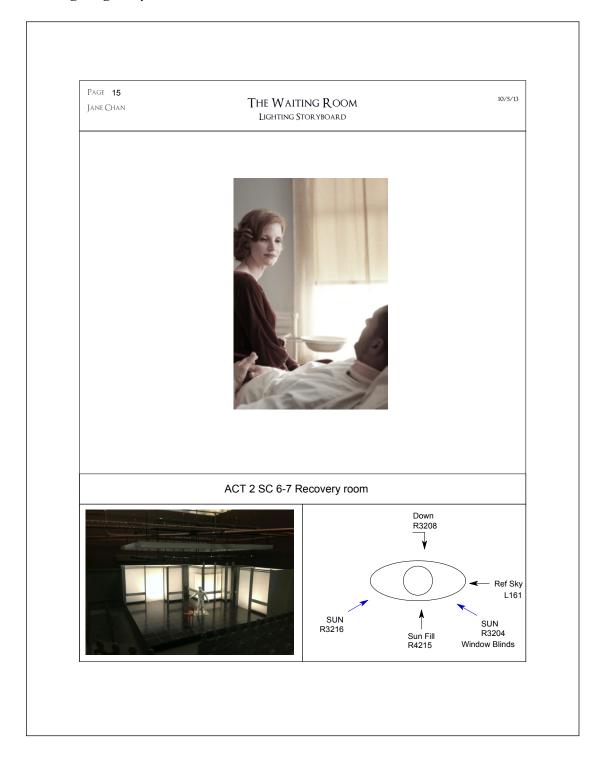


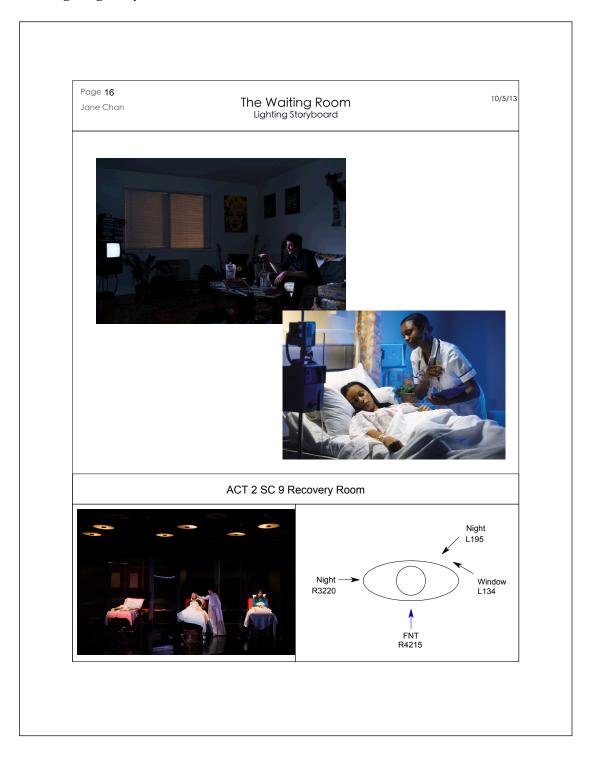


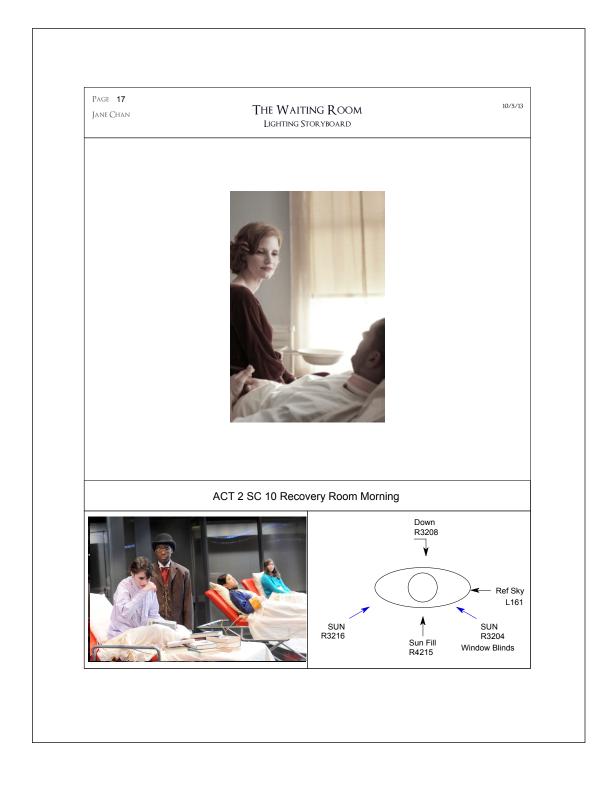


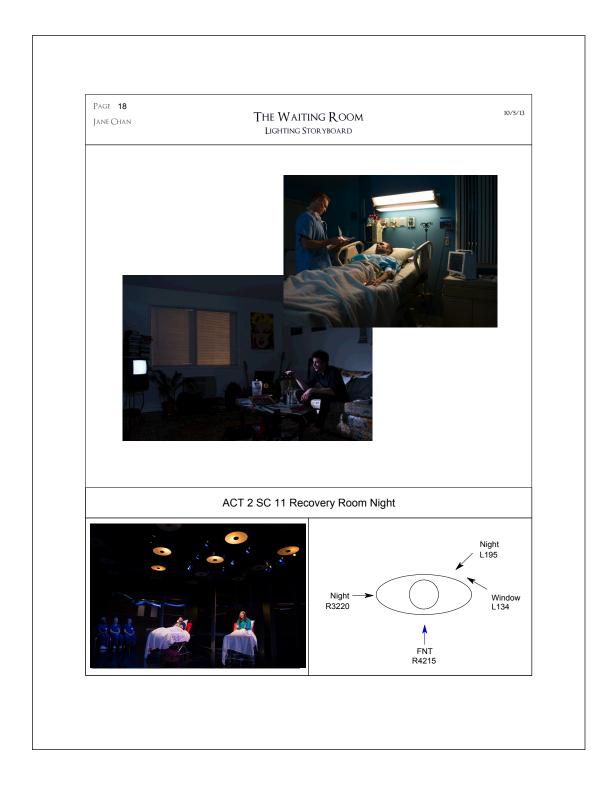












#### 1.5 : Anticipated Equipment Request

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# THE WAITING ROOM

#### **EQUIPMENT REQUEST**

OPENING: 2/14/2014 CLOSING:2//2014

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LIGHTING DESIGNER: JANE CHAN

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The Waiting Room Equipment List

# 1.5 : Anticipated Equipment Request

# **EQUIPMENT REQUEST**

#### **FIXTURES**

QUANITY	INSTRUMENT TYPE	WATTAGE
18	ETC SOURCE 4 50 DEGREE BARRELS	
63	ETC SOURCE 4 36 DEGREE BARRELS	
44	ETC SOURCE 4 26 DEGREE BARRELS	
11	ETC SOURCE 4 19 DEGREE BARRELS	
36	ETC SOURCE 4 PAR WFL	575
10	MR-16 6" MINI STRIP	750
16	6" FRESNEL	2000
12	8" FRESNEL	
3	Wireless dimmer	
15	Hanging lamp (4100K) Dimmable	
15	Inkies	300w
10	Praticals 100W Clear A-lamp	
1	Gold color led tape	

#### **ACCESSORIES**

QUANITY	INSTRUMENT TYPE
18	Morpheu M Fader
2	DMX IRIS
2	Rosco I-Cues

LIGHTING DESIGNER: JANE CHAN

The Waiting Room Equipment List

DATE: 3/11/2013

### Chapter 2: The Production Process

#### 2.1 : Crafting the Lighting Ideas

Throughout the process of design meetings, many of the lighting ideas had to be crafted out before receiving the final scenic package, given that large number of scenic elements spread above the stage had limited the use of normal lighting positions. In addition, there were many integrated lighting ideas that had to be figured out with scenic together early on in order to stay within our limited budget and to find out alternate solutions after the cost out meeting.

