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PERSONAL PROFILE:

Passionate, Freelance Photographer with a wide range of experience in photography, Photoshop graphics, video, research, fashion and business/exhibition management, gained by working as freelance photographer, finance and business consultant and within the fashion industry after studying at Cordwainers College (now part of the London College of Fashion). Full information available on: www.philipcurnow.co.uk. Looking to expand and build on a career within video and photography, including within an academic environment. Shoot many of the adverts for Yell Media / HIBU in Wales and West Midlands and also photograph nationally for Ede and Ravenscroft. I also studied an MA/MFA in Documentary Photography at the University of Wales, Newport in order to expand on my existing BA (Hons) in Photographic Art. Current CRB Check.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE:

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| February 1995
to Current: | Freelance photographer / video cameraman and web site (Graphics) designer. |
| July 2009
to June 2011 | Part time/ ad-hoc Student mentor working for Art Media and Design department of University of Wales, Newport. Supporting students who needed help within the university environment. |
| February 1995
to September 2008: | Self Employed Business and Finance Consultant. Providing freelance management, research, advice & support to a number of business in the Entertainment (TV), Travel, "Internet" and Financial & Services sectors. |
| January 1993
to February 1995: | Anti-Money Laundering Officer & Head of Compliance with Investment Marketing International Plc. in Liverpool and Saudi Arabia. |
| October 1991
to December 1992: | Consultant with Helm Financial Services, who looked after finance and business needs of the members of the Guild of Master Craftsmen. |
| February 1991
to October 1991: | Consultant: Royal Insurance, Cardiff. Was "Head-hunted" by Helm because of my business experience and connections. |
| January 1991: | Unemployed |
| December 1975
to December 1990 | Director of Curnow Leathercraft Ltd. This involved the overall running of the company, organising exhibitions, negotiating with staff, fashion and product design. Decided to change careers because manufacturing in the UK was getting un-profitable. |
| November 1973
To December 1975 | Designer & Director at The English Belt Company, an offshoot of "Old England" Watch company, which itself was an offshoot of Accurist Watches. |

PLEASE NOTE: all of the above positions included a high level of inter-personal skills, IT/Computer, Commercial Finance skills, P.R. work and marketing experience.

TECHNICAL PRODUCTION SKILLS

- Photography** Skilled with both Digital and Film camera use. Have been registered as a freelance photographer since 1995 and as an amateur / semi professional fashion photographer since 1973. I have my own Professional Digital, 35mm and Medium format cameras. I have photographed most subjects from portraits, news stories, sports events to landscapes. In addition, I have also run workshops on some photography areas, such as lighting and camera use, at the request of photography clubs and organisations, plus one-off talks and lectures at colleges.
- Video** Proficient with digital video cameras. Mainly event photography such as dance, competitions, sports events and training video production. I have my own broadcast quality Video Cameras if required.
- Photoshop:** Proficient with Photoshop (PC Based), although I do also use Photoshop on Apple Macs (it is just that I prefer the way PC's operate)
- Exhibition/
Set Construction** While working in the "Fashion Industry" I was involved with the design and setting-up of both exhibition stand and photographic set design, mainly in the UK, but also in overseas venues when we were exhibiting as shows in France, Scandinavia and Germany. This involved not only setting up the stands and sets, but transporting them in suitable vehicles. I also have to be involved with photographic set design as a photographer.
- Computer Skills:** Experienced with Using Computers (Mainly PCs, but also MACs) for business, including Microsoft Office, Word, Access, Excel, Powerpoint, Configuring emails, servers and various accounting software packages. (as well as the graphics and video software used for photography and video production – as previously noted).

EDUCATION

- 2011 – 2012 University of Wales, MA in Documentary Photography started: September 2011
- 2008 – 2011 University of Wales, Newport. Photographic Art BA Hons. Mature Student
- Pre 1973: Cordwainers College (now part of the London College of Fashion). Fashion, design and manufacturing
- School: City of London School for Boys.

Relevant Qualifications:

2:1 BA (Hons) Photographic Art

I also hold the full Chartered Insurance Institute Financial Planning Certificate. I also hold various certificates from both U.K. regulated and Offshore investment and finance courses. Copy of certificates available if required.

Student Mentor:

Please Note: As well as being a Mature Student with the University of Wales, I was also employed part time as a "Student Mentor" for the University. This contract ran up until my course finished in June 2011 on an "As Needed" basis.

REFEREES:

Mrs Kerry Bellamy
University of Wales, Newport
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Lodge Road
Caerleon
Gwent NP18 3QT

Mr. Wade Curzon
Central Administration Ltd
Corven Hall
Howey
Llandrindod Wells
Powys LD1 5RE

Exhibitions:

Group Photographic Exhibition: Wylside Arts Centre, Builth Wells, Spring 2008

Solo Photographic Exhibition: Neville Hall, Abergavenny, Summer 2009

Group Photographic Exhibition: Newport University, Summer 2009

Group Photographic and Art Exhibition, Riverfront Art Centre, Newport, Summer 2010

http://www.photoartnewport.co.uk/riverfront2010/philip_curnow_riverfront_2010.html

[I also built the website for the exhibition]

Group Exhibition, “Empty Shops Project”, Newport, Late Summer 2010.

Group Exhibition, “Empty Shops Project”, Newport, Winter 2010.

Group Exhibition, “UWN in Romania”, Exhibition of photographic work from Newport

Photographic Students and Graduates. Touring various venues in Romania, Summer and Autumn 2011

Sale of and Installation of Photographic Art in Public Space, BBI Healthcare offices, Bridgend.

(copy of installation photographs available on request) Project completed Winter 2010

Photographic and Art Exhibition, University of Wales Newport, Newport City Centre Campus, Summer 2011

<http://www.toymota.com>

Solo Photographic Exhibition: Neville Hall, Abergavenny, Summer 2012.

<http://www.philipcurnow.com/nevill-hall-2012.html>

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