Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Statement

I am London based professional lighting designer and stage technician. I previously worked in local government for more than a decade and have recently retraining by completing a BA Hons in Lighting Design.

I have a range of great transferable skills, allowing me to take an overview and be a good problem solver with a can-do attitude.

I come to my new career with life experience and a passion for people. I enjoyed working with young adults whilst completing my degree and have experience engaging with companies and members of the public on behalf of local authorities. Whether with family or friends, I like being in a supporting role and to be able to help and empower others.

I have experience using the latest stage and lighting equipment, from moving lights to computer lighting control. I can use sound boards and have been responsible for setting mics and wiring instruments for sound. I have good Health and Safety experience, creating safe environments and handling staging safely. I am familiar with ETC's EOS control system. Additionally, I sell keyboards to professionals for this system used in many theatres. I can produce professional lighting designs on Vectorworks, Auto CAD and WYSIWYG computer software. I also enjoy being able to fix things.

I trained as an actor in my 20s at 'Drama Centre London' and consider myself a good communicator. I have always loved the theatre; I remember the excitement standing in an empty auditorium before a show at school. I see theatre lighting as a system of support for the performer and enjoy being able to share my expertise with a company, empowering others to make informed choices.

Importantly I am reliable and resilient.

Education

Rose Bruford College. The Drama Centre, London. Lewisham College.

BA Hon's Lighting Design.
BA Hon's Acting. 1st year only.
'A' Level Theatre Studies.

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'A' Level Philosophy.

LOCN Access to Drama.

GCSE English.

GCSE Maths.

1991 – 1992

Lighting Design and Stage Manager for touring fringe show. In my own time around my studies, working as part of a small team to create original **theatre**. Preparing and running the show, off stage I supported the performers with my designs and expertise. Traveling to venues including Camden, Brighton, Wandsworth and Paris Fringes I helped make the change from venue to venue as easy as possible with extensive research and preparation.

2017 Summer

<u>Venue Technician</u> for the 'Dreams Before Drawn' fringe festival in Paris. I ran one of the venues, controlling the lighting and sound, supporting touring companies to reproduce their work in my venue.

2016 January -2017

<u>Computer Technical Support</u> at Vimpelco. Working as part of a small team giving **computer and network** support for an international telecommunication company's London office.

2012 - 2015 December

Environmental Health Technical Officer for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. Working as part of a large diverse team I helped the Council interact with local I would project manage to businesses. deliver projects working with sole-traders through to 'bluechip' firms. companies produce policy documents to create healthier environments for customers and employees. I also dealt with complaints from the public, coordinating intelligence and working with other agencies. I'd action warrants and use my authorized powers taking legal action against noncompliant businesses, where an informal approach had not worked. I delivered presentations and **liaised** with many local and national groups to coordinate and promote my services. I undertook legally controlled chemical and microbiological surveys for the food safety team

2010-2011

<u>Education and Waste Enforcement Officer</u> for the Royal London Borough of Greenwich. Promoting recycling, I ran sessions for

primary school children at various events. I dealt with **complaints** from the public, using my authorized powers where necessary to take legal action. To prevent fly-tipping I'd liaising with the Police to run roadside checks on waste carriers. I worked with businesses, residents and local interest groups to deliver information, **achieve shared goals** and create change.

2009 - 2010

<u>Trade Waste Officer</u> for Croydon Council. Implemented a successful program, **promoting** and requiring business compliance with environmental legislation.

2007 - 2009

<u>Environmental Health Technical Officer</u> for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. As above, a job I return to.

2006 - 2007

Street Scene and Highways Officer for the London Borough of Ealing. I undertook targeted enforcement action to help prevent anti-social behaviour. Working with the Police and other local interest groups I was part of a team. From complaint to court I would deal with illegal street trading, flytipping, abandoned vehicles, and other highway issues. I gathered evidence, interviewing witnesses and defendants using covert recording equipment at times all in-line with relevant regulations and legislation. .

2003 - 2005

Street Scene and Highways Officer for the London Borough of Southwark. As above for the London Borough of Ealing.

1999 - 2000

Actor and Stage Manager for Open Wide Children's Theatre Company. I worked with a small team reproducing theatre shows for **schools** and at National Trust venues.

1992 - 2003

<u>Various Retail and Sales jobs</u>. Including stock control, electrical sales, technical support, direct sales and management. I like to give good **customer service**.

References

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