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Personal Profile

I am passionate about jewellery and as an enthusiastic and self motivated person I would be keen to pursue a career in design crafts jewellery making.
I have a variety of skills and experience using a range of different mediums. These include designing and making jewellery, working particularly with silver and other metals.

Skills and achievements

Practical skills

- Jewellery design both 2d and 3d using drawing and 3d model making.
- Drawing skills including life drawing and competent use of sketchbooks.
- Creating portfolios and mood boards to present my work and ideas.
- Photography skills.
- I.T skills such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and an understanding of Photoshop and rhino.
- Knowledge of working with a wide variety of materials such as silver, brass, copper, nickel silver, plastics, ceramics, glass, paper and textiles.
- Traditional jewellery making skills which include:
    - piercing/ forming
    - soldering/ riveting
    - stone setting
    - making catches

Communication skills

- Strong communication and customer service skills developed in customer service roles in retail.
- Ability to deal with customer complaints and give customer satisfaction.
- Training new staff in customer service roles when I worked in retail jobs.
- Team working skills such as designing leaflets/ posters and flyers as a group to promote exhibition.
- Confidence in presenting my work to a group and giving input in group tutorials.

Initiative and time management

- Ability to work under pressure and to deadlines.
- Ability to manage several tasks at once.
- Excellent time keeping and reliability.
- Can competently work independently.
- Organising skills which were successful in helping to set up and organise two exhibitions and assist in the promotion and advertising.

Business awareness

- An understanding of costing materials and labour for one off gallery jewellery pieces and commission jewellery pieces, skills I have gathered whilst at university.
- Business card creation skills and my own website.
- Experience in retail roles with Responsibilities such as handling money and working out bills.
- Experience in fulfilling various roles and tasks in a busy working retail environment which include:
    - serving customers at a restaurant and pub and taking orders
    - preparation of food

Education and Qualifications

2005 - 2008 De Montfort University, Leicester
- BA (Hons) Design Crafts.

Specialising in jewellery design and making.
My 3rd year final major project was to produce 12 rings for the degree show.

2002-2005 Nelson and Colne College, Lancashire
- Foundation Art and Design BETC Diploma (pass).
- A-Levels: Textiles (B), 3D Design (C), Lens Based Media (C).

1997-2002 West Craven High Technology College, Lancashire
- 11 GCSE's including Maths and English grade C's.

Public Exhibitions

I have been selected to exhibit my final year university work at the New Designers exhibition in London on the 30th June.

2008 – The Degree Show, De Montfort University, Leicester
An exhibition of my final year work of 12 contemporary rings that are for sale and available for commission.
Visitors included the public and businesses.

2007-Imprint Making Our Mark, the LCB Depot, Leicester.
An exhibition of one off gallery craft pieces which included two pieces of jewellery.
Visitors included the public and businesses.

Work Experience

2006-2008: Massarella's Restaurant (based within Rackhams), Skipton, North Yorkshire.
Catering Assistant

2003-2005: The Anchor Inn, Salterforth, Barnoldswick, Lancashire.
Waitress.

Interests

- Music, grade 5 piano.
- Travel is something I really enjoy and have been fortunate enough to visit many countries that have inspired some of my projects.

References
References available on request.

* The two images on the front page are of two rings completed as part of my 3rd year final degree show exhibition.