



# CARMEN THOMPSON

Artist, Costume Designer & Builder, Producer, Writer

Multi talented and highly creative Indigenous professional with over 20 years of onset film experience. Cultural Liaison, Costume Designer and Costume Builder, Creative Director responsibilities with three of the top Indigenous production companies in North America. Inventive and passionate creator specializing in costume building and design, marketing and graphic representations. Exceptional collaborative and interpersonal skills able to work with Directors, Producers and Actors and diverse teams to bring creative concepts to life. Accustomed to performing in deadline-driven environments with an emphasis on working within budget requirements.

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## SKILLS

Highly skilled Indigenous Costume Builder

Educated in several Indigenous cultures in North America/Canada/US, Mexico, Peru & the United States. From a military family, educated in Military Costume

Advanced skills in Photoshop & Illustrator

High sketching/drawing skills for illustration

Understanding of full-scope of film production

Color & Design Theory, Western Art History  
Fashion Sketching, Textile Science

## FILM EXPERIENCE

Started background performing in 1987

Acting in late teens and currently

Producing and Writing a feature film

Costume Designed over 20 films

Costume Department in over 31 productions

Graphic editing for 2 feature films

Experience with live television and theatre

Excellent film network of actors and crew

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Inheritance: a pick-the-path experience- Jessie Award for Significant Artistic Achievement

Red Snow- Nominated for 10 Leo Awards including Best Costume Design  
1491: The Untold Story of the Americas Before Columbus- won 3 Leo Awards

Super Bingo- Nominated for Leo for Best Costume Design Short Drama

Christmas Calendar- Nominated for Leo for Best Costume Design Drama

Legends of the Hidden Temple- Nominated for Leo in Best Costume Design in a Television Movie

Rolling- Prism Award and a San Fransisco Audience Award

## COSTUME DESIGNER

**What's The Matter With Alice** - Television Movie - Nick Humphries, Director. Thriller

**Under A Lovers Moon** - Television Movie - Danny Boyle, Director

**Kiri And The Dead Girl** - Short Film - Grace Dove, Director. 1980's, Pow Wow

**Love On A Vine** - Television Movie - Lucie Guest, Director

**Inheritance** - Theatre - Herbie Barnes, Director

**God's Lake** - Documentary Theatre - Britt Small, Director

**Missing** - Opera - Marie Clements, Playwright, Peter Hinton, Director. Gitksan Culture, Indigneous Culture

**Made For You With Love** - Television Movie - Lucie Guest, Director

**The Still Life of Annika Myers** - Short film - Matthew Blecha, Director. Present day & Netherlands 1945

**Monkey Beach** - Feature Film - Loretta Todd, Director. Present day, 1980,1960,1908. Three major costume builds. Representing Hailsa/Kitimaat Peoples & Culture

**Super Bingo** - Short Film - Matthew Blecha, Director

**Red Snow** - Feature Film - Marie Clements, Director. 1996 Canadian Army and Gwich'in First Nation

**Murdoch Mysteries** - Season 11, ep.1119 - Television - Gary Harvey, Director  
Design and build 8 Haida Warriors, period: 1905

**Christmas Calendar** - Television Movie - Alan Harmon, Director

**1491: The Untold Story of the Americas** - 8 part Documentary - Lisa Jackson, Director. Building and creating ancient/pre-contact costumes for: Amazon, Anishnaabe, Artic/Inuit, Argentina, Aztec/Mayan/Yucatan, Blackfoot, Brazil, Cahokia, Chile, Clovis, Cree, Incan, Iroquois, Kwaguilth, Maidu, Nuuchahnulth, Peru, Taos Pueblo, Sto:Lo