One of the big ideas in this design was the glowing walls with translucent panels. In order to create a sense that these boxes were emanating light, as was presented in the model, I talked to Andrew about the need of a ceiling to seal the top of the rooms to make it into light boxes and contain the light inside. Added to that, painting the interior walls in white color in order to better bounce of light inside to create an even field. I had originally discussed with the electric shop about several things, most importantly: having top and bottom strip lights to achieve the brightness similar to that presented in the model, space to hang, and the possibility of lighting through below the deck. Because of the huge cost involved and the difficulties of cutting a through into the deck, after a few discussions and modifications in the final plot we decided that a series of strip lights mounted onto the upstage wall inside the rooms scraping down the painted walls would provide the look I desired.

Another challenge was the hanging lights, which wanted to have the quality of a bright soft white fluorescent but needed to light the milk polypropylene evenly and be able dim or intensify smoothly. I had been searching for a solution as soon as we had decided that we were building them. I had back and forth conversations with the electric shop and with other lighting graduate students for possible lighting equipment. Many ideas such as LED tape and dim-able fluorescent were later narrowed down to tri-tab with A-lamps because of the cost. Once we had received the actual material, I tried different types of A-lamps that the shop had in stock to find out the best product and discovered that the material for the front panel, polypropylene, worked great in softening the light source, together with a 200w A-lamp having the brightness that both Andrew and I liked. Eventually the shop suggested to lamp down to 100w because of the heat issue.

Prior to drafting my hang plot, I spent a few days making a diagram of angles of light and a wish list from that I knew what kind of angles I needed. What proved to be huge challenges for lighting this show were figuring systems of theatrical lights that could shoot through all the obstructions in the air that filled most of the stage, as well as making a shot from front of house that could go under the low ceiling piece and hanging lights. I presented my challenge to my lighting professor Brian MacDevitt, who suggested hanging lighting pipes under the catwalk and other possible lighting angles between the gaps of the bottom of the ceiling piece to the top of the walls. I talked to Andrew about this idea and asked him about how other practical hanging lamps were being hung. I then came up with the idea of a grid pipe

structure that became my major lighting positions for most of my basic systems on stage, which also maintained the organized feeling of the scenic design.

From the hang plot to the final lighting plot, Andrew and I were sending drawings back and forth to figure out the height of the pipes, hanging lamps, and the ceiling piece. We went down to the theatre to get the exact height of the fluorescent tube hanging under the catwalk so we could get the accuracy we need to fit all the elements in the air. The lighting grid was cut down from five vertical and three horizontal to just five vertical after the budget meeting. Having a grid structure on stage that could only be focused using a ladder and three other additional pipes in front of house, was a big concern during focus as it consumed a lot of time and cut efficiency. As a result I knew that it was especially important that the lights were at the right place and that is was crucial that I also had a back up plan. I spent a long time drafting all the sections and front elevations to have the most accuracy of lighting instrument placements. I was glad to have spent this time on drafting, because there were very few moves during focus and almost all the lights were doing what I had hoped.

#### 2.1.1: Lighting Wish List

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☑ HANGING PRATICALS 201-215
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☑WAITING ROOM CHAIRS
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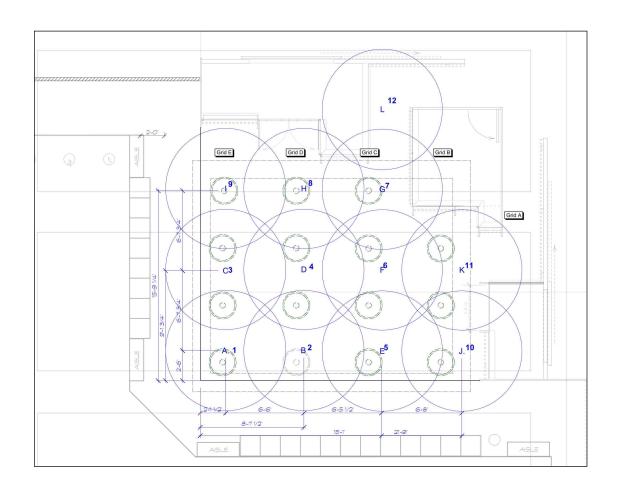
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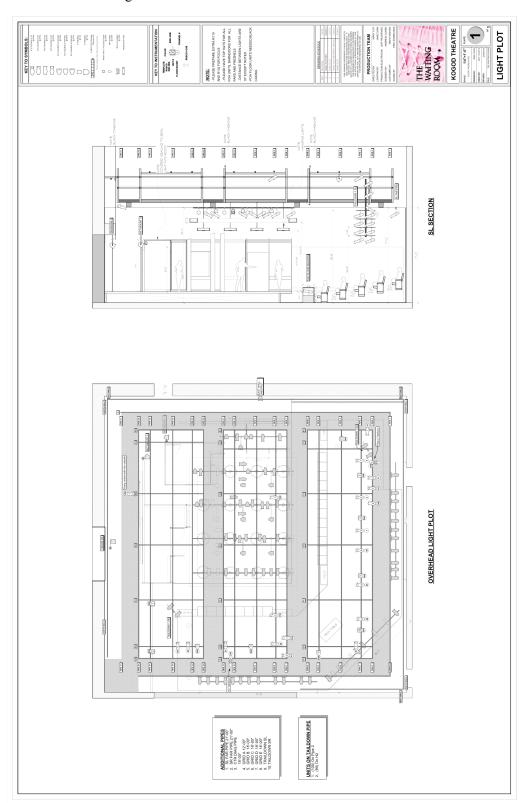
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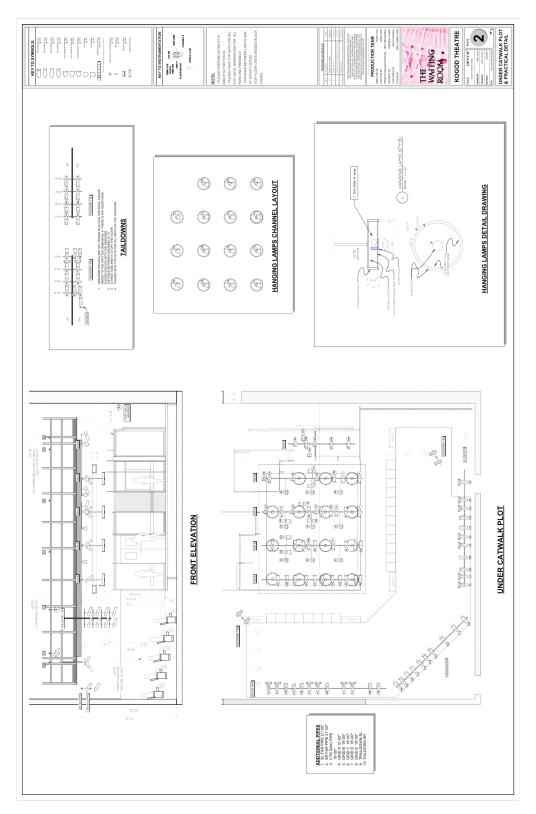


