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Profile

Accomplished teen writer, composer, photographer and filmmaker with more than seven years experience in web design, music, and digital media, as well as self-taught expertise in all major A/V and design applications.

Skills

- Self-taught in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe GoLive, Adobe LiveMotion, Adobe InDesign, Macromedia Dreamweaver, Ableton Live, Propellerheads Reason, and Apple Final Cut Pro.
 - Dynamic, charismatic, insightful and open-minded
 - Expert knowledge of the Macintosh computer platform, including all built-in programs, troubleshooting, major third-party tools, and the iLife suite.
 - Exceptional literary and visual communication skills
 - Self-taught musician and composer; plays piano & guitar
 - Experienced at leading and moderating debates and discussions
 - An eye for photography, an ear for composition, and a mind for poetry
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Work History

Sep 2004 - Present

Youth Insights Internship

Whitney Museum of American Art (6-12 hrs/wk, full time)

New York, NY

- Work with 15 other NY teens to create an engaging museum experience
- Conduct professional, safe, and informative tours of the Whitney collection
- Lead and moderate art discussions with museum visitors
- Interpret artwork and the theme of artist's choice with an audience
- Participate in dialogues with new and emerging artists
- Establish a safe and exciting learning environment for all ages and races
- Moderate Whitney performance events such as Jazz at Lincoln Center
- Work behind-the-scenes at events such as Family Weekend & Teen Night
- Represent the Whitney when visiting other New York museums

Work History

Feb 2003 - Present

Macintosh Tech Support & Tutoring

Various Clients (3-5 hrs/wk, part time)
New York, NY

- Instruct a wide range of ages and skill levels in the use of the Macintosh
- Provide private lessons in specific third-party applications
- Provide users with intermediate and advanced troubleshooting techniques
- Evaluation of purchase decisions and software compatibility
- Onsite tutoring in basic, intermediate and advanced OS functions
- Initial setup of new machines, including networking and file transfer
- Emergency hardware installation and repair

July 2004 - Present

Web Design/Web Graphics

Sandra Rubel Studios - www.srubel.com (4-8 hrs/wk, part time)
New York, NY

- create a new visual identity for artist Sandra Rubel
- redesign the srubel.com domain, creating a consistent design aesthetic
- convert all existing pages and images to the new layout
- color-correct dozens of new images in each gallery section
- rework pages done by previous web designer

Side Projects

May 2002 - Present

Portfolio Project (2-12 hrs/wk)

DM Cook's Blue Fusion Media - www.BlueFusionMedia.net

- create new portfolio for art, music, writing, photography and video
- design an all-new layout, code base, and website "backend"
- assemble hundreds of works in multiple media
- continually provide new and exciting content for a global viewership

Dec 2003 - Present

Music Project (2-14 hrs/wk)

- create CD of original compositions (completed in 2001)
- compose new electronic music using piano, guitar, and computer
- learn all software/equipment necessary to continue advanced techniques
- create accompanying music videos, learning all programs necessary to do so

Fall 1999 - May 2002

Electronic Magazine Project (7-12 hrs/wk)

DM Cook's EnigmaZone - previously at www.EnigmaZone.com

- create online magazine featuring self-written articles, poetry, and photos
- learn necessary web design tools in order to produce and edit from home
- continually refine and reinterpret EnigmaZone theme and design
- email discussions with a worldwide audience, from Macedonia to Maryland

Education

Now Applying
(Fall 2005)

Emerson College - Boston, MA
Bennington College - Bennington, VT
New York University - New York, NY
Sarah Lawrence College - Bronxville, NY
Hampshire College - Amherst, MA
Marlboro College - Marlboro, VT
Hunter College - New York, NY

Sep 2000 - Present

The Calhoun School
New York, NY

- Graduation date: June 2005
- Took initiative in teaching advanced techniques to digital video class in 2003; made full TA (teaching assistant) of the DV class in 2004.
- Award for "Excellence in Digital Video" given in June 2004
- Award for "Most Improved Student" anticipated in June 2005
- Honors credit in Active Physics, World History and English

Awards & Honors

2004

- **Digital Video Teachership**
awarded by Gary Cohen, Calhoun School Digital Video department
- **Travel Invitation as a Student Ambassador to China**
awarded by People to People's Student Ambassador program
- **Runner-Up in "Blue" Music Video Contest**
awarded by the members of A Perfect Circle for the film "Blue" (2004)

2003

- **Award for Excellence in Digital Video**
granted by The Calhoun School for the film "Out There" (2003)
- **Award of Publication in National Library of Poetry**
"Best Poems and Poets of 2003"

2002

- **Award of Publication in National Library of Poetry**
"Best Poems and Poets of 2002"
- **\$250 cash prize for best product improvement essay**
awarded by ThinkOutside, makers of the Palm Folding Keyboard

2001

- **ExploraVision Science Awards**
award for contest entry
- **Award of Publication in National Library of Poetry**
"Best Poems and Poets of 2001"

