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Leverage my creative and artistic talents in an entrepreneurial role that combines my passion for innovation and organizational skills.

EXPERIENCE

Employment

Production Assistant - Thalia Hall - Chicago, IL **October 2021 - Present**
Handling ticket entry requirements, aiding with checking coats and luggage, helping patrons locate their proper ticketed sections, greeting patrons at the door, ensuring efficient patron entry and exit, assisting security with safety processes to minimize confusion and maintain order. Part of the essential staff utilizing my positive attitude to ensure patrons have a positive experience at the venue.

Barback/Doorman - Old Town Ale House - Chicago, IL **June 2023 - Present**
Opening and closing responsibilities, cleaning and restocking of the bar.

Front of House Employee - Chicago Diner - Chicago, IL **March 2019 - April 2020**
Responsible for opening and closing at various work stations, table service and assistance, hosting and greeting customers and taking reservations.

Front of House Employee - House of Glunz - Chicago, IL **January - April 2019**
Maintained opening and closing responsibilities, at all front of house positions.

Illustrator / Advertisement - Independent Projects

Backed Up Comics, Founder **February 2011 - Present**
Founder, creator and handler of the @backedupcomics Instagram and Facebook handle.

Young Adult Novel - Author Christina Meldrum **November 2018 - April 2020**
Created five final illustration, distilled from over sixty sketches and abridgments.

El Rancho Theatre [Not-for-Profit] Culver, IN **April 2019**
Created advertising series of illustrations and written mission statement.

Committee for Mural Design - Knox, IN **March - May 2018**
Worked with Starke County, Indiana, Mayor Dennis Estok to create several mural designs centered around themes of rural America.

Town Seal of North Judson, IN **2018**
Sketched renderings resulting in the official design of city seal for North Judson, Indiana. Seal is used in press releases, the city website, and official business conducted concerning North Judson, Indiana.

Cartooning Class - Starke County Public Library, Knox, IN **February 2018**
Conducted after school classes at local library. Created stand-alone lessons plans for each session exclusive to one another and collaborated with library staff on teachable content for each individual class.

Woodstarke Festival - Starke County, IN **2016 - 2017**
Lead event planning by created event advertisements, and social media campaign; organized correspondence with bands and sound technicians; active recorded notes and presented / reported to Knox Park Board meetings; set up community meetings, prepared agenda and Q & A documents; managed and executed day of events.

iO Theater, Chicago, IL **2011**
Flyer work for the sketch comedy group The Help and This Broom's Lost Its Handle.

Freedom Northwest Credit Union - Kamiah, ID **2011**
Created three illustrated advertisements for the Clearwater Progress newspaper.

Back to Print [Independent Publisher established 2010] Chicago, IL **2012**
Contributed two illustrations to If You Give a Poet a Drink, self-published book in 2012.

Event Planning, Booking Promoter

Supper Club 60647, Emporium Arcade Bar - Chicago, IL **2021**
Planned and hosted community potluck dinners for specific neighborhood area where invitees receive personalized invitations with the objective of building trusted connections.

Open Jam at June Brothers Instruments, Knox, IN **2019**
Helped organize and create flyer advertisement for an all-ages "open jam"-akin to an open mic performance space, expect with several musicians improvising-as a means to create word of mouth buzz for the local music shop. Contacted musicians throughout Starke County.

Town Hall Pub [THP] Advertisement, Chicago, IL **2012 - 2014**

Created advertising content leveraging social media for music events as well as special events:

- Town Hall Pub Wrigley Field Outing
- Fibers Night
- Sunday Funday Store
- Election Night
- Valentine's Day Singles Dance

Town Hall Pub [THP] Event Planning - Chicago, IL **2012 - 2014**

Created pop music venue by organizing and contracting with bands. THP was the only bar in the neighborhood hosting pop music shows, when/where there was no market. Organized and promoted the following special events, entertainers and bands:

- Willis Earl Beal
- Oozing Wound
- Absolutely Not
- Christmas Bride
- Bomb Banks
- The Hecks
- Spooky Moon
- Aviary Towers
- Doctor Devito
- Richard Album
- Daniel Francis
- Doyle
- Famous Laughs
- The Peekaboos
- Swimsuit Addition

The Horseshoe - Chicago, IL **2013**

Booked graduation parties, pop rock and jazz shows, and DJ's on the weekend.

EDUCATION

Ball State University, Muncie, IN **December 2008**

Concentration in Theatre and General Studies-acting with the participation of student-produced plays and studied voice and movement under Dr. Wendy Mortimer and Dr. Jonathan Becker, respectively. Member of the campus sketch comedy team and created a stand-up comedy open mic event that continues today.

Purdue University North Central, Westville, IN **2003-2005**

Concentration in journalism and pre-requisite education classes.

Knox High School, Knox, IN **May 2003**

National Honor Society in Core 40 Program, member of various varsity athletic teams and marching/concert band, theatre and sports team mascot.

ACTIVITIES

All the Good People Podcast **2023 - Present**

A podcast with Paul Durica (Pocket Guide to Hell, Chicago History Museum) serving as an oral history of the Old Town Ale House and its patrons. The premise: Ale House Manager Bruce Elliott has adorned the interior of the bar with political and topical paintings, along with portraits of the regulars who've frequented the establishment since the mid 1970's. The goal of the podcast was to interview each one of the regulars and record an oral history about their lives. My production role is to schedule interviews, create appropriate questions catering to the subject, and conduct interviews with the patrons. The creation of the podcast is ongoing with a scheduled end date by December 31st, 2024.

Vocalo Winter Workshop, Vocalo, 91.1 FM **2023**

Responding to open call for special interest stories, my pitch about the history of Thalia Hall was selected. Produced an eight minute radio narrative utilizing new software editing tool and workshop knowledge instructed by Ariana Martinez and Ariel Mejia.

Theatre Performance

- Five Women Wearing the Same Dress by Alan Ball - Tripp, 2007
- Polish Joke by David Ives - Jasiu, 2006
- Love Minus by Mary Gallagher - Nick, 2005
- Grease - Kenickie, 2003
- The Sound of Music - Fredrick von Trap, 2002
- Oklahoma - Curly McClean, 2001
- The Music Man - Marcellus Washburn, 2000
- The Aliens Are Coming - Ensemble Player, 1999

Eagle Scout of America **2003**

Eagle Project was the creation of a pictorial display of the history of the original site of high school in Knox, Indiana. Created over the span of twelve months, which included research at county library, yearbook photographs, school blueprints, the display was created with digital processing of photos, blueprints, and the utilization of building materials and historical artifacts. Raised \$4,000 for the project through fundraisers and donations.

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