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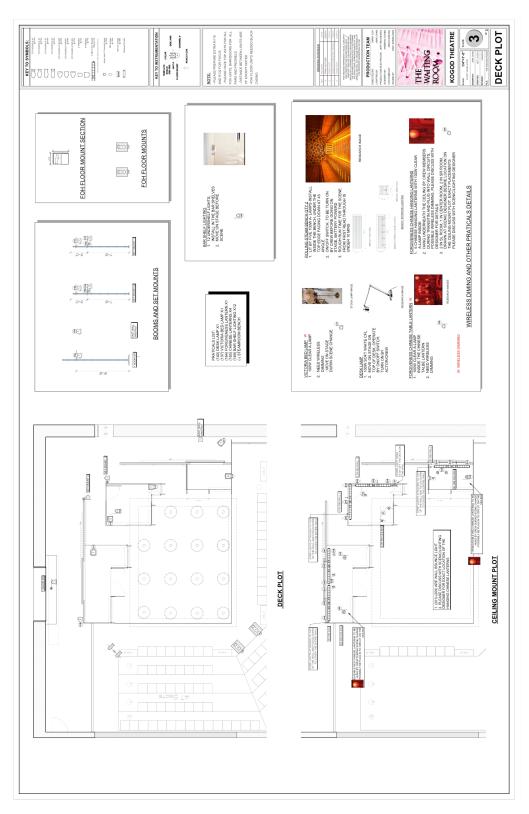
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### 2.2.2 : Under-catwalk Plat and Practical Detail



