

ALL DRESSED UP:

SANTO LOQUASTO

WHEN?

1970s to present

WHERE?

Wyoming Valley

EVENT

Santo is an award-winning costume, set, and production designer



Santo Loquasto

VOCABULARY

Set design

Off-Broadway

Production

Santo Loquasto, a native son of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, is well-known for his creative work in the arts. He was inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame in 2004. Nominated 50 times for Tony Awards¹ and winner of four Tony Awards, he has also won five Drama Desk Awards, an Obie Award, and has been nominated for three Academy Awards. The Pennsylvania Governor's Award for the Arts was presented to him in 2006 and he was in the first class of inductees for the Luzerne County Arts and Entertainment Hall of Fame. For more awards, film credits, and Broadway shows [see more](#).²

Born in 1944 in Wilkes-Barre, he attended Moravian Academy and then graduated from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He earned his Master of Fine Arts degree from Yale University. His career has included designs for set, production, and costumes. His talented arrangements have spanned over 140 Broadway and off-Broadway shows plus numerous films.³ The filmmaker Woody Allen has chosen Mr. Loquasto to work on quite a few of his films including *Bullets over Broadway*, *Radio Days*, and *Zelig*. His work also includes work with top classical ballet stars including Mikhail Baryshnikov, Twyla Tharp, Mark Morris along with several others. His most recent Tony award was for Costume Design in the musical *Hello Dolly!* starring Bette Midler.⁴



Check it out online

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ENDNOTES

1. [Met Opera](#)
2. [Santo Loquasto](#)
3. [Met Opera](#)
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Suggested Activities

1. Research three designs done by Mr. Loquasto and set up a presentation about the behind the scenes work that is done before the final set or costume is finalized.