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PROFILE

I am a very creative individual with great flair and ambition, who is also highly technical. I have been working professionally in videography and animation since 2003, when I started work in France for an extreme sports video production company called 'Kaleo'.

With a multitude of creative ideas, I always carry a sketchbook with me, in order to jot down new inspiration. I also rarely leave the house without my camera, so as not to miss a photographic or video opportunity.

It is through combining my multi-faceted attributes, that I am pursuing a challenging and rewarding creative career. More recently, this has been achieved through setting up my own video production company, Manoeuvre and my own virtual tour company for Google, Brighton 360.

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Highly proficient in After Effects, Premiere, Illustrator, Photoshop (CC) & Final Cut Pro
- Good knowledge of Audition & Cinema 4D
- Extensive use of cameras from Canon DSLRs to Sony EX1/3, Sony F7, Panasonic AG-AC160 & GOPROS.
- Certified Google photographer
- Published photographer (School prospectus & 'Dear Photograph')
- Conference & event filming/photography, including weddings
- Worked on sets with large crews, as well as individually
- Lighting, including LED, ARRI, HMI & Kino
- Audio boom operation
- Fluent in French and conversational Spanish
- High level of flair, creativity and imagination
- A professional musician and guitar tutor

CAREER EXPERIENCE

Creative Director & Videographer – *Manoeuvre* - Nov 2013 > Present

I am responsible for professional motion graphics, editing and camera operation, using skills in videography, creativity and innovation of the highest calibre. Reliable, friendly and with precise attention to detail, Manoeuvre is the amalgamation of all my professional skills and experience gained over the years. www.manoeuvrecreations.com

Creative Director & Photographer - *Brighton 360* - Aug 2015 > Present

As a certified Google photographer, I create virtual tours of businesses, be it a restaurant, pub, cafe or a University. A side from producing tours, I take creative photographs to compliment the businesses. www.brighton360.co.uk

Creative Director - *Video 2 DVD* - Nov 2009 > Present

Professional digitising services, including 8mm cine, Hi8, VHS, VHS-C, Mini -DV, cassettes & vinyl. www.video2dvdconversion.com

Motion Graphic Designer - *Four Eyes TV* – Aug 2013 > Oct 2013

I worked as part of a team on animations for 'You've Been Warned', which was aired on Discovery TV. We created a series of short, stylized animations at the top of each section of the episode.

www.foureyes.tv

Editing, Camera Operator & Motion Graphics - *Fat Sand Production* Jun 2013 > Jul 2013

Worked on various productions 2 days a week, including a promotional piece as Camera Operator for the Brighton Festival, featuring the curator, Hofesh Schecter. Another memorable achievement was working in a concert hall for a Hans Zimmer score. www.fatsand.com

Edit Assistant - *Shed Media* – Feb 2013 > Nov 2013

This post was a maternity cover position, working alongside Directors and Producers of TV series such as '*Cowboy Builders*', '*Born to be Different*' and '*Food Unwrapped*' to name a few. We were an extremely busy postproduction team with incredibly tight deadlines. Dealing with both tape and tapeless media, with no margin for error, organisation and time keeping were essential. The majority of my work was carried out using Avid Media Composer. www.shedmedia.com

Media Technician - *Cardinal Newman Catholic School* - Nov 2008 > Feb 2013

I had sole responsibility for the Media and Photography departments in a busy and vibrant school of over 2000 pupils, dealing primarily with the sixth form students. Setting up the darkroom on a daily basis, I ensured all the chemicals and facilities were prepared. I trained students how to edit in Final Cut and also how to operate video cameras. I was required to film and edit short sequences for the school for different departments, which involved other factors such as green screens and lighting. Ensuring the Media and Photography departments were always well stocked with the appropriate equipment such as video cameras, lighting, chemicals, and software was also my responsibility. Other tasks included rebuilding and networking computers and fixing printers. www.cnsc.co.uk

Motion Graphics, Editor & Camera Operator - *Kaleo* - May 2003 > May 2004

Responsible for the editing and animation for extreme sports videos, we produced a monthly DVD for 'Kite Surf' magazine. I worked predominantly on my own but also as part of a team, seeing projects through from conception to completion, meeting deadlines for various clients from sport, museum and publication sectors. A notable achievement was the broadcasting of one of my animations on Sky Sports. This work was carried out entirely in French. www.kaleo.pro

Assistant Photographer - *Ian Pack Photography* - Jan > Jun 1998

This was my first creative job, assisting in the photography of weddings, portraits & fashion shows. I worked in the darkroom and also learnt invaluable lighting techniques. This was all carried out on film before the digital explosion. www.packshots.biz

EDUCATION

Graphic Design (BA HONS) Falmouth College of Arts - 1999 > 2002
(Specialised in motion graphics & video in the 2nd year)
Art Foundation - Northbrook College - 1999
BHASIC – 3 A Levels (Media Studies, Art & French) 1995 > 1997

VOLUNTARY WORK

***Concordia Youth Organisation* - Summer 1998, 1999 and 2000**

Renovation work for international voluntary association in France, Italy and Turkey.

***Middle Street Primary School* - Nov 2007 > Nov 2008**

Assisted with lessons for key stage 1. This mainly involved reading and engaging with the children.

HONORS & AWARDS

Community Cup – *Family Investments*

Awarded the Community Cup for voluntary work at Middle Street Primary School. I was given £100 to donate to my chosen charity.

HOBBIES

From the age of 12, I have played guitar and composed original texts and melodies. I regularly perform live, both on my own and in a band.

I am a keen sportsman and particularly enjoy cycling, jogging, playing football and snowboarding. I am well travelled and to date have worked in the following countries, Andorra, Italy, France, Norway & Turkey. Other hobbies include reading and cooking.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Owner of British Passport with Full Clean Driving licence.