#### 2.2.3 : Deck Plot

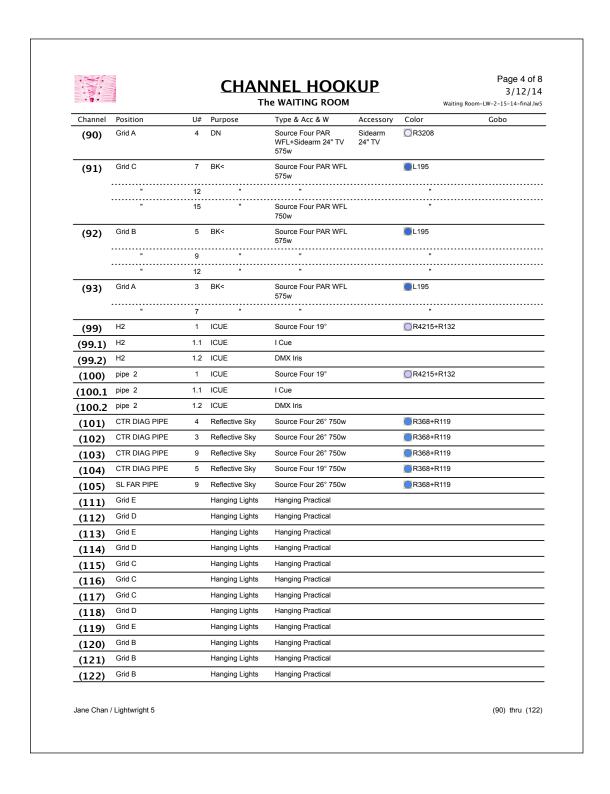


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(34)	Taildown 1 SR	4	Warm	source Four 36° 750w	R3410+R132
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(35)	Taildown 1 SR	9	Blue "	source Four 36° 750w	CL719+R132
(41)	G1	10	FNT	Source Four 26° 750w	©R4215+R119
(42)	Pipe 3	9	FNT	Source Four 26° 750w	R4215+R119
(43)	Pipe 7	2	FNT	Source Four 26° 750w	R4215+R119
(44)	Grid E	3	FNT	source Four 36° 750w	OR4215+R119
(45)	Pipe 3	8	FNT	Source Four 26° 750w	OR4215+R119
(46)	Grid D	3	FNT	source Four 36° 750w	OR4215+R119
(47)	Grid D	9	FNT	source Four 36° 750w	R4215+R119
(48)	Grid E	8	FNT	source Four 36° 750w	R4215+R119
(49)	Pipe 8	3	FNT	Source Four 26° 750w	R4215+R119
(50)	Pipe 3	6	FNT	Source Four 26° 750w	R4215+R119
(51)	Grid C	2	FNT	source Four 36° 750w	R4215+R119
(53)	Grid C	6	DR FNT	source Four 36° 750w	R3216+R132
(54)	Grid D	10	CTR FNT	source Four 36° 750w	R3216+R132
(55)	Grid E	9	DR FNT	source Four 36° 750w	R3216+R132
(57)	CTR RM CEILING	1	CTR RM FNT	INKIES 300w	N/C
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(58)	CTR RM CEILING	3	WINDOW BK	INKIES 300w	N/C
(59)	CTR RM WALL 1	1	RM SIDE	Worklight 1kw	N/C
(61)	SL FAR PIPE	10	FADER<	Source Four 26° 750w	☐R132
	"	10.1	M FADER	Morpheus M Fader 750w	
(62)	SL FAR PIPE	6	FADER<	Source Four 26° 750w	OR132
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(63)	SL FAR PIPE	11	FADER<	Source Four 19° 575w	○R132
-		11.1	M FADER	Morpheus M Fader 750w	
(64)	SL FAR PIPE	7	FADER<	Source Four 19° 750w	☐R132
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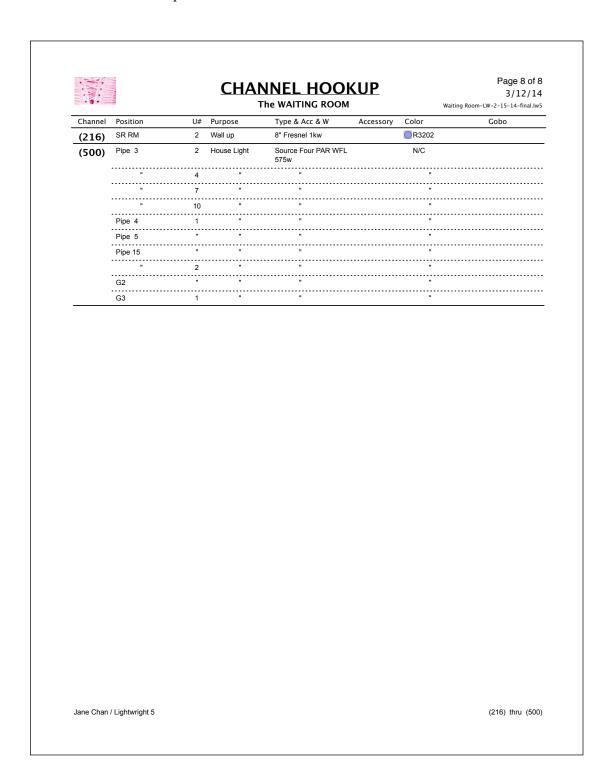
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(78)	Taildown 1 SR	7	FADER WASH>	Source Four 26° 750w		OR132		
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(81)	Grid D	4	DN	Source Four PAR WFL 575w		R3208		
(82)	Grid C	3	DN	Source Four PAR WFL 575w		◯R3208		
(83)	Grid D	7	DN	Source Four PAR WFL 575w		R3208		
(84)	Grid B	3	DN	Source Four PAR WFL 575w		OR3208		
(85)	Grid C	9	DN	Source Four PAR WFL 575w		OR3208		
(86)	Grid D	13	DN	Source Four PAR WFL 575w		R3208		
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(123)	Grid C		Hanging Lights	Hanging Practical	,		
(124)	Grid D		Hanging Lights	Hanging Practical			
(125)	Grid E		Hanging Lights	Hanging Practical			
(131)	pipe 2	3	Waiting room chairs	Source Four 26° 750w		R3204+R132	
(132)	SR FAR PIPE	10	Waiting room chairs	Source Four 26° 750w		R3204+R132	
(133)	CTR DIAG PIPE	6	Waiting room chairs	Source Four 26° 750w		R4215+R132	
(134)	Grid E	5	Exam Table	source Four 36° 750w		R3204+R132	
(135)	SL FAR PIPE	4	Victoria lamp special	Source Four 26° 750w		CL103	
(136)	Taildown 1 SR	8	Victoria bed special	Source Four 26° 750w		OL013+R132	
(137)	DECK		Victoria bed lamp	PRACTICAL 100w			
(138)	Grid E	6	Douglas Off>	source Four 36° 750w		OR3204+R132	
(139)	Grid B	4	Douglas Off>	source Four 36° 750w		R3204+R132	
(140)	DECK		Desk Lamp	PRACTICAL 100w			
(141)	Set Mount-1	1	Hall-H	8" Fresnel 2kw		R3204+R132	
	"	2		"			
(142)	Set Mount-2	1	Hall-H	8" Fresnel 2kw		R3202+R132	
	"	2	Hall-M	"		"	
(143)	Set Mount-1	3	RED Bounce	MR-16 Birdie 75w		R26	
(144)	Set Mount-2	3	RED Bounce	MR-16 Birdie 75w		R26	
(151)	Grid A	6	Night Moon	Source Four 50° 750w		R3208+R132	G520 🕥
(152)	Pipe 16	1	FNT	Source Four 50° 750w		OR4215+R132	
(153)	SL RM CEILING	1 2	DR BK	INKIES 300w		□R3208	
(154)	East Wall Unstrut	1	DR BK	8" Fresnel 2kw		R3208+R132	
(154) (155)	SR RM CEILING	2	DR BK	INKIES 300w		OR3208	
(133)	"	3	"	"			
(156)	1 Boom SR	1	DR BK	8" Fresnel 2kw		R3208+R132	
(157)	SL RM CEILING	3	RED	MR-16 Birdie 250w		R26+R119	
(158)	SR RM CEILING	1	RED	MR-16 Birdie 250w		R26+R119	
(160)	CTR DIAG PIPE	10	Steamroom Spe	source Four 36° 750w		©L651+R132	
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		STEAM DIAG'	F 000 750			
			source Four 36° 750w	CL442+R119		
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Taildown 1 SL	5 I	Forgiveness Spe	Source Four 26° 750w	OL013+R132		
CTR DIAG PIPE	8 1	Forgiveness Spe	source Four 36° 750w	OL013+R132		
DECK		Forgiveness Lantern	PRACTICAL 100w			
SL RM CEILING			PRACTICAL 100w			
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SR RM CEILING	4	"	"			
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DECK			PRACTICAL			
Grid E	4 I	Park Bench Spe	source Four 36° 750w	OL174+R119		
SR FAR PIPE			source Four 36° 750w	<b>○</b> R09	G558	<b>®</b>
CTR DIAG PIPE	2 :	SPA SPE	source Four 36° 750w	CL651+R132		
CTR DIAG PIPE	7 :	SPA SPE	source Four 36° 750w	R368+R119		
Grid B	11 :	Screen Spe	Source Four 50° 750w	OR3208		
SR FAR PIPE	1 1	Lary Window	source Four 36° 750w	<b>○</b> R08	R7751 1	•
SR FAR PIPE	8 1	Entrance Light	source Four 36° 750w	CL202+R132		
SL FAR PIPE	5 I	Bar Table Fnt	source Four 36° 575w	OR132		
SL FAR PIPE	8 I	Bar Fnt Fill	source Four 36° 575w	OR119		
Pipe 8	2 I	Doctor Spec	Source Four 26° 750w	OL200+R132		
Grid D			source Four 36° 750w	R3208+R132		
Grid E			source Four 36° 750w	R3208+R132		
Pipe 7			Source Four 26° 750w	R3208+R132		
Grid A	1 \	Window Temp	source Four 36° 750w	OR3216	G205	•
Grid A	2 \	Window Temp	source Four 36° 750w	OR3216	G205	•
Grid A	5 \	Window Temp	source Four 36° 750w	OR3216	G205	•
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(191)	FOH CTR	2	TV	Source Four 50° 750w	Split gel		
(192)	Pipe 8	1	Wanda Down	source Four 36° 750w	R3220+R132		
(193) (195)	SR RM	1	RM SPE	Source Four 50° 575w	OR3204		
(196)	SR FAR PIPE	2	Victoria Window	source Four 36° 750w	OL174	G208	•
(197)	SR FAR PIPE	5	Forgiveness Screen	source Four 36° 750w	○R08	G558	
(198)	Grid E	10	SPE	source Four 36° 750w	<b>●</b> L106+R132		
(199)	Grid C Grid D		Final SPE SPE	source Four 36° 750w	R3208+R132		
(201)	SL RM WALL	1	Wall up	6' MR-16 Ministrips 750w	R74+R114		
(202)	SL RM WALL	1	Wall up	6' MR-16 Ministrips 750w	R360+R114		
(203)	SL RM WALL	1	Wall up	6' MR-16 Ministrips 750w	CL203+R114		
(204)			Wall up	6' MR-16 Ministrips 750w	R74+R114		
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	CTR RM WALL 2		"	"			
(207)	SR RM Wall			6' MR-16 Ministrips 750w	R74+R114		
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(208)	SR RM Wall		Wall up	6' MR-16 Ministrips 750w	R360+R114		
	"	3	"	"	"		
(209)	SR RM Wall		Wall up	6' MR-16 Ministrips 750w	CL203+R114		
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(211)	SL RM	1	Wall up	8" Fresnel 1kw	R3202		
(212)	SL RM	2	Wall up	8" Fresnel 1kw	OR3202		
(213)	CTR RM	1	Wall up	8" Fresnel 1kw	R3202		
(214)	CTR RM	2	Wall up	8" Fresnel 1kw	R3202		
(215)	SR RM	1	Wall up	8" Fresnel 1kw	OR3202		
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#### 2.4 : Rehearsal Process

Added to the challenge of all design and implementation practicalities, the original director in this production had to step out a week before the rehearsal started. The design team was not able to meet our new director, Mary Coy, until the second week of rehearsal because of her availability and that was concerning for me. One of the biggest concerns was involving the transitions because Andrew and I already had multiple conversations with the previous director and had come up with ideas of the flow with lighting and the scenic change on stage. Another concern was any major changes that could happen to the concept of this production, or major change in staging of the play that would require huge alternation of the final light plot and the limited time and resources we had.

