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CV

Personal profile

I have worked in a team as a member and a leader on a diverse range of projects developing wide ranging skills. I am always willing to learn new skills and expand my interests in new areas as has been demonstrated by several group projects at university and helping to produce several shows for the University of Teesside Drama Society. I am always willing to offer assistance to others in any way I can.

Skills

I have a good applied knowledge of animation principals, animation production and preproduction. At university I have developed skills in hand drawn animation, 2D and 3D computer animation and 3D computer modelling. Through this I have built up experience with a variety of 2D and 3D computer graphics packages including: Adobe Photoshop, Macromedia Flash, Softimage XSI, e-on software Vue, Corel Painter and Toon Boom Studio. Prior to university I experimented with Plasticine stop motion animation and trialled Anim8or a free 3D animation package which is still under development.

I am competent in many aspects of computing including many office programs but my main area of computer skill is in graphics and animation specifically modelling and texturing. My skills also include the timing of animation to a sound track, compositing multiple forms of animation together, 3D character rigging and animation and a range of 2D draws animation styles.

Education

2005 – 2009

University of Teesside, Middlesbrough, Tees Valley, TS1 3BA

BA (Hons) Computer Animation 2:2

- This course has been accredited by Skillset.
- My final year project was to make a short film about a penguin and an alien bringing together the skills I have developed on this course.

2003 – 2005

Prior Pursglove College, Church Walk, Guisborough, Cleveland, TS14 6BU

A Level

- Four A levels grades B-D including Art and Design C.

Work experience

Volunteer experience

I have been involved in various charity events throughout school, college and university including running stalls for summer fairs and RAG week, taking part in sponsored walks and table tennis and collecting money at college and university fundraisers.

8th – 17th March & 14th – 21st April 2007

Middlesbrough Theatre, The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6SA

Stage Crew for 'Titanic' and 'Guys and Dolls'

Duties included:

- Setup and removal of props and scene changes in preparation for and during the show.
- Disassembling and removing the set at the end of the last night.

October 2007 – present

Member of the Darlington Railway Preservation Society (DRPS)

- Elected committee member since 6th May 2009.
- The DRPS is a registered charity.
- Volunteer liaison officer since September 2009

October 2007 – present

North Bay Railway Volunteer

- Train driving and railway maintenance

Extracurricular activities

I have been a Member of the University of Teesside Student Union Drama Society since November 2005 and became an executive officer of the society in the role of secretary from June 2006 to May 2008. Responsibilities as secretary included organizing theatre trips, administration of society web pages, arranging acting and voice acting opportunities for members to help film, animation and games students with their university coursework and other local projects, coordinating rehearsals and preparing the stage for performances.

During my time as secretary I was involved in producing:

- Two intersociety variety shows which took place on 27th November 2006 and 3rd May 2007.
- Two small charity performances for RAG week.
- Two productions; The first, 'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change', was performed on the 5th and 6th March 2008 in the University of Teesside Main Hall and the second, 'The Canterbury Tales', was on the 25th and 26th March 2008 at the Middlesbrough Theatre.

I joint produced these shows and took on the role of stage manager as well as making several brief appearances. Since stepping down from the committee I was also stage crew for the society's production of Sweeney Todd.

Additional information

- Student membership – British Computer Society
- BCS Computer Arts Society Specialist Group
- Full clean British driving licence