

# Christopher Young

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## PERSONAL PROFILE

A dedicated lighting and events professional with more than twenty-five years of experience within television, drama, commercials, live music, and theatre. Experienced in lighting design/directing, technical lighting setup, lighting console operation, fixed/temporary power distribution (qualified electrician) and event coordination. Chris has gained many technical, practical, and academic qualifications and a wide range of transferable skills. He's self-motivated with excellent planning and organisational skills.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### Lighting Director Ltd, Manchester/Leeds

February 2022 – Present

**Show:** BBC Morning Live, Channel 4 Steph's Packed Lunch

**Role:** Lighting Director (Freelance)

- Multi camera lighting directing.
- Technical setup and operation of lighting control equipment
- Lighting console operation (ETC EOS; Grand MA3; ChamSys)
- Collaborate with vision engineers, technical managers, and lighting crews to deliver a high standard in multi-camera visual continuity to meet production's expectations.
- Attend and contribute at production meetings to plan filming operations, considering resources, technical requirements, health and safety procedures and budget.
- Awareness of risk assessments and managing risks on a daily basis. Ensure all work activities are carried out in accordance with risk assessments and health & safety guidelines.

### Dock 10 Media City, Manchester

2013 – Present

**Show:** CBBC/Cbeebies/Newsround

**Role:** Lighting Director/Vision Supervisor (Freelance)

- Create lighting design plans, system diagrams and other technical data, using Capture lighting design software.
- Provide television studio lighting for live and pre-recorded content.
- Program and operate lighting control desks (ETC Congo, ETC Ion)
- Setup and maintain intelligent and generic lighting fixtures.
- Work with engineering/technical teams and operate camera control Units (CCU) to provide a high standard in picture continuity and artistic renders for multi-camera setups.
- Provide lighting and technical training.
- Greenscreen lighting, camera set up and operation.

### BBC, Broadcasting House, Manchester

July 2021 – August 2021

**Show:** CBBC Justin's House

**Role:** Lighting Console Operator (Freelance)

- Program and operate automated lighting fixtures.
- Technical setup of lighting control equipment (Compulite Vector)

### BBC, Broadcasting House, Manchester

November 2021 – December 2022

**Show:** BBC Saturday Mash-Up Live

**Role:** Lighting Vision Supervisor (Freelance)

- Oversee the continuity of video picture quality in a multi camera set up
- Program and operate lighting control console (Compulite Vector)

**Lighting Director Ltd, Various church locations across the UK****June 2017 – August 2017****Show:** BBC Songs of Praise**Job role:** Lighting Designer/Director (Freelance)

- Lighting design and system diagrams for various church locations.
- Program and operate lighting control desk (Compulite Vector)
- Oversee the implementation of the design, making adjustments if needed once on location.
- Work with the Director and camera department to find a balance between artistic and practical needs.
- Liaise with BBC production team to ensure aspirations are met, practical issues solved.

**Granada Studios, Manchester****2008 – Present****Shows:** Coronation Street, Light Entertainment shows**Role:** Lighting Console Operation/Production Electrician

- Program and operate automated lighting fixtures.
- Technical setup of lighting control equipment (Compulite Vector, ETC EOS)

**BBC Television Centre, London****2003 – 2012****Shows:** Live Saturday Night Entertainment, live and recorded game and chat shows**Role:** Production Electrician

- Program and operate automated lighting fixtures.

**DB Event Services****2003 – 2006****Event Coordinator**

- Operations and show management.
- Oversee outdoor event site setup and break down. Ensuring correct layout, health & safety measures are implemented, and licencing conditions are met.
- Responsible for all Health & Safety issues
- On-site liaison for local authority, emergency services, First Aid, security/stewarding personnel, contractors and traders
- Security, steward and event personnel briefings
- Responsible for stage/site crew resourcing and training.

**Regent Technical facilities****Feb – July 2009****Electrician**

- Complete renovation re-wire of a six-story apartment block
- Install power distribution from main intake to each flat
- First and second fix of all living areas, kitchen and bath/steam room
- Fuse board installation, emergency lighting and smoke detection installation.
- Cable tray, ducting and conduit.
- Outdoor lighting

**The Junction, multi-purpose venue, Cambridge****2000 - 2005****Shows:** Band and club nights, theatre, comedy**Roles:**

- Produce lighting design and plots for rigging crews.
- Oversee the set up in accordance with the venue and statutory health and safety procedures.
- Programme and operate lighting shows.
- Production electrician and gaffer.
- Theatre venue manager. Collaborate with touring productions to deliver vision and technical requirements.

## **Additional Freelance Work History:**

### TV Soap Operas:

- Eastenders, Elstree Studios – Production Electrician
- Hollyoaks, Liverpool – Production Electrician

### TV dramas:

- Worlds End, Bamburgh Castle/Space Project, Manchester – Lighting Console Operator
- 4 O’Clock Club, Manchester – Production Electrician
- The Slammer, Elstree Studios – Production Electrician
- The Home Team (pilot), Oldham Rugby Club - Gaffer

### Live TV:

- Loose Women Special, Manchester – Lighting Console Operator
- Strictly Come Dancing, London Television Centre – Production Electrician

### TV Commercials:

- Revolution Productions Ltd. Bowlers Exhibition Centre, Manchester - Lighting Console Operator
- MJZ. Manchester residential location – Lighting Console Operator
- Electric Robin Ltd. Coronation Street – Gaffer
- 3 Arrows Drama Ltd. – Production Electrician
- White Light. Ethiad Stadium – Production Electrician
- RD Content. Manchester – Production Electrician
- Passion Pictures Ltd. Coronation Street Idents – Production Electrician
- Amurco Music Ltd. Manchester Media City – Production Electrician

## **LIGHTING EQUIPMENT:**

- Grand MA3 Command Wing XT
- Capture Lighting Visualisation Software

## **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

### **NICEIC**

**August 2019**

- City & Guilds 18<sup>th</sup> Addition Electrical Wiring Regulations 87%

### **The Training Room**

**May 2017 – May 2018**

- Level 3 Certificate in Web Design and Development (QCF)

### **Creative Skillset**

**June 2016**

- BS7909 Certificate in Design and Management of Temporary Electrical Systems

### **University of Chester**

**September 2010 – May 2013**

- Bachelor of Arts with Hons Degree in Events Management

### **West Cheshire College**

**September 2009**

- 2391-10 Inspection, Testing and Certification

### **MGS Electrical**

**September 2008**

- City & Guilds 2382-10 17<sup>th</sup> Addition Electrical Wiring Regulations

### **Bedford Collage**

**September 2004 – May 2006**

- City & Guilds 2360 Electrical Installation Part 1 & 2

### **City of Westminster Collage**

**September 2002 – May 2003**

- City & Guilds 2240 Film & TV Lighting Electrical Technicians

**City of Westminster Collage****September 2000 – May 2001**

- City & Guilds 1840 Theatre Electricians

**Huntingdon Regional Collage****September 1997 – May 1998**

City &amp; Guilds Electronics Servicing Part 1

**Other Skills**

- Adobe illustrator, Photoshop, After Effects, Dimension
- Shapr3D
- Html, CSS, Javascript, React, PHP, Motoko
- Xcode, Swift
- Microsoft Office

***Previous work experience and references available upon request.*****Other Interests**

Blockchain, web and app development, Snowboarding, Gym, Traveling.