**All My Relations** - Documentary. Stylist for Host segments

**Jamie Foxx** - Intuition Tour - Live Performance. Designed leather jacket, pants & tshirt-opening outfit

**Food Stamps** - Webseries - Alfredo Ramos, Director

**Saving Grace B Jones** - Co-designed Feature film. Connie Stevens, Director. 1950's, US Army

**B.O.H.I.C.A** - Feature film - DJ Paul, Director. US Army/Afghanistan

**Lost Warrior: Left Behind** - Television Movie - Erken Ialgashev, Director. US Army, Navy, National Guard

**Lake Dead** - Feature Film - George Bessudo, Director. Thriller/Horror

**Rolling** - Feature Film - Billy Saleebey, Director

## COSTUME DEPARTMENT

- Costume Builder** - Television/Netflix - Julie & the Phantoms, Full Series, Soyon An, Costume Designer
- Background Costumer** - Television - Motherland, Ep. 9,10, Tracy Boulton, Costume Designer
- Set Supervisor** - Television Movie - The Last Bridesmaid, Ken Shapkin, Costume Designer
- Background Costumer** - Film - Descendants 3, Kara Saun, Costume Designer
- Breakdown Artist** - Television - X-Files, S11, Ep. 10 - Katrina McCarthy, Costume Designer
- Costume Builder** - Television - X-Files, S11, Ep. 8 - Katrina McCarthy, Costume Designer
- Truck Supervisor** - Television - Murdoch Mysteries, S11, E.1119 - Linda Muir, Costume Designer, Period: 1905
- Set Supervisor** - Television Movie - Lovestruck Cafe - Zohra Shahalimi, Costume Designer
- Set Supervisor** - TV Pilot - The Crossing - Giovanna Ottobre-Melton, Costume Designer
- Costume Builder** - Television/Nickleodeon - Pup Stars 2 - Ken Shapkin, Costume Designer
- Assistant Costume Designer** - Television Movie - Fixer Upper - Ken Shapkin, Costume Designer
- Assistant Costume Designer** - Television Movie - Rose Parade New Years - Ken Shapkin, Costume Designer
- Truck Supervisor** - Television Movie - Rufus 2 - Eilidh McAllister, Costume Designer
- Truck Supervisor** - Television Movie - Finding Father Christmas - Ken Shapkin, Costume Designer
- Costume Builder** - Television Movie - Legends of the Hidden Temple - Ken Shapkin, Costume Designer, Period: 1600
- Costume Stylist/Shopper** - Commercial, Nike: LaBron James
- Alterations & Tailor** - Live Television/Tour - American Idol 2009 Tour
- Assistant Costume Designer** - Critics Choice Awards - Live Television - Warden Neil, Costume Designer
- Costume Builder** - Kids Choice Awards: Duane Johnson - Host - Live Television - Nick Manno, Costume Designer
- Costume Builder** - VH1 Rock Honors: The Who, Live Television - Warden Neil, Costume Designer
- Alterations & Tailor** - Live Television - Macy's Passport Celebrity Catwalk Challenge
- Truck Supervisor** - Television Movie - Christmas Crash - Aieisha Li, Costume Designer
- Head Seamstress** - Live Television - Your Mama Don't Dance, Warden Neil, Costume Designer
- Seamstress** - Live Television - Crowned: Mother of All Pageants, Warden Neil, Costume Designer
- Set Supervisor** - Feature Film - The Fifth Patient. Army reference

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- University of Victoria: Department of Indigenous Education** - Indigenous Speakers Series Lecture - Cultural importance of costume in theatre production.
- Camosun College: Indigenous Business Program** - Components of a script and the breakdown of commercial media
- École Victor-Brodeur: Indigenous Artist Series** - A Career in Film

## ASSOCIATE PRODUCER

- 2020* - **Kiri and The Dead Girl** - short film. Director: Grace Dove
- 2010* - **Darnell Dawkins: Mouth Guitar Legend** - feature film. Director: Clayne Crawford

## CERTIFICATION COURSES

- 2019* - **Tricksters and Writers Vancouver North Island Program** - Script Writing Fundamentals and foundation of screenwriting program, mentored by Doreen Manuel. Produced a strong 20 page script, continuing working with D.Manuel

## GRAPHIC DESIGNER

- 2018* - Monkey Beach - Director: Loretta Todd. Created artwork representing B'Gwus, graphics on costumes
- 2017* - Super Bingo - Director: Matthew Blecha. Designed and created movie poster and graphics for media
- 2015* - Helen Keller vs. Nightwolves - Director: Ross Patterson. Designed and edited film stills
- 2011* - FDR: American Badass - Director: Garrett Brawith. Designed and edited film stills, assisted through the post-production, created PR stills for actors
- 2010* - Darnell Dawkins: Mouth Guitar Legend - Director: Clayne Crawford. Designed and edited film stills

## REFERENCES

- Ken Shapkin - Costume Designer, Producer
- Doreen Manuel - Producer, Writer, Mentor

**Contact information available  
upon request**