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Lighting & Production CV

Thank you for taking the time to read over my qualifications. Please contact me if you have any questions about my skills or experience. A more colourful representation of my work is available at www.photonemitter.com.au

Most often, I work as head or part of a lighting production team, however my skills and experience cover much broader ground within the production realm. I have high standards for a job well done, and am passionate about making sure that my employer's or client's expectations are always met or exceeded. I will never commit to a job if I am not confident that I can perform it satisfactorily, efficiently, and safely.

Experience:

Lighting Production

- Designer / Director
- Programmer / Operator
- System tech
- Moving light technician

Warehouse

- Warehouse manager
- Rental technician
- Repair technician
- Fabrication

Production Management

- Production manager
- Production designer
- Stage manager
- Crew chief
- Logistics/Trucking

Other Roles

- Down Rigger
 - Truck driver
 - Video editor/operator
 - FS/Camera operator
 - Stagehand
 - Audio tech (A2/A3)
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Specific skills:

Lighting Design

- Music, theatre, corporate, site
- Drafting
- Pre-programming + viz
- System design

Inventory Software

- Hiretrack
- Flex Rental Solutions

Programming/Operating

- GrandMA
- Avolites
- Hog
- Jands Vista
- Martin
- PC-based controllers
- Video control

Maintenance/Repair

- Conventional fixtures
 - Cable/misc
 - Automated lighting and consoles
 - Console updates and maintenance
 - Component level replacement
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Certifications and Training:

- Drivers license (AU): Victoria, Car
- Drivers license (USA): Illinois, Class C (trucks up to 26,000 lbs - no air brakes)
- Completed Richard Cadena's Advanced Electrics Class at LDI - Oct 2012, Las Vegas
- Completed GrandMA-1 Level 2 Programmer Training - April 2012, ACT Lighting L.A.
- WorkSafe Victoria Construction Induction (AU)
- WorkSafe Victoria High Risk License - Dogging (AU) - equivalent to Rigger Level 1 or Crane Signalperson certification in USA

Past Positions of Note:

Recent Festivals / Events

- **Stereosonic 2014:** Stage Manager - Sydney + Melbourne
- **BURN Decompression 2012 + 2013:** Production + Lighting Designer - Chicago
- **Riot Fest 2013:** Sideshow Stage Manager - Chicago
- **Spring Awakening Festival 2013:** Lighting Operator - Chicago
- **Wavefront Music Festival 2012:** Lighting Operator - Chicago
- **Summer Camp Festival (many):** Lighting Operator - Illinois

Lighting / Production

- **Resolution X (Melbourne):** Operator, Technician, Moving Light Repairs
- **Technotrix (Chicago):** Account Manager, Lighting Dept Manager, Designer, Operator
- **ECTO Productions (Chicago):** Operator, Technician
- **Event Creative (Chicago):** Technician, Operator, Rigger
- **FROST Lighting (Chicago):** Technician, Operator
- **Bytecraft (Melbourne):** Technician
- **Canopy Club (Urbana, IL):** Head of Lighting + Video
- **Cornmeal (Chicago band):** Touring LD
- **Woodstock Community Theatre (Woodstock, IL):** LD for Seussical
- **Illini Union Board (Urbana, IL):** LD for Grease, Into the Woods

Information Technology

- Jun 2012 - Dec 2013 - Website developer @ Technotrix, University Park, IL, USA
- May 2012 - Nov 2013 - IT Manager @ Technotrix, University Park, IL, USA
- 3 summers as IT manager @ Camp Tavor in Three Rivers, MI, USA (40+ staff)
- 2 years as Web designer @ Studio 2015 Jewelry in Woodstock, IL, USA

Education:

- Graduated Woodstock High School June 2003 (Woodstock, IL, USA) - 3.65 GPA
- Attended University of Illinois @ Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA
 - Began August 2003 - voluntarily discontinued studies Jan 2007
 - Focused on Middle Eastern culture, linguistics
 - Accumulated 89 hours, 3.11 GPA

References: (contact information available upon request)

- **Andy Kuhlmann** - Operations Manager at Technotrix, University Park, IL, USA
- **Elliott Little** - Head of Lighting at ECTO Productions, Elmhurst, IL, USA
- **Marcus Pugh** - President of ALIA and Hire Manager at ResolutionX, Melbourne
- **Fergal O'Sullivan** - Senior Sales Executive at PRG, Melbourne