Staging rehearsal with Mary started on the second Monday of the rehearsal period. I had a productive one-on-one meeting with her that Wednesday to talk about my lighting ideas for the play going through scene by scene in detail. She was very open and patient discussing any concerns she had. At this point in the process, I was debating if I should ask her about her concept for this show, because this meeting was only focusing on lighting ideas for staging and transitions. However, I feared that since Mary had just started and had to work with only half the time compare to the school's normal schedule, maybe it was too soon.

Mary, Andrew, and I had a quick chat after watching the first designer run, and she told us in confidence that the story of The Waiting Room was "nothing's changed." Although parts of the society had moved on through the ages, there is still a lot to do in the modern time. She wanted the medical community to understand and be aware of this issue and the audience to be sympathetic to the women. For me to have a concise point to hang on to was proven to be immensely helpful in creating an arc for the lighting design, making choices, and finding our way to start and end the play.

During the following week, I had attended rehearsals when there was a run through of either the first or second act. I used this time to make notes of other possible specials I might need and sketched in cues on my script before the paper tech.

We had a paper tech the Friday before technical rehearsal, Eric Shimelonis, sound designer, Andrew, Mary, Dwight Townsend-Gray, stage manager and I were all together ironing through the script with all the sound and light cues. We were able to tie-in some of the lighting and sound ideas and established the language of getting in and out of transitions. A strong bump of light and sound together to end and enter the scenes in the waiting room, and gentle fades for others. Most importantly, we had a vivid conversation defining the aesthetic for the Anastasia moment, as well as how to deliver the message of nothing change through the ending sequence of the play.

### Chapter 3: The Technical Rehearsal Process

#### 3.1 : Designing During Tech

I had already started some pre-tech prep work during the first spacing rehearsal on stage before the lighting focus. This was a very useful time to pre program group lists on the board, as well as solidify my understanding of where the specials were.

On Tuesday of the tech week, I used the dark time in the day to set my color palettes with the faders and input cues with descriptions on the lighting console. I found this to be very helpful as I can be looking on the stage during the run of the show and easily turn to the screen acknowledging what I needed to achieve, and make quick notes of a work list. I was able to rough in most of the daytime lighting looks with work-lights up on Tuesday night rehearsal. The next day in my lighting dark time, I created most of the darker scenes, such as Victoria's bedroom and Central Park. It was important to have as much of the cues ready before dry tech especially transitions, so that after the crew training we would be able to utilize the rest of the time to go through the looks and sequence of each transition with the run crew before having actors on stage.

What I did not know before the dry tech was that our sound designer would not be in attendance. It would have been very helpful for me to get more of a sense of the world that we were creating as a team if all the elements were involved. For me, I always feel that lighting and sound work closely together to create an evoking, emotional environment for the audience. During tech, Eric rejoined us and we were able to work really closely together, bouncing off ideas to sort out the sequence of event from five minutes before the show starts, houselights outs and the beginning of the play till the last few images at the end of the show.

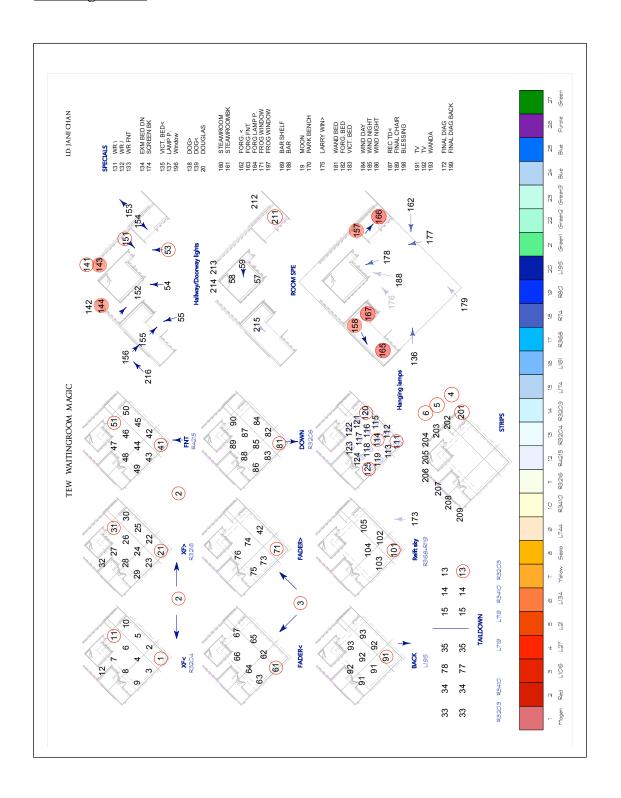
The tech process was smooth for lighting overall; we spent most of our time working on the transitions and considering there were almost twenty transitions and all of them with automation that needed to time with lighting and sound cues, I think we did alright. Working with Mary was a positive experience, she was open to trying suggestions that Andrew or I had to help with transitions, and I felt confident talking to her about my thoughts and my concerns.

Eric and I had a quick understanding of each other's intentions. We also had close communication with Mary about our approach to the beginning and ending sequences of the play and trying out different options. We were able to react to each other's work and the action on stage tightened the timing of transitions, and helped us find punctuation for the end of a scene; for example the sequence of lighting looks timing with the music change going into the bar scene.

Andrew and I also had many efficient and helpful conversations at tech about changes we wanted to make that would affect each other's work and we worked through those solutions as a team. For example: solutions for masking the huge black floor mounts inside the light boxes so that they could disappear and ways of fitting the huge Fresnel inside the center light box and white hallway walls added behind

stage left and right room. We were very open about each other suggestions and keeping a positive relationship.

### 3.2 : Magic Sheet



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	1	4			F31		Stage Dim	1/2 hour	Kill Box	
	1.5	4					Kill House	AF	Kill House	
	2	7		F	F7.5		SR Box	Announce Complete	Victoria	
	2.5	3/5			F7		Bar Box	AF	Forgiveness	
	3	3/5					SL Box	AF	Wanda	
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								ACT1		
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	24	3						Doug Phone Call	Doug Phone Call	
18	25	3					Chair Spe	Douglas X to Chair	D X Chair	
19	26	3/5					Chair spe out	Douglas rise	D Rise	
19	29	0			F3	1	Ctr BX with Oliv	W: "What size" bump W/ Music	Size	
	29.5	4					Grow BX	AF	AF	E1,E2
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		5	2			П		Transition light		E1,E2
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	37	7					pull down to lamp	O:"I love you" rolling off	Oliver on BED	
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57 T   12   South Caste   Steined effect	
87.5 10 AF AF SR	
40 88 7   pull DSR 1st cough w/ sound Coughs	
40 89 3/7 I bar fade to street Brenda: "Let's go" Let's go	
SC9 Central Park	
40 91 2 F2 w+B Enter W+B ENTER	
40 91.1 4 D2 F5 fade behind AF AF Grow	
91.5 5 D4 AF AF Grow	
93 6 H0 I DC At Corner	
93.5 4/7 SL AF SL	
40 94 3/6 1 B park light Turnes Park	
20 2	
95 5 All Sit	
96 3 Brenda Stands Brenda Stand	_

