Samantha has been an IATSE 873 member since 1999.

She has been an elected IATSE 873 Convention Delegate for the past 3 year term. While attending every union meeting, departmental meetings and the OFL convention, she has been HOD with the Hair Department for 10 years. She is a constant, friendly reminder to follow union protocol to the best advantage of our IATSE 873 crews.

Samantha entered as a permit in 1997 in the the makeup and paint department. She gained membership in the Craft Department in 1999. Since then, she has worked in Costume, Set dec., Construction Labour, Make-up, Hair and Scenic Paint Departments. She has learned many skills and worked with a variety of creative people and talents in our membership.

Samantha has ironed clothes for cast, sewed 60 foot blue screens on a lift, driven lifts (before training was implemented), sanded ceilings, sanded MDF, mixed two part appoxy, painted columns 3 stories up at the Hearn, hanging by hand (before harnesses were mandatory), sprinkled dustbane to sweep studio floors for days. She has even demolished sets with a sledge hammer- the same ones she painted a few months before. She understands how important health and safety is in our daily work routine to arrive home safe. She is pleased to see (during the last 25 years) the change by implementing safety procedures and would like to see a continuum towards safe work environments.

Samantha has a good understanding of the challenges that crew members face on a daily basis under time restraints and pressure. She is happy to discuss and contribute to amend protocol for safe workspaces- mentally and physically.

Currently Samantha works as HOD in the Hair Department and takes daily calls in between contracts to contribute to crew and get to know new members and permits.

Thank you.

IATSE 873 Craft Department Member1999-2001 IATSE 873 Scenic Paint Department Member 2001-2011 IATSE 873 Hair Department Member 2011-Present