

**Tara Ocansey**

**Wardrobe Stylist**

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## **7 CORE VALUES**

The following 7 core values establish the framework for Tara's behaviour and decision-making in the workplace.

**1. Lead with Integrity:**

- Show a consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles.

**2. Have Empathy:**

- Take the time to understand the thoughts, emotions and experiences of others, and react with compassion.

**3. Positive Perspective:**

- Aim to make the best of every situation. Create a motivating and inspiring work environment.

**4. Be the Leader WITH your Team:**

- Leadership is not a position. It's a mindset.
- Everyone takes ownership and accountability.
- We call and look onto each other to get the job done.
- Everyone leads from their own area of strength to lead themselves, the team and the crew to success.

**5. Clear Communication:**

- Keep communication clear and concise.
- Always communicate your WHY with every request.
- Be eager to receive and ask questions.
- Always follow up to confirm if the communication was received and understood.

**6. Pay Attention to Detail:**

- Take the time to focus on the little details that will create a big impact.

**7. Always Strive to Improve the Quality of your Life:**

- What we consume in our daily lives has an affect on our performance, health and mindset. We can aim to become a better version of ourselves through continuous learning, health and wellness, and a positive mindset.

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### **SKILLS**

- Have a creative imagination to form ideas for character's costumes
- Able to gather, interpret and apply research information
- Able to create expense reports and track budgets using Excel
- Skilled at creating mood boards using InDesign
- Able to read and breakdown a script
- Can be trusted to oversee large purchases
- Knowledgeable with garment sizing- women's, kid's and men's apparel, footwear and suiting
- Great sense of style
- Extremely organized with receipts and returns
- Adaptable and comfortable with ambiguity and change
- Able to handle pressure and work in a fast-paced environment, while maintaining a positive and professional demeanor
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work in collaborative and team oriented environments
- Highly organized and proactive, with a strong attention to detail and accuracy
- Excellent leadership qualities. Leads with integrity, passion, positivity, clear communication, focus and empathy
- Able to make informed decisions and come up with quick solutions to overcome problems
- Always eager to learn new things
- Excellent listening skills

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Black Hxouse BIPOC Women's Member**

Backed by Canadian Musician The Weekend, BLACK HXOUSE Women's Program is a specialized leadership and skills development initiative - for women of color, specifically black women. This program was created to ensure that women of color, who are often under-represented across most industries, have the same access to the training and resources needed to remain competitive as young professionals. One of our missions is to empower young women of color with the tools, learning opportunities, mentorship, network, and freedom they need to activate the talent and translate it into a sustainable career that promotes industry innovation and diverse representation (Hxouse.com, 2021).

#### **Founder of Okator Inc. Creator of Oveil**

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Tara Ocansey is the Founder of her company Okator Inc. and the creator of the Oveil.

The Oveil is a one-size reusable head cover that protects clothes from makeup stains. Tara also created a disposable line of the head cover that is highly sought after by professional costume designers, wardrobe stylists, makeup artists, and hair stylists.

The Oveil was featured on the Marilyn Dennis show, and favoured by stars such as Cheryl Hickey, Ruth E. Carter, Luisa Duran, Traci Melchor, Tracy Peart, Canada's Drag Queen winner Priyanka (Mark Suknanan) and so much more!

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**Personal Stylist to Brandon Gonez**

**Brandon Gonez- CEO of Gonez Media**

Tara Ocansey is the Personal Stylist to Canadian Journalist, Brandon Gonez. Brandon was a former journalist for CP24. Brandon is the founder of Gonez Media- Canada's fastest growing online media company, and recently acquired NOW. Tara styled Brandon for sit down interviews with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the 2022 mayor debate, Drake's producer Noah "40" Shebib, partnerships with TD Canada Trust, LVMH, and notable events such as The Canadian Screen Awards, Ted Talk and much more!

**Canadian Screen Awards 2021**

**Canada's Drag Race received 5 awards at 2021 CSA:**

- Best Reality/Competition Program or Series
- Best Production Design or Art Direction, Non-Fiction
- Best Direction, Reality/Competition  
Best Writing, Lifestyle or Reality/Competition
- Best Host or Presenter, Factual or Reality/Competition for Brooke Lynn Hynes, Jeffrey Bowyer-Chapman, Stacey McKenzie

**Safe Sets™ COVID- 19 Certificate**

- Received Safe Sets™ COVID- 19 Certificate 2020

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**WORK EXPERIENCE****TELEVISION**

