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Objective

I am looking to gain full-time employment in an engaging work environment that utilizes my skills in the fields of film, and creative project design & management.

Education

Film Production Diploma, Vancouver Film School – Vancouver, BC 2014 - 2015

The Film Production program at VFS was a one-year intensive course that provided me with experience and education that covered all major areas of film production.

- Specialized in directing and post production
- Maintained a class average above 85%
- Gained hands-on experience through all stages of pre-production, production, and post production

“Early Kubrick” 400-Level Special Topic Class, University of Regina - Regina, SK 2013

This weekly course included in-depth analysis and discussion of the film style and art of Stanley Kubrick. It helped instigate my desire to continue my film education and begin a career in the film industry.

Web Design Diploma, Assiniboine Community College – Brandon, MB 2004 - 2006

The Web Design program at ACC introduced me to the fundamentals of web development and design that built the foundation for my career in Web.

- Graduated at the top of my class following a two-month work practicum
- Competed in the provincial Skills Manitoba competition twice, winning 3rd in 2005 and 1st in 2006
- Won the silver medal at the Skills Canada competition in Halifax, 2006

Skills

Technical

- Keen eye for detail
- Up to date on current trends and standards in the film industry
- Able to develop project workflows & track deliverables to completion
- Multi-tasking, including management of several projects at once
- Quick to adapt to different software and hardware solutions
- Hands-on experience in all areas of on-set production & cinematography
- High success rate of developing and delivering project pitches
- Creative and technical/copy writing
- Management of corporate social media channels
- Proficient with the full Adobe Creative Suite & Microsoft Office

Interpersonal

- Excellent communication skills
- Strong work ethic
- Dedicated and loyal
- Able to work alone or as part of a team
- Friendly, personable, and open-minded



Work Experience **Phoenix Group Advertising, Senior Developer (Interactive Division)** 2011 - 2013

- Consulted account managers during the sales and quoting process
- Maintained the corporate agency website in addition to client contracts
- Daily operations included client contact and technical support
- Primary developer and point of contact for the 101st Grey Cup Festival website
- Launched a number of high-profile sites on time and under budget

Squareflo New Media, Web Developer 2006 - 2011

My experience at Squareflo allowed me to be involved in almost every aspect of the web design and development process, from initial client meetings and the development of estimates to the coordination of launches of countless websites.

Freelance Writer 2010 - Present

I continue to develop my craft as a writer in the areas of film, music, and current events. My freelance opportunities allow me to improve my written skills creatively.

- Regular contributor to The Feedback Society – providing creative editorial pieces and music and movie reviews
- Featured writer on TheRooster.ca – a community and lifestyle magazine
- Covered two music festivals for The Rooster: Sasquatch 2012 & Osheaga 2013
- Averaged around eight pieces per published issue of City Slicker Magazine

Film Experience **“Being Analytical” (Short)- Editor, Titlist, Colorist** 2015

- Picture edited in Avid Media Composer
- Creation and publishing of titles and credits in Adobe After Effects
- Color correction completed utilizing DaVinci Resolve
- Supervised and coordinated deliverables of VFX and sound departments

“Token” (Short) – Producer, Editor 2014

- Budgeted hard and soft costs and helped coordinate set building
- Managed the heads of all creative departments and kept the finished project on time and on budget
- Worked closely with the director to develop a unified vision and style for the quirky black comedy, which was finished in black and white

“Green Treatment” (Short) - Actor, Director, Writer 2014

- Developed a strong and positive working relationship with my producer as we went through the process of set building, costume design, and other required tasks during pre production, production, and post production
- Gained valuable insight from directing myself and others, which strengthened my leadership skills
- Selected as one of the few films to be presented at graduation as representation of my VFS class

Extracurricular In addition to my large interest in studying current events and trends in the film industry, in my spare time, I'm an active supporter of the local arts and live music scenes.

Portfolio Select video projects are available online at dannicholls.com/videos. Other portfolio pieces, including creative writing and film projects, provided upon request.



References

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