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Personal Profile

I gained a passion for costume through my recent degree of Costume with Textiles BA (hons) studied at the University of Huddersfield. Here I learned that I wanted to build my career in Costume, particularly with regards to film and TV. I studied design, textiles and costume construction, giving me a very broad view of costume and its role. While here I worked for Elsa Media as a Costume Supervisor for the feature film "Scott and Sid" (2016). I was thrown into the deep end in this high stress, high paced environment, and absolutely loved it. Since then I have worked on yet another feature "Destination Dewsbury" (2017) and hope to work on many more. I have no doubts in my own ability, and everyone who has ever worked with me can only comment on my professionalism and ability to work hard for as long as it takes to get the job done. I am a highly organised and driven individual, with the goal to achieve an oscar in my lifetime. I hope you will see me as a skilled creative person, capable of tackling any challenge and ready to prove how good I can be. Given the chance I know I have a lot to give to any production in helping the costume department run smoothly in order to create the best possible resulting production.

Education: Comber Primary School (September 1999- June 2006), Strathearn School (September 2006- June 2013), University of Huddersfield (September 2013- 2016)

Qualifications:

I have an honours degree from The University of Huddersfield in Costume with Textiles where I studied modules based around Costume design and illustration, Costume construction and Textiles. My Final Major Project involved the evolution of two costumes for a set text from research through mood boards and roughs, design, textile experimentation and then the final construction. The result of this work was a show at the Lawrence Batley Theatre where my costumes were used in the performance along with other costumes from my course. During this process I developed both breaking down techniques, prop making abilities and a wide variety of print techniques.

School Grades: Whilst at Strathearn I achieved very high grades in my GCSE's in a number of subjects, including; English literature, Maths, Physics, Art and History, in which I got an A grade. Further I studied English Language, French, Religious Studies and Drama in which I got an A* grade. I stayed at Strathearn to do an As Level in Religious studies where I excelled and achieved an A, however due to the nature of my career path and decision to pursue costume I left this behind at As level in favour of the three subjects I felt most suited costume; Art, Drama and English Literature. In each of these subjects I achieved a B grade at A level.

Work Experience:

Destination Dewsbury (2017) post production (12/9/16- 2/10/16)

Position: Costume Designer/ Supervisor

Duties and Responsibilities: Researching, designing and sourcing costumes for the above feature. On set standby, dressing, continuity, managing costumes on set, breaking down, dressing extras, scene breakdowns, collaborating with other departments and the director to create a well rounded feature film.

Scott and Sid (2016) post production (April 2015-June 2015)

Position: Costume Supervisor

Duties and Responsibilities: Sourcing costumes and props at short notice, on set standby, dressing, hiring assistants, managing costumes on set, cleaning and breaking down costumes, assigning costumes to scenes, managing up to 300 extras costumes, continuity and scene breakdowns.

Belvoir Players Amateur Theatre Company

Position: Production Worker (Sets and Costumes)

Duties and Responsibilities: Painting and helping build sets, selecting and styling costumes, hand sewing, machine sewing, preparing stage for shows, admin work, working with teams from other theatres as well as my own, helping design children's costumes for 'The Wizard of Oz', collaborating with lighting, sound and acting departments.

Dates: 12th- 16th September 2011 (work experience) September- August 2011 volunteer work. *In addition to these industry focussed positions I have also been employed in part time work while studying. This includes my current part time job at Tesco's where I have greatly developed confidence, leadership and communication skills. It is in my part time work which I started when I was 15 that I realised what hard work meant, and it is something I have thrived on ever since.*

Achievements:

In addition to my high grades and work experience, I have had many other achievements in my learning career thus far. I passed my ECDL with distinction in 2011 and am thus comfortable with computers. My skills in this area have only improved through my university knowledge on Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. I also passed my driving test in November 2011. I am proud to say I was also a keen member of the extra-curricular student body of my school and alongside my A level drama class we ran a junior drama club, managing over 100 11-14 year old students for an hour every Monday. This was great experience and has provided me with excellent communication, organisational and management skills.

Referees:

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Job Title/ position: Recent Employer at Tesco Huddersfield (still work for tesco but have moved to a new store)

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