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Profile:

I hold a 1st Class Honours Degree in Contemporary and Popular Music from Newcastle University, and am currently studying an MSc in Sound Design at Edinburgh University. I have acquired a practical understanding of industry-standard softwares, and am skilled in multiple aspects of sound engineering, recording, music performance and composition. I am diligent and dedicated when it comes to my work, and I am keen to apply the knowledge and skills I have acquired to date, both from my studies and from my employment, to a role within the fields of sound design, music composition, and music performance.

Skills:

- Audio recording
- Sound design
- Music performance
- Music composition
- Audio editing
- Studio experience
- Organisation
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Problem-solving
- Adaptability
- Reliability
- DAW's (Logic Pro X, Reaper, Pro Tools)
- Computer Literate (Mac and Windows)
- Full clean driving licence

Professional Experience:

Bar Staff, The Albert Hotel, Port St Mary - 2019 - Present

A part-time job I have taken on regularly during university term breaks and weekends.

- Welcoming and interacting with customers
- Maintaining composure during busy trading hours
- Conducting transactions and handling money
- Maintaining the cleanliness of the bar and the establishment to a high quality

Senior Administrator - Technical, Canada Life International, Douglas - 2021 - 2022

A full-time job I held after graduation, prior to undertaking the Sound Design MSc in Edinburgh.

- Sorting and allocating work email inboxes
- Ensuring paperwork had been filled in correctly
- Calculating taxable gain upon policy withdrawals/surrenders
- Written and verbal communication with colleagues and senior members of staff

Intern, SuperCat PR, Newcastle upon Tyne - 2020 - 2021

A placement I undertook as part of one of my final year modules at Newcastle University.

- Writing press releases and campaign reports
- Conducting research for upcoming projects and campaigns
- Working to multiple weekly deadlines
- Regularly communicating with other staff members

Student Ambassador, UniBuddy, Newcastle upon Tyne - 2019 - 2021

A part-time job I held alongside my studies at Newcastle University.

- Producing monthly blogs detailing student life and my degree course's content
- Responding to messages and questions from prospective students regarding various topics

Warehouse Assistant, Swagelok, Douglas - 2018

A full-time job I held for ten weeks over the summer before beginning my higher education.

- Authenticating orders for components and materials using the company's own computer system.
- Collecting and delivering orders to their specified machines.
- Assisting with various other tasks within the warehouse, such as packing orders to be shipped out, cleaning and restocking shelves, and cutting bars of material.

Academic History:

Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne - 2018 - 2021

First Class Honours Degree in Contemporary and Popular Music

Castle Rushen High School, Castletown - 2011 - 2018

A Levels in Product Design (A*), Music (A), and History (C)

GCSE's - 13 (A*-B) including Maths and English

Achievements:

David Barlow Prize for Outstanding Stage 1 Performance

Newcastle University, 2019

Interests:

Music is a constant endeavour for me, whether I am performing in one of the many bands I have been a part of, teaching myself to play a new instrument, or listening to both familiar and new musicians. Recently, I have been writing and recording my own music, through which I feel I have significantly improved my knowledge of sound recording and mixing. I enjoy going to live music, theatre and comedy events with friends, as well as keeping fit by regularly running and weight-lifting.

References:

Available upon request