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Fabricator/Generalist

Newcastle Upon Tyne area

Driver (Category B, C1 inc Digital Tachograph card), own vehicle

Profile

Generalist/Fabricator with experience running a scenic workshop for theatre and carrying out crew work for a range of events. Experience in woodwork and steelwork, with training in MIG/MAG/TIG/MMA. Construction drawings done in QCAD, Sketchup.

Work Experience

April 2024-October 2024

Trainee Set Dresser—28 Years Later/28 Years Later: The Bone Temple

Trainee set dresser working in prop store and on set. Seconded to model makers dept as trainee model maker & fabricator for over half of the production. Involved in steelwork builds and prop making, both actor props and set dressing pieces.

January 2019—Present

Average Ape Makes—Freelancer

Owner/Sole Trader, fabrication of sets and installations for theatre and arts sector. Work as local crew for events and theatre. Including theatre build/break, museum install, event build/break. Projects including MOBO Awards 2025, Red Bull Tyne Ride, various pantomimes

October 2021—October 2024

Northern Stage—Workshop Supervisor

Onsite supervisor, involved in day to day operation of workshop at all phases of set build from design consultation, costing, materials ordering, build/break, recycling and general health and safety and building maintenance. Productions including Sorcerers Apprentice, The White Card, Cinderella, Invisible Man. Responsible to Head of Production.

November 2019—October 2021

Northern Stage—Maker

General construction work, including woodwork and steelwork to meet designs from designer or concepts where no design available. Responsible to Head of Workshop, latterly Head of Production.

April 2021—Present

Lifeline Medical Services Ltd—Emergency Ambulance Crew

Following 6 years frontline A&E work with British Red Cross, moved to Lifeline Medical Services. Involved in provision of event medical cover, repatriation transport trips (Urgent “blue light” and non-urgent) and PTS work. Working alongside all skill levels, including supporting other crew in company specific tasks such as paperwork. Responsible to company Directors.

Education

2023-2024—South Tyneside College, multiple City and Guilds Welding Awards, MIG/MAG Level 2, TIG Level 2 (Stainless Steel), MMA Level 1

2023—South Tyneside College, BS4872 Welder Approval, MAG on 6mm plate

2024—Rescue Pod Training Solutions Ltd, Working at Height, Low Risk Confined Space certifications

2020—NCRQ, Health and Safety for Managers

2016/2017—British Red Cross, Emergency Ambulance Crew qualification, Certification for Emergency Response Ambulance Driving (CERAD)

Volunteer Work

2015—Present, Festival Medical Services, Event Responder, initially as a first responder, later as Ambulance Crew (ECA)

2013-2021—SSVLB, HM Coastguard Resource, part of volunteer rescue team involved in