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Employment History

Cirque du Soleil and MGM Mirage Resorts

Las Vegas, NV

Feb 2008 – Present Automation Technician (Main Board operator) for *The Beatles LOVE*
Oct 2007 – Feb 2008 AMX Programmer for *The Beatles LOVE* (Video Department Project)
Mar 2007 – Feb 2008 Automation Technician (all positions) for *Mystère*
Nov – Dec 2007 Automation Programmer / Operator for *Choreographers' Showcase*
Sept 2007 Crestron Programmer for *Mystère* (Audio Department Project)
May 2007 Visual Basic Programmer for *Mystère* (Lift Automation Interface Project)

Walt Disney World Entertainment

Orlando, FL

Sept 2004 – Mar 2007 Automation / Special FX Crew Chief *Lights, Motors, Action Stunt Show*
Sept 2006 FX, Video, and Lighting Installation Lead for *Finding Nemo, the Musical*
May 1999 – Sept 2004 Show Control / Automation Crew Chief for *Fantasmic!*
Mar – May 2004 Fountain Designer and Programmer for *Fantasmic "Rain Show"*
Apr 2001 – June 2002 Show Control / Gameplay Technician for *Millionaire*
Aug 2000, Sept 2001 Lighting Installation for *Bear in the Big Blue House & Playhouse Disney*
Oct 1999 – May 2000 Lighting Designer and Programmer for Various Park Events
July 1998 – May 1999 Relief Props and Relief Facility Crew Chief for *Fantasmic!*
Apr – July 1998 Stage Technician for Various Shows

Walt Disney Imagineering

Orlando, FL

May 2004 Lighting Rehab for Magic Kingdom's *Stitch's Great Escape*
Apr 2004 Lighting Programmer for *Star Traders* store rehab at Magic Kingdom
Oct 2003 Assistant Lighting Designer for *The Making of the Haunted Mansion*
Aug 2002 Lighting SQS Documentation for *Splash Mountain*
Aug 2001 Course Writer for Moving Lights Training Class
Oct 2000 – Apr 2001 Lighting Designer / SQS Documentation for Magic Kingdom attractions
Moving Lights Programmer for Epcot's *Innoventions Playground*

WDW Ride and Show Engineering

Orlando, FL

Sept 2004 – May 2005 AMX Programmer for *Lights, Motors, Action Stunt Show*
June, Nov 2004 AMX Programmer for the Polynesian Ohana Audio System
Jan 2004 Medialon, AMX, WonderWare Programmer for *Fantasmic!*
Oct – Nov 2003 AMX Programmer for Show IR Captioning & *Goofy's Country Jamboree*
July – Aug 2000 MSC, LCU Programmer for Disney Magic 7-Day Cruise Shows
Various 1999 – 2004 LCU, AMX, WonderWare, Media Matrix Programmer for *Fantasmic!*

Logic Box (Also co-owner of this company)

Las Vegas, NV

Dec 2007 – Current AMX Designer / Programmer for Cirque du Soleil's *Criss Angel Believe*
Sept 2007 – Current AMX Programmer for Kallisto Condominiums, Miami, FL
May 2007 – Current AMX Programmer for Historic Alta District House, Las Vegas, NV
May 2008 Visual Basic Programmer for Cirque du Soleil's *Mystère*

Freelance

Orlando, FL and Las Vegas, NV

Dec 2006 – Apr 2007 AMX Programmer for First Christian Church, Canton, OH
Oct 2006 – Apr 2007 AMX Programmer for Wordspring Visitors Center, Orlando, FL
Oct 2006 – Oct 2007 AMX Programmer for South Florida Water Mgmt District, Miami, FL
Feb - Mar, Aug 2007 AMX Programmer for Assurant Group, Miami, FL
Oct 2006 AMX Programmer for The International Bank of Miami, Miami, FL

Previous Experience Las Vegas, NV, Los Angeles, CA, San Jose, CA and Houston, TX

Nov 1996 – Mar 1998 Moving Lights Programmer for IATSE Local #720
June – July 1997 Lighting Programmer for Lowey and Company
Sept 1995 – Nov 1997 Head of Lighting and Video Projection for Debbie Reynolds Hotel
July 1994 – Sept 1995 Puppeteer and Performer for Excalibur Hotel and Casino
Nov 1993 – July 1994 Lead Puppeteer for Kaleidoscope at MGM Grand Adventures Park
Aug 1992 – Nov 1993 Lead Technician and Relief Stage Manager at Six Flags Astroworld
Aug – Oct 1992 Character Performer for Hobby Airport Expansion Project
Apr – Aug 1992 Puppeteer and Dancer for Sid & Marty Krofft Productions
July 1990 – May 1992 Escape and Show Designer for Michael Griffin (Outrajus Productions)
Mar – Oct 1991 Live Show Manager for Splashtown USA
Mar – Oct 1990 Live Show Supervisor / Manager for Splashtown USA
Mar – Oct 1989 Puppeteer and Technician for Splashtown USA

Equipment, Training, Hobbies and Interests

Equipment Experience

Show Control: Medialon, AMX (Netlinx and Axxess), Crestron, Visual Basic / VBA, WonderWare, Alcorn-McBride, Media Matrix, MSC / LCU Systems
Lighting Control: ETC and Strand consoles, WholeHog2, Status Cue, High End LCD
Other Software: Photoshop, Word, Excel, FrontPage

Training

2007 Fall Rescue, Learn.com Safety Courses, Core Online AMX Courses
2005 WDW Pyrotechnics Recertification, WDW Pyrotechnic Awareness Trainer
2004 Stage Gun Training
2003 Medialon Show Control Programming
1999 Repelling, CPR, Stage Gun Training, Situational Leadership, Water Safety and Rescue
1998 WDW Pyrotechnics
1997 WholeHog2 Programming
1996 High End Systems Moving Lights Maintenance

Hobbies

Writing, photography, simple web design, music composition

Interests

Theme parks, science fiction, animals, technology, science, movie special effects