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Profile

I have had an interest in the visual arts since the age of 13. It was not until the age of 16 that I took my passion to the next level and began expanding and exploring my capabilities within the visual media production. I have a real passion for working, and truly enjoy being stretched to the limit of my capabilities. I have a great working discipline and a clear understanding of where business and personal matter stand. I genuinely enjoy working with a team of talented and dedicated members of below and above the line talent. I also understand what being a leader entails, and at required times am capable of making thorough and efficient decisions.

Experience

May 2010 – present

Riarmato Productions

In House Producer

Norfolk

Riarmato Productions began operating in May 2010. I was onboard since the first day. There were several highly important challenges and tasks that had to be completed before the company could function normally. My tasks were to oversee the whole operation, from buying cutting edge filming equipment to hiring a crew. There were several smaller scale projects that ranged from music videos to short films that I successfully produced. After about 2 years of operation, I began working on a motion picture project called 'Reprieve 2013'. This was the biggest project to date and involved over a hundred people, that I had the task to find and hire. During the project, my and the other crew members were stretched to the limit. As the funding was very limited, I began designing and building pioneering equipment that enabled a series of fresh and exciting camera angles to be shot, which in turn enhanced the whole outlook of the film. The film was successfully finished before schedule, and submitted for screening at Festival de Cannes. After the film project, I began working on several new project which included a challenging and cutting edge documentary series, several large scale music videos and a commercial video.

November 2008 – March 2010

RM Property Services

Managing Director

East Anglia

Being the managing director at this company with almost no experience within the building and joinery industry was not easy going. I had to deal with several senior investors, customers, employees and all the other challenges and risks that building work carries. During my time at this company I managed to secure a long term contract with a property development investor, which in

turn enabled over 15 highly skilled employees to work full time, and to receive a rewarding return from the company. At the same time, there were up to 3 full scale projects that were taking place, I had successfully managed to keep all of the under control. To do this I used careful and detailed planning combined with advice and expertise of skilled craftsmen with over 15 years of experience.

November 2007 – March 2008

Borough council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk

Designer

Kings Lynn

My tasks were to consult local people in regards of a refurbishment of a local park with its own rich culture and history. As this was a quite a sensitive location, care and caution had to be employed in order to preserve a healthy relationship with the local tenants. There were several public inquiry events, at which suggestions, complaints and recommendations had to be recorded. After taking all of the information into account, a successful design was drawn and approved, and construction began. After 6 months the work had finished and a opening ceremony was hosted to celebrate a fulfilled project.

February 2007 – February 2008

Sub Urban Music

Chairman

Kings Lynn

My skills were to develop existing and new projects that would include either music and film projects for youth. My tasks were also to write a yearly financial and progress report.

Skills

- I can speak three different languages including Latvian, Russian and English.
- Sony, Panasonic and Canon camera skills
- Premiere Pro editing skills

Education

College of West Anglia

2009 – 2010

Kings Lynn campus

BTEC National Diploma in Media

The Park High School

2005 – 2009

Kings Lynn

GCSE

11 C's to A's

Have completed a Life Skills course, also I was part in 3 National theatre connections competitions.

Training

Creating Graphics for a Business - Distinction

Using ICT skills for Business – Merit

Film and Video Editing Techniques – Distinction

Understanding Video Technology – Distinction

Key skills in Information and Communication Technology – level 2

References

References available on request