

# Bryan Forrest

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From an early age Bryan was given power tools in lieu of “normal” toys. Happily, it inspired a life full of dream building, industrial machines and he even still retains all his original fingers! His training has taking him to many different fields over the years, from theatrical scenic shops to militarily contracted R&D facilities. Bryan prides himself on having an approximate knowledge of everything and any new machine or technique isn't a mystery for long when he gets his hands on it. He is also a conservatory trained actor; from the classics to clowning his big personality and range of interests often finds a home in the fantastical worlds he helps to create both as an actor and a stunt performer. Currently, Bryan works at the world renowned Sword and the Stone armory and blacksmith forge where he assists master blacksmith Tony Swatton in creating arms and armor for Hollywood blockbusters. He also co-starred in the award winning online educational series Man at Arms which forged famous weapons from video games, film, tv and anime. Bryan also had the pleasure of using his skills as a professional stunt fighter in the testing of all the weapons in the messiest and most glorious ways imaginable. He also joins the vast team of artisans that create The Labyrinth Masquerade, the largest masquerade ball in North America as a content producer, puppet fabricator and operator as well as an actor and stunt sword fighter. At the end of the day if the job involves a spark of magic that sets the imagination ablaze Bryan will always be found in the middle of the glorious mayhem.

## **Design and Fabrication Training and Employment**

### **Advanced Joining Technologies 2003-2007**

Industrial Machine Shop: specializing in Stir Welding integration and innovation  
Duties: Machinist, Forklift driver (OSHA Certified), WIG & TIG Welder, Stir Welder Operator, Crane Operator, Project Manager, Machine Restoration and Maintenance

### **University of California at Santa Barbara 2005-2009**

Dept of Theater & Dance Scene Shop: Senior Scenic Technician  
Duties: Draftsman, Welder, Carpenter, Machinist, Scenic Painter, Prop Master, Instructor  
Earned: Bachelor of Fine Arts 2009

### **Forrest Spirits 2009-Present**

Independent Design and Fabrication House  
Duties: Founder, Set Designer, Costumer, Prop Master, Carpenter, Scenic Painter

### **Sypher Arts Studio 2011-Present**

Design and Fabrication Production Company  
Duties: Associate Producer of Digital Content, Prop Master, Puppet Fabricator Captain, Armorer, Molder, Painter, Machinist, Stunt Performer

### **The Sword and the Stone 2011-Present**

Blacksmith Armory and Forge  
Duties: Blacksmith Assistant, Machinist, Bladesmith, Whitesmith, Plating & Etching, Stunt Coordinator

### **Iron Relic Entertainment 2014-Present**

Independent Production Company  
Duties: Prop Master, Machinist, SFX Artist, Armorer

## Industrial Fabrication Skills

**Machinist-** Vertical Mill, Lathe, Stir Welder, Band Saw, Pneumatic Files and Fasteners

**Armorer-** Proficiency with the upkeep and repair of all major weaponry from Neolithic to Iraq War

**Blacksmith-** Metal Casting: bronze, aluminum, tin, Power Hammer, Forge Welding, Armor Construction: chain, scale, leather, plate, Belt Sander, Band Saw, Buffers, Files and Hammer construction

**Prop Master-** Crafts Artisan, Carpentry, Furniture Construction and Reupholstering, Puppet Design and Fabrication, Molding and Casting, Graphics Design and Layout, Metal Working

**Scenic Technician-** Drafting, Carpentry, Scenic Painting

**Costumer/Soft Goods Artisan-** Pattern Making, Sewing, Leather Work, Historical Accuracy and Functionality

## Credits *(selected)*

### Theatre

bobrauschenbergamerica	Scenic Design & Prop Master	Theatrics Theatre Group
Seagull	Prop Artisan	Theatre UCSB
Comedy of Errors	Prop Master & Set Dresser	Shakespeare Santa Barbara
99 Impossible Things	Set Designer & Prop Master	Eclectic Theater
Three Sisters	Prop Artisan	Theatre UCSB
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Prop Master	Theatre UCSB
Little Shop of Horrors	Puppet Maintenance & Dressing	Sage Hill High School
Angels in America, Part I	Prop Artisan	Theatre UCSB
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Set Designer & Prop Master	American Jewish University
This is the Road I'm Going On	Set Designer & Prop Master	American Jewish University
Idiot's Delight	Prop Artisan	Theatre UCSB
I Created That?	Specialty Costume & Makeup	AC Theatre
King of Fools	Technical Director	Theatre UCSB
Matt&Ben	Specialty Props	Theatrics

### Theme Park

Disneyland Resort	Sword Maker	Disney
Hong King Disneyland Resort	Prop Artisan & Machinist	Disney
Walt Disney World Resort	Armorer & Plater	Disney
Shanghai Disneyland Resort	Prop Artisan	Disney
Tokyo Disney Resort	Blacksmith	Disney

### Film/TV

How It's Made	Blacksmith	Discovery
Criminal Minds	Knife Maker	CBS
The Hunger Games	Weapon Maker	Lions gate
Two and a Half Men	Sword Maker	CBS
Chuck	Prop Maker	Warner Bros.
Ironside	Knife Maker	NBC

### New Media

The Guild	Machinist & Puppeteer	Geek & Sundry
Man At Arms	Blacksmith & Stunts	Defy Media
Cosplay Piano	Prop Maker	Stan Lee's World of Heroes

### Live Event

The Labyrinth Masquerade	Armorer & Bladesmith	Sypher Arts Studio
The Original Ren. Pleasure Faire	Creature Suit Fabricator	Sypher Arts Studio
Stanley Kubrick Halloween	Costumer & Carpenter	LACMA