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e d u c a t i o n

InfoComm Academy

AV Installation
Completed 9/16/2007

Audio-Video & Control System Networking
Completed 9/2/2007

Essentials of the A/V Industry
Completed 12/12/2006

Angola High School
1982-1986

s k i l l s

Audio
Video
Lighting
Fiber Optics
Laser Display
Alcorn McBride Show Control
35mm and 70mm Film Projection
PC Hardware, Software, and Networking
Adobe Production Studio;
Premiere Pro, After Effects, Audition, and Encore DVD
Adobe Creative Suite;
Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, GoLive, and Acrobat Professional
Windows Media Encoder and Webcasting
XHTML, CSS, and Website Administration
vBulletin Administration

e x p e r i e n c e

My career covers more than 30 years as a technician in the entertainment field, working with audio, video, lighting, staging, and laser display technologies. I have worked in venues from small meeting rooms to large Stadium and Arena shows. I have helped open 2 major theme parks; Disney MGM Studios as a Stage Technician, and Universal's Islands of Adventure as a Parkwide Systems Technician. I have also worked as a Laser Display Technician on IllumiNations at Disney's Epcot. In 2007 I received my Certified Technology Specialist (CTS) credential from InfoComm International for my AV skills. In 2011 I received my Certified Fiber Optic Technician (CFOT) credential from the Fiber Optic Association. I currently work as a freelance technician in the Central Florida area for corporate meetings, trade shows, and other entertainment events.

e m p l o y m e n t s u m m a r y

Self Employed

Freelance Entertainment Technician
various companies
October, 2005 - Present

Freeman Audio Visual Solutions

formerly AVW-TELAV
Freelance AV Technician
November, 2005 - Present

LMG

Freelance AV Technician
November, 2007 - Present

Lighting Systems Design, Inc. (LSDI)

Technical Director/Laser Display Technician
December, 1999 - October, 2005

Universal Studios Florida - Islands of Adventure

Parkwide Systems Technician
September, 1998 - December 1999

Walt Disney World Entertainment

Stage Technician Level II and Level III
March 1989 - September 1998

c e r t i f i c a t i o n s a n d a w a r d s

Certified Fiber Optic Technician (2011)
The Fiber Optic Association
Certified Technology Specialist (2007)
InfoComm International
Award for Excellence (2005)
US Army Military District of Washington
for Spirit of America show
Spirit of Disney Award (1984)
Walt Disney World Company
Senior IllumiNations Technician (1983)
Walt Disney Entertainment
Laser and Electro-Optics Certification (1990)
Walt Disney Entertainment/Opti-Comp Industries
Stage Pyrotechnician Certification (1989)
Walt Disney Entertainment