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Personal Particulars

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Career Objective

My aim is to continue to develop and further my career within the Graphic Design Industry, using the knowledge, skills and abilities I have gained in both my tertiary education and self employment history. I am looking for a position that offers creative challenges and the opportunity for professional development and continuous learning - especially web design.

Education & Qualifications

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| 2011 - Current | Diploma of Graphic Design (1st Year)
Sunshine Coast Institute of Tafe - Nambour QLD |
| 2005 - Current | Qualified Chef (Sous Chef & Prep Chef)
Bella Venezia Restaurant - Mooloolaba QLD |
| 2001 - 2004 | Certificate III in Hospitality (Commercial Cookery)
Sunshine Coast Institute of Tafe - Mooloolaba QLD |
| 1994 - 1998 | Year 12 Certificate (OP 11)
Shalom Catholic College - Bundaberg QLD |

Awards & Achievements

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| 2011 | Best Overall Award: Cert IV / Diploma of Graphic Design
Sunshine Coast Tafe Graphic Design Student Awards |
| 2011 | Label & Packaging Project: Cert IV / Diploma of Graphic Design
Sunshine Coast Tafe Graphic Design Student Awards |
| 2007 | Recipes featured in Mooloolaba CATCH Seafood & Eat It - cook book. |
| 2006 | Recipes featured in Mooloolaba CATCH Seafood & Eat It - cook book. |
| 2005 | Nominated for Apprentice of the Year |
| 1998 | Subject Prize for Graphics Shalom Catholic College |

Employment History

DP DESIGNS

Owner & Lead Graphic Designer
2006 - Current

After completing my first website Guitar Tips for Kids, I was approached to design a website for a client. Having been self taught for many years, I predominately started designing websites and web banners for a hand full of customers. I then delved into logo and stationary design, in order to attract a variety of clients. To further enhance my knowledge and design skills I enrolled in the Diploma of Graphic Design at the start of 2011. I have now completed my first year and have won two awards at our end of year 2011 Graphic Design Exhibition. I now look forward to advancing my future within the Graphic Design industry. With the knowledge I have learnt thus far from the course - DP Designs now specialises in corporate logo design, web design and print media - with a firm understanding of how the printing process works.

For a full understanding of my portfolio please visit: www.dpdesigns.com.au

GUITAR TIPS FOR KIDS

Web Design & Development
2005 - Current

Guitar Tips for Kids was the first ever web site I constructed using Macromedia Dreamweaver. This initial challenge sparked my desire for web design and the need to further my skills to keep up to date with current trends and techniques. GT4K required auto responder setup, an ecommerce shopping cart via PayPal and the embedding of video and audio files. I am happy to say, this site is still operational today, fully automated and has over 200 web pages and over 2,000 subscribers.

BELLA VENEZIA RESTAURANT

Sous Chef & Prep Chef
2001 - Current

I have worked at Bella Venezia for the past 10 years with a 1.5 year break in 2006 to focus on my web design endeavours. I completed my apprenticeship 5 months early in 2004 and was soon after promoted to Sous Chef. As acting Sous Chef, I was second in charge, which required me to run the kitchen on days the head chef was not available. This included the delegation of staff, ordering, the writing of prep lists and the running of dinner service of up to 197 people per night. Plus the development of weekly specials and systemising the kitchen work flow and processes. This taught me great leadership, time management and to deal with immense pressure under stressful circumstances. Following my 1.5 year break, I returned to the restaurant as the dedicated day Prep Chef - which entails the preparation of all ingredients ready for night time dinner service. I am still in this role today, primarily pasta preparation.

Skills & Attributes

- High achievement and performance motivated
- Well-organised with effective time management skills
- Ability to analyse problems and develop and evaluate possible solutions
- Capable of working as an individual or as part of a team
- Able to lead and motivate others to perform
- Have a strong honest work ethic and set high expectations for myself
- Goal oriented
- Flexible and willing to learn new skills and competencies
- Able to communicate effectively with people in various situations, both orally and in written communication
- Proven ability to interact and respond to clients in various business situations
- Work well with others from various backgrounds and cultures

Program Efficiency

- Adobe Creative Suite: Illustrator, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, basic Flash, basic In-Design.
- Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Power Point
- Email - account setup, etc.
- AWeber & 1ShoppingCart - Auto Responders
- PayPal, ClickBank, 1ShoppingCart - Ecommerce Shopping Carts.
- Domain name registration & DNS delegation.
- Web Host setup - Lunarpages & Crazy Domains.

Interests & Activities

- Fitness, squash and martial arts (focus & discipline)
- Travel - both domestically & internationally (great source of inspiration)
- Cooking: balance, creativity, presentation (eat with your eyes first).
- Up & coming movies (special effects & animation - appreciate how much effort is involved).
- Spending time with my family & close friends.

Professional Referees

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