

Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL DETAILS

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EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

Manchester University - September 2006 – June 2010

BMus degree in Music (Second Class Honours, Upper Division - 2:1)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Professional Freelance photographer. July 2010 -

Photographing commercial, documentary, landscapes, music (live & promo), weddings and events. I exhibited a selection of landscape my work in Manchester in early 2013, a personal venture that was very warmly received and instigated many print and calendar sales.

- Winner of a Magnum Professional Practice grant from IdeasTap.
- "An excellent portfolio, keep exploring." Guardian Photographic Review
- Previously assisted Kevin Cummins and Ian Tilton.
- Portfolio: www.simonbray.co.uk

Phototuts+, Photography Journalism. Sept. 2009 -

Freelance article and tutorial writer for web based photography blog, used by professional and amateur photographers to develop and learn new photographic skills and techniques. Involves researching and writing 1500 word articles to be published on the site, complete with photographic examples.
<http://hub.tutsplus.com/authors/simon-bray>

Manchester Photographic, Photography Teacher/Admin Feb 2012 - June 2012

Assisting the running of the photographic gallery, situated in the cultural Northern Quarter, Manchester, by completing administration tasks, website maintenance and assisting with events such as discussion panels and photographic workshops. Teaching classes of mixed ability students within the classroom and on location, teaching camera control, exposure techniques and advanced camera operation.

Bedales School, Petersfield (Private Independent) - Teaching Assistant / Administrator. Oct. 2005– May 2006

Music Technology teacher, assisting students with the use of computers and software in the creation of music and musical scores. Technological advisor, mediating between the Music and IT Departments to advance the computer systems and musical software used enhancing the resources available for students and teachers. Assisting music teachers during classes and rehearsals, preparing teaching materials for classes. Performing general clerical and administrative tasks.

UNPAID EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Music Management – Band Manager - Nov 2009 -

Managing acts 'Tall Ships' and 'Deafkid'. Acting as the link between the band and the music industry, helping them establish their name and music by organising tours, support slots with larger suitable bands, organising recording and release contracts and working with the band to improve and enhance their professionalism and future possibilities. Tall Ships' debut album 'Everything Touching' was very well received, with coverage from BBC Radio 1, NME, Q, Clash, The Fly and XFM. They have toured in the US, Brazil and across Europe, and played major festivals such as Latitude and Bestival.

Sam Isaac – Performing/Recording Musician. Sept 2007 – Sept 2009

Playing drums and performing with singer/songwriter 'Sam Isaac', recording and touring around the world. Performance highlights have included playing live on BBC Radio 1 at the Maida Vale Studios, performing at SXSW music conference in Austin TX, V festival and Latitude festival. Our music has been used on multiple television shows including Match of the Day (2009/10 season), The Inbetweeners, Made In Chelsea and US sitcom 'Chuck'.

FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Peter Symonds 6th Form College, Winchester – September 2003 – July 2005

A Levels -

Music	A
Sociology	A
Music Technology	B
+ AS level Psychology	

Henry Beaufort School, Winchester – September 1998 – June 2003

GCSE's

5 A Grades / 6 B Grades / 1 C Grade

Winner of the Leavers 'Musical Contribution' Award 2003

Other Qualifications

Associated Board of Music:

Grade 8 Orchestral Percussion (2004) / Grade 5 Piano (2001) / Grade 5 Theory of Music (2002)

Member of Hampshire Youth Orchestra - 2000 – 2005 (Principal Percussionist & Hampshire Youth Chamber Orchestra: 2004/2005)

Member of Winchester Youth Orchestra - 1998 – 2005 (Principal Percussionist 1999 to 2005)

Full, clean driving licence

EXTRA-MURAL AND LEISURE INTERESTS

- Spending time with my wife Sarah, who is currently training as a midwife at Salford University.

- I have twice organised and led a team to completing the '3 Peaks Challenge' in under 24 hours, raising over £3200 for Tearfund, The Christie and Community Projects in Sudan
- Playing an active role in the life of the church, including playing drums within the worship band and leading a weekly home group.
- Engaging with contemporary culture and current affairs through blogs and the printed press to keep up-to-date with photography news, the latest music releases, technology and the natural world.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.