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PG#	LQ#	TIME	P D	F/H	В	DESCRIPTION	APPROX. CALL	LABEL	EFX
43	101	3/7	П			street	JENNY X BENCH	Forgiv street	
43	103	4/7				park	Ent park and sat	Park	
44	105	4		F5		beauty night	For: "hiding for long time"	Sky	
44	107	4			В		AF	B/o	
	109	0		F2	1		ACT2  bump to house light	Intermission	
	109.5	1:30		1.2	H	chairs special	when chairs set	Chairs	
	110	2		F3		trans bx	Trans to massage Room	House to 1/2	
	110			1 13	Ш		SC1 Massage	House to 172	
45	111	8/4					LX BOX UP	House Out	
	111.5	4						LX Box OUT	
	112	5			1	two table		2.1 Massage	
48	113	3		F6			L:"Cure cancer"	Cancer	
48	113.5	2				CTR LX BOX	AF	AF light box	
48	114	7				It box out	Wanda comes on stage	Trans 2	E2,E6
40	445	-		Т		SC2	! Waiting Room	2.2.1/0	
48	115	5			1		Wanda sat	2.2 WR	
	116	4				Fade	Forgiveness x SL	Forgiv X SL	
50	119	3	1				Douglas leave	Doug leave	E3
50	120	7				Douglas table	larry table set	Trans3	
50	120.5	4	Ш		Ш	x to larry Wind	Nurse leave Doug table  B Larry's office	table out	
50	121	2	П	Τ	П	larry office	Larry 5 office	2.3 Larry	
	122	4				Grow USC	Secretary Enter	Secretary Enter	
						SC4	Doctor's office		
	123	3				Trams	Douglas X to SR	TRANS 4	
53	124	0/4			1	Office up	Flips Lightswitch	2.4 Doug office	
54	125	4					Wand Ent	Wand Ent	
	126	3					Wanda Exit	Wand Ext	
	127	3					Brenda X Chair	Brenda X Chair	
56	128	3	Ш		Ш		Wanda X Brenda	Wand X DS	
	128.5	3	$\sqcup$	_	Ш		Brenda x UC	Brenda X UC	
59	129	0	$\sqcup$	F1	Ш		Douglas leaves	Five	
59	130	3					AF	AF Trans 4	E1,E2
	131	3/5	5		П	Grow SC4-	5 Gurney Dance First Gurney Enter	Gurney Dance	E2,E10
	133	3	5		П	Grow	2nd Gurney Enter	2nd Gurney	E2,E10
	135	3	5	+	Н	Grow	Third Gurney Enter	3rd Gurney	E2,E10
	137	3			Н	Grow	Gurney Turn	Gurney Turn	E2,E11
	141	4	+		Н	Swap	Music Change	Music Change	E2,E23,
	145	3	+		Н	Fade	Doctor Turns Corner	Doctor TURN	E25 E2,E23,
	147	3	C	3	Н	Fade	Doctor Exit	Doctor Exit	E25 E2, E21
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# Chapter 4: Production Photographs

### 4.1 : Act 1



representing society's idea of censorious beauty. Soft radiance from the floating lamps lightens up their deep shadows of burden and helps them feel comfortable enough to share and support each other." Act 1 Sc. 1 The Waiting Room, Victoria "Well, we've tried everything else! Injections to the womb-water, "In a waiting room that transcends time, women sit patiently, encased by the bleak, glaring glass walls



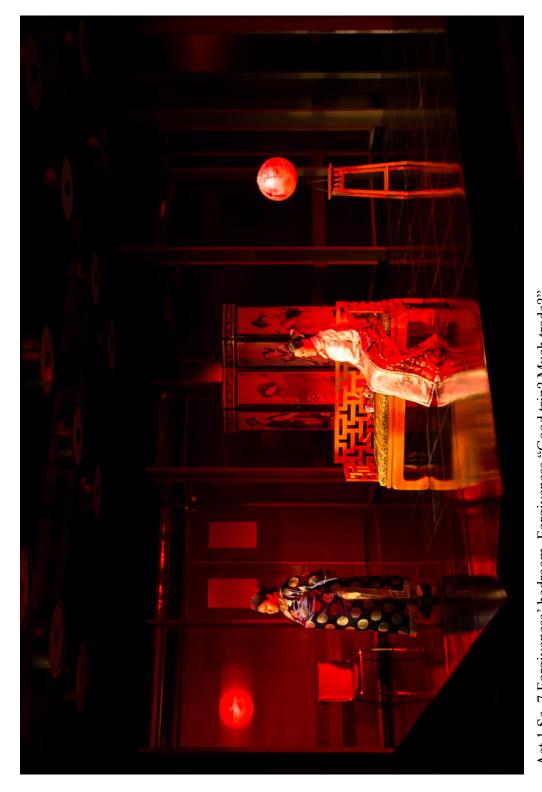
"The small bedside lamp brightens increasingly to an acid amber glow that grazes Victoria's pale cheek. As her argument with Oliver heats up, the lamp transforms into a blazing, rust colored torch that carves out Oliver's hysterical profile."

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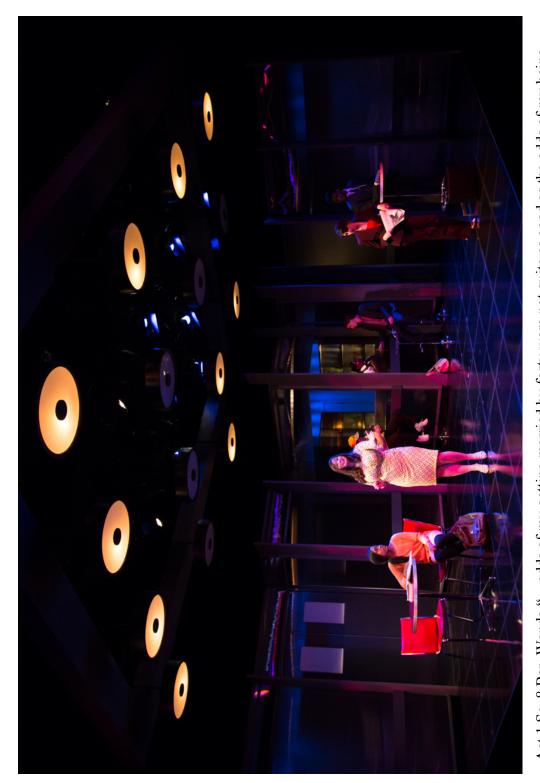


Act 1 Sc. 6 Steam Room, Ken "Carson refused – said it would be "inhumane" and "unethical" to give terminal patients a placebo."

"Deep saturated glow from the bench and lamps confine the hot and uncomfortable environment."

