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**"*The Assistant Lighting Designer's Toolkit* sets out to fill a big gap in the market of lighting books -- a huge help to so many aspiring ALD's and teaches us 'mature' designers how to better behave! This book is marvelous."**

– Richard Pilbrow, internationally known Author and Lighting Designer; voted "one of the 50 most powerful people in the entertainment technology industry" (Live Design 2010)

**"*The Assistant Lighting Designer's Toolkit* is a great addition to just about everyone's lighting library. Lots of how-to info from the tech table battle front."**

– Scott Parker, Lighting Designer, Columbus State University

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- Paul Davies, Focus Magazine

**"*The Assistant Lighting Designer's Toolkit* is...chock-full of information and insights. Whatever your experience level, it is a worthy addition to your theatre library. For those making the transition from life as a lighting design student to the professional market, it is an invaluable resource."**

- Ellen E. Jones, *Lighting & Sound America*

**"*The Assistant Lighting Designer's Toolkit* is now on my short list of the two or three most important books for aspiring professional lighting designers. She [Anne E. McMills] has completed a task that began twenty-five years ago with a brief magazine article by Craig Miller. As he would have said, "A Plus, Gold Star!""**

- Michael Lincoln, *Theatre Design & Technology*

### About the Author

**Anne E. McMills'** career extends across the vast landscape of the lighting world – from theatre (including Broadway and the West End) to television and theme parks to architecture, industrials, concerts, awards shows, dance, and opera. In addition to designing her own work, Anne works as an associate lighting designer assisting award-winning Broadway designers such as Brian MacDevitt, Howell Binkley, Peter Kaczorowski, Jason Lyons, David Lander, Brian Monahan, and Ken Billington. Anne is the Head of Design

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