Jane Legacy Awards 2022 Just For Laughs Roast Battle Canada Run the Burbs Season 2 Dino Dexter Season 1 Second Jen	Costume Designer Key Wardrobe Stylist Key Wardrobe Stylist Assistant Costume Designer Assistant Costume Designer Assistant Costume Designer/ SetSupervisor Set Supervisor Set Supervisor Set Supervisor Set Supervisor Set Supervisor Buyer Buyer Buyer	Sinking Ship Entertainment Insight Productions 2775692 Ontario Inc. Pier 21 Films Sinking Ship Entertainment Don Ferguson Productions
Ghostwriter 2 Wall of Chefs Wall of Bakers Fire Masters The Big Bake Great Chocolate Showdown Canada's Drag Race Big Brother Canada Detention Adventure	Set Supervisor Set Supervisor Set Supervisor Set Supervisor Set Supervisor Buyer Buyer Buyer	Sinking Ship Entertainment Insight Productions Insight Productions Nikki Ray Productions Nikki Ray Productions Nikki Ray Productions DR Canada Productions Inc. Insight Productions Detention Adventure Productions Inc.
Battle of the Blades	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Insight Productions

**COMMERCIAL**

Uber Campaign	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Fela
Nike Jordan Holiday Campaign	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Falkon Production
Nike Jordan Kids Holiday Campaign	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Falkon Production
Sunlife x Raptors	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Victory Creative Group
Atlassian	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	More Media
DAZN	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Popp Rok
GMC	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Someplace Nice Productions
Bell Media Sales Video	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Bell Media Productions
Air Transat	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Mile Inn
Scotia iTrade	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Morrison Productions
HSBC	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Mile Inn Productions
McCain Super Fries	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Morrison Productions
Samsung S9	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Production six01
Raptors "Fix Yuh" Pitch	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Sacha Singh
Gardasil	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Mile Inn
HP	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Untitled Films
Cineplex	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Elemental
Crest White Strips	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Rogers Media
Stain Master	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	King Ursa
Toyota Supra	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Soft Citizen

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McCain Pizza Pocket	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Morrison Productions
Manulife x Heart and Stroke Foundation	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Sise Drummond

**MUSIC VIDEO**

Drake- Falling Back	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Fela
Future feat. Drake- Wait For You	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Fela
Jessie Reyez- I Do	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Mad. Ruk Productions
Wiz Khalifa- Late Night Messages	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Mad. Ruk Productions
Arkells- Years in the Making	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Encounter Film Studios
Nikki Yanofsky- Big Mouth	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	The Field Productions
Nikki Yanofsky- Forget	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	The Field Productions
Anders- Don't Play	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Kid. Studio
Jay Rock- Tap Out	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Popp Rok Productions
The Darcys- Look me in the Eyes	Key Wardrobe Stylist	The Darcys
\$VN- Home Runs	Key Wardrobe Stylist	No Wave
Ali As- Ugh Yeah	Key Wardrobe Stylist	OinkFilm

**PRINT**

Brandon Gonez EPK Shoot	Key Wardrobe Stylist	Gonez Media
Fashion Canada- November Issue Ballroom Editorial	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Rodeo Production
Hudson's Bay Holiday Campaign Shoot	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	St. Joseph Communications
Globe and Style Pursuits, Style Article	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Globe and Mail
Hot Market	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Aftwentyone Productions Inc.
Canola Field Envy	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	Matt Barnes Photography
White Bridal 2020 Campaign Spring Shoot	Assistant Wardrobe Stylist	

**WEB**

Royals- Short Film	Costume Designer	The Remix Project/ Jones & Jones Production
Gym Shark All Access "Lift Toronto" Vlog	Key Wardrobe Stylist	Gym Shark
Mr. Saturday FW'21 Both Directions at Once Runway Campaign	Set Supervisor	Fela

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## **EDUCATION**

### **CAFTCAD Costume 101 Course**

**Received CAFTCAD Costume 101 certificate**

#### **Course topics:**

- Introduction to costuming
- Prep side of costume
- Set side of costume (including Set and Truck Supervisor)
- Daily/Set etiquette
- The Workroom - Breakdown Artist
- The Workroom - Cutter/Tailor/Seamstress
- IATSE 873 and NABET UNIFOR permit requirements
- Costume Buyer
- Background Coordinator
- Assistant Designer/Costume Supervisor
- Costume Designer
- Commercial and Print Stylist

### **Introduction to Industrial Sewing**

#### **George Brown**

- Learned industrial sewing techniques and surging through demonstrations and practice on muslin samples

### **Introduction to Commercial and Print Styling**

#### **Inclusive Stylist Toronto- Styling Workshop**

#### **Course topics:**

- Wardrobe prep
- How to set up a fitting
- Pre production meeting
- Organizing pulls and returns
- Set etiquette

### **Fashion Management**

#### **Humber College**

Received Bachelors of Commerce Degree

Relevant coursework:

- Retail Buying, Wholesale Sales and Presentation Strategies
- Store Planning and Merchandising
- Trend Analysis and Product Development

### **Fashion Arts**

#### **Humber College**

Received Fashion Arts Diploma

Relevant coursework:

- Fashion Industry Analysis
- Retail Financial Management Applications
- Brand Product Development and Retail Operations Management