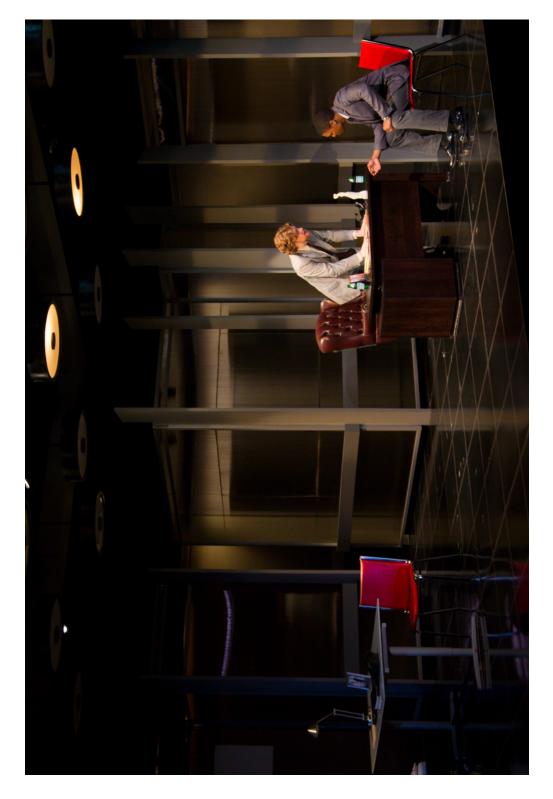


Act 1 Sc. 7 Forgiveness' bedroom, Forgiveness "Good trip? Much trade?" "Red Chinese lanterns are lit one by one behind the tawny glass walls and brushed the room with crimson colored glow. Forgiveness from Heaven sits down on the bench, her check just skimmed by the sallow sunlight as it filters through the window as she waits for husband to join her."

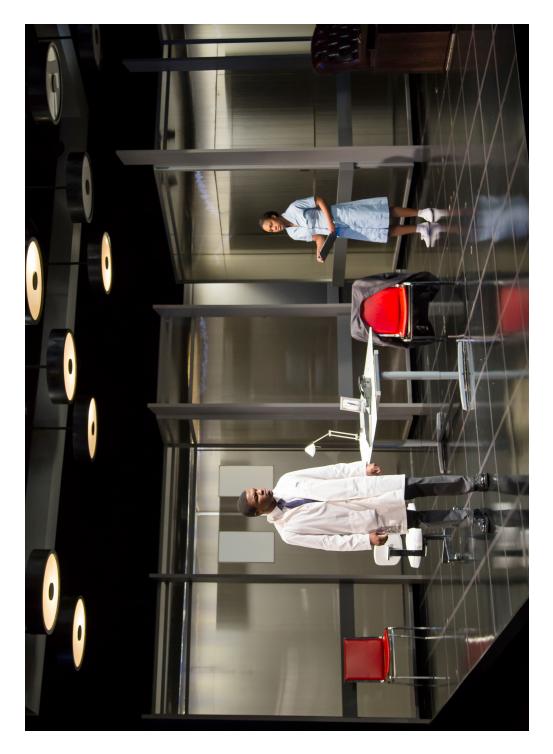


Act 1 Sc. 8 Bar, Wanda "...odds of my getting married by forty were not quite as good as the odds of my being shot by a terrorist."

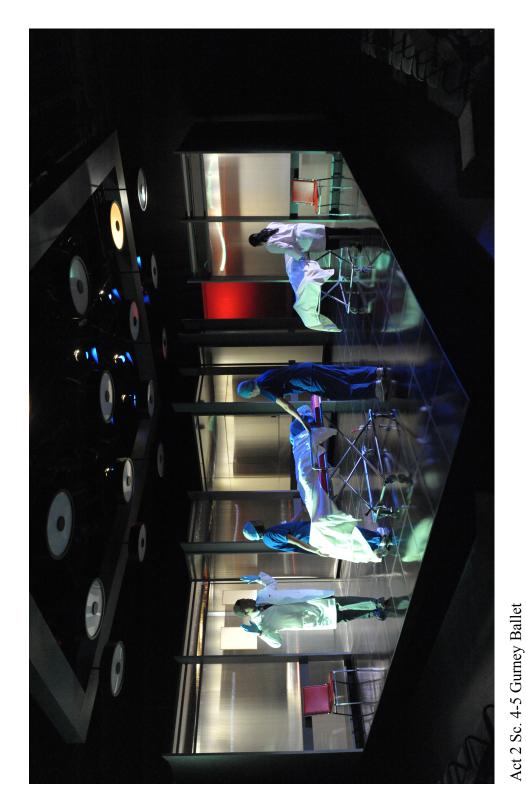
"We meet Wanda in the moody indigo and sepia bar, where she spills her feelings of her life from hope to the terrible news that she might have a tumor."



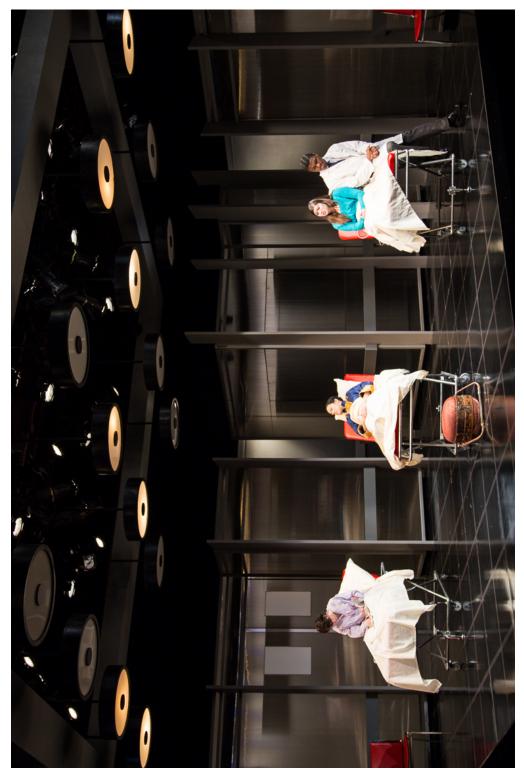
Act 2 Sc. 3 Larry's Office, Larry "I didn't close the clinic. The Jamaicans did." "Sallow sunlight slanted through the squared window, carved out harsh truth of Douglas's sickness."



"In the doctor's office, even the reflective late afternoon sky cannot brighten the dreary office, while the glaring, unfriendly fluorescents cast deep shadows into Douglas' eye sockets after losing a promising hope for a cure." Act 2 Sc. 4 Doctor's Office, Douglas "Give e a minute, and send in the next patient"



visceral fear of going into surgery. Flashing spots of emergency lights are seen bouncing on the hallway walls. As Douglas slowly walks in, a ghostly beam creates a sharp intense path of light that pierces the unconscious trio on their gurneys. Covered by ghostly pools of light fixed under the pulsing operation lamp, the gurney ballet has "A loud thump pulls away all the daylight, and the world quickly floods with an eerie green glow that echos the



