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Work Experience:

Unit Stills Photographer.

2010 – Present.

Combining his passion of film, theatre and photography, Ben Gregory-Ring thoroughly enjoys his work as a Unit Stills Photographer. Based in Birmingham, UK, Ben's past clients have included **SKY & BBC**, as well as a number of independent feature length & short films, TV series & music videos. During this time, Ben has photographed high profile talent such as **Idris Elba, Sir Lenny Henry, Phobe Dynevor, Matthew Goode, Christopher Eccleston, Joanne Froggatt, Tom Riley, Stephen Mangan & many more.** Ben has the ability to work on set silently and unobtrusively. He makes sure to get the key shots needed by a Unit Publicist. He understands the need to make sure actors are comfortable with his presence, especially in sensitive scenes, and working with a crew to achieve unique behind-the-scenes shots.

Operator & Senior Photographer, DE Photo.

February 2016 – March 2020.

DE Photo is the UK's largest Sports & Event Photography Company. I work for DE Photo franchisees, Clive Carruthers & Clarke Penrice, on a freelance basis. Although they are based in Milton Keynes and Birmingham, I have worked on both national and international assignments, such as the European Forces Swimming League Championships in Eindhoven. As a Senior Photographer, I photograph a vast range of sports including Football, Rugby, Gymnastics (official photographers to British Gymnastics), Swimming, Martial Arts, Theatrical Performances, Schools Sports, and Athletics. As a photographer I am expected to produce work to a high standard, fitting with the DE Photo guidelines. Secondly, I work as an operator. This involves collecting memory cards from the photographers, uploading and cataloguing, basic editing to photographs, printing proofs to display for customers, printing a range of photography products & framing printed products. Additionally to the administrative tasks involved, the operator is also a sales role. It is my duty to sell the range of photography products, focusing heavily on upselling montage prints, frames & key-rings. All whilst focusing on speed of service, as we aim to complete the sale for each customer in less than five minutes.

Team Leader & Centre Photographer, Clare Edmead Photography Ltd, Messini, Greece.

April 2015 – June 2015

My duties included, photographing guests participating in extreme sports activities, such as waterskiing, windsurfing and mountain biking. Carrying out family/couples portrait sessions. Organising and editing photos, displaying photos around the centre, processing photos and burning customer's photos to disc. Working with Neilson hotel staff to maximise photographic opportunities. Finalising sales with guests, recording and accounting for payments. Managing expenses, accounts, wages and meeting a set weekly financial sales target. As Team Leader, I was responsible for making sure that key activities were covered. I achieved this through directing a team of 3 Centre Photographers. This involved planning a weekly rota and conducting weekly individual feedback sessions with the team.

Drama Technician, Caroline Chisholm School (CCS), Northampton.

September 2012 – August 2013.

A Year in Industry between my 2nd and 4th year of study at University of Kent. My role at CCS was based in the Visual Performing Arts Department. In the first few months of my unpaid internship I gained leadership skills by facilitating workshops and exercises. From December, my voluntary work had impressed enough for me to secure a paid position for my remaining time. This led to me designing and teaching my own scheme of work, based around Commedia dell'Arte, to the 6th formers. I also co-taught a scheme of work, based on the Jabbarwocky poem by Lewis Carroll, to four Year 7 classes of differing abilities. Additionally, while at CCS I used my photography skills for several different tasks. Two of the biggest tasks were the A-Level performance exams, for which I photographed the rehearsal process from start to dress rehearsal, and created a poster/programme for each of the four productions. The second task was being the media officer for the Dublin Performing Arts Trip; this required me to capture the enjoyment of students through both photo and film, focusing on both the performances and day-to-day events.

Freelance Photographer, Chronicle & Echo Newspaper, Northampton.

2008 – 2010.

I provided press photographs from various events across Northamptonshire for the Chronicle & Echo Newspaper. This ranged from events such as Walk in the Park Music Festival 2009, to the Christmas Lights Switch On Event 2009. My main focus was on Sports Photography, covering both Home and Away games of the Premiership Northampton Saints Rugby Team, having photographs published in both the printed-paper and online.

Education:

University of Kent, First-Class BA(Hons) Drama and Theatre with a Year in Industry.

2010 - 2014.

Within my student years, I voluntarily photographed the Kent Falcons American Football Team, Kent Dance Society 2011, T:24 Drama Society and freelanced for the local Gulbenkian Theatre.

During my time at University:

- I project managed several different productions. This involved tasks such as organising the schedule of events, and monitoring our budget.
- In my Applied Theatre module, I helped run a series of workshops at St. Nicholas School for Year 4 children who have profound severe & complex learning difficulties. Additionally some pupils also had physical disabilities, epilepsy, autism and sensory impairment. The workshops were based around the theme of light/dark, and used a range of mediums such as puppets, musical instruments, photography and storytelling.
- I performed in a 25-night run at Edinburgh Fringe Festival with Limbo Sketch Comedy. The group consisted of Joe Johnson (Lead Writer & Performer), Andy Routledge (Director and Performer) and myself (Marketing Officer and Performer). As well as assisting in devising the sketches for the show, I managed our marketing campaign, creating our poster, leaflet, website & press release.

Caroline Chisholm School, Northampton.

A-Levels 2010.

Business Studies	A	English Literature	B
Theatre Studies	B	Psychology (AS-Level)	A