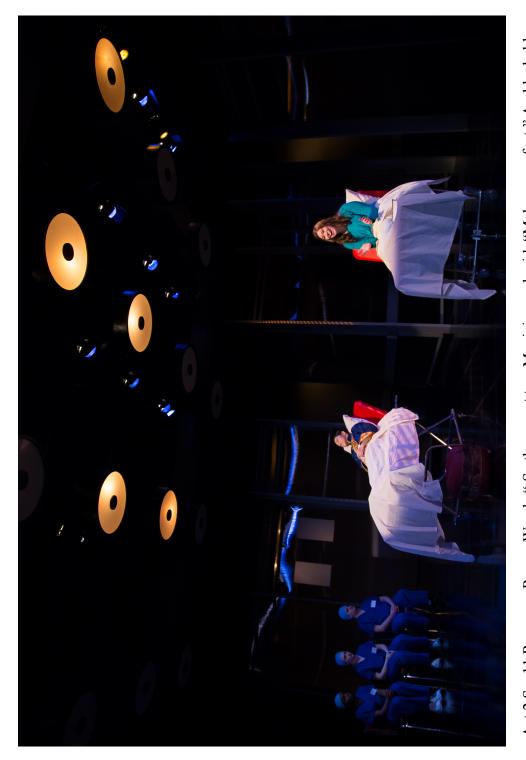
Act 2 Sc. 7 Recovery Room, Douglas "I'm going to have to recommend a rather aggressive course of chemotherapy. I'm sorry." "Later in the sterile recovery room, gloomy overcast daylight cascades through the thin gaps between blinds, stretching over the beds of the women."



Act 2 Sc. 9 Recovery Room, Forgiveness "Cats good luck! Good luck! Meow! Meeeeow!"



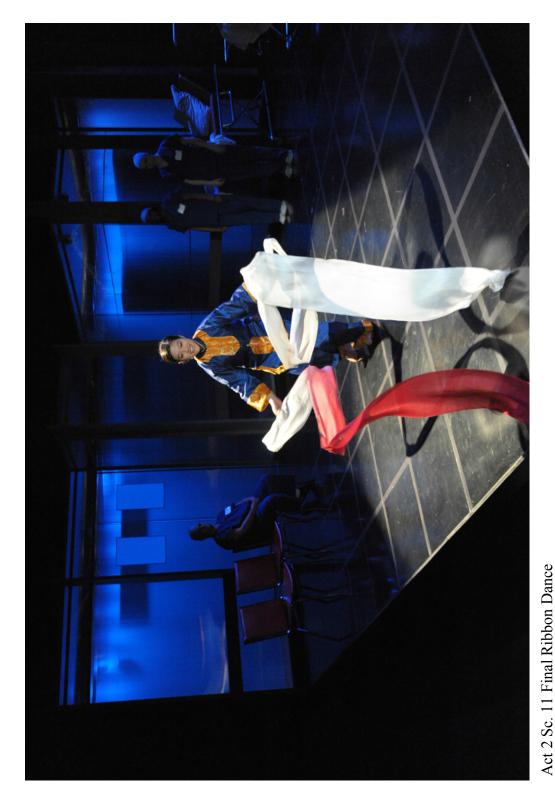
Act 2 Sc. 10 Recovery Room, Oliver "She'd like very much for you to come home, Victoria. As would your other children. As would I."



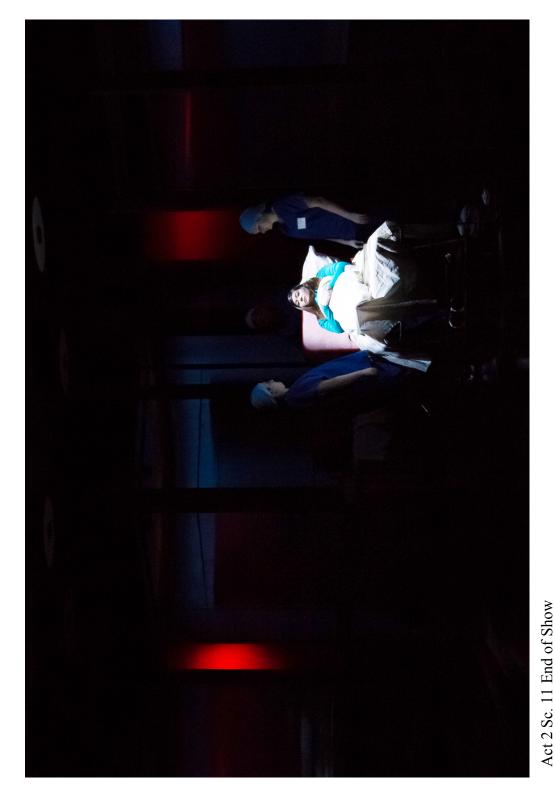
Act 2 Sc. 11 Recovery Room, Wanda "So they went to a Magician and said, "Make us perfect." And he held up lamps, surrounded by the dreary walls now brushed by the frigid night sky. Harsh, caustic light from the street "As the waning daylight gradually fades away, Wanda and Forgiveness are left under the obtrusive clinical a magic mirror..."

lamp slices through the window blinds leaving the room with gashes that match the women's fresh surgical

incisions."



"Night sky fades into darkness after Forgiveness's death, her body caress by a heavenly white beam. Her silhouette is slowly awakened by the graceful Chinese flute. A path of sharp, brilliant beam quickly opens up and with the swell of the music embraces Forgiveness in its pure white tone as she finally finds her liberation."



remains under the glare of clinical beams, leaving us with a visualization of the consequences of pursuing modern "Just as we see Forgiveness finds hope, a loud thump throws us back into the bleak recovery room, where Wanda

beauty."

### Chapter 5: Final Reflections

There had been several big challenges in this production of The Waiting Room, and together as a team we were excited to share our thoughts and we had a strong collaboration throughout the whole process. We started with a simple message to base our choices on and through collaboration, dialogue, and experimentation, we successfully created a cohesive production. I am very proud of the final product of The Waiting Room that our whole team put together on stage.

I am also proud of overcoming all the lighting challenges in this production, specifically adapting the revised concept for the new director late in the design process. I felt that I was able to create the bleak environment that was needed in the waiting room scenes and successfully employed the tools to transform the stage into Victorian era bedroom, a hot steam room, and then to a New York City bar. Besides using lighting for location and time of days it also conveyed the feeling of the life for these three different women, each being isolated from the world.

One of the things I wanted to change after finishing this production was having more detailed discussion of the bar shelves in the design process of preproduction. The two bar shelves were set inside the center room, and existed throughout the whole show but were only lit up in Act 1 Scene 8. It could have been a more unifying look if they could have be integrated into the back wall of the room or have had a different material in the front, so that I could have found a solution to light it more evenly to better match the other light boxes. For me, the huge shadows of the shelves broke the consistency of the light box idea, especially in the outdoor golf course scene.

Secondly, bringing up my concern of the handrail much earlier on, considering the light gray color catches light very well in some of the isolated scenes, such as the women's bedrooms and steam room and it was visually distracting. The handrails would be better in a dark tone or the same color as the floor to avoid being a bright distraction when the actors are in much darker costumes.

If I was given more time in the technical rehearsal process, I would have worked on adding more slashes of light on the architecture of the walls to enhance the sense of direction of light, which also helps to create a more interesting composition. I would have spent more time reworking the transitions after the designer run, when we received feedback to utilize the transition to introduce the characters in the show. However, losing two days of tech because of a snow emergency has minimized my ability to refine the timing on transitions.

As an artist and a designer, I can know that my work is never actually finished but we all simply just run out of time. Overall, I am very pleased with our production of The Waiting Room and I am proud to be a part of this design team.

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