

BEN SHARP

Freelance Creative

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Driven and dynamic creative specialising in the photographic and curatorial sectors, with over six years of experience in client relations, which includes managerial and premium experience. Using initiative when working alone and thrives in a team environment, eager to take on new challenges and progress a career in the creative arts.

Education

University of Sussex
2021 - present

MA Art History & Museum Curation

- Extensive research skills, developing critical thinking and analysis.
- Development of strong curation within different museum, heritage and gallery settings.
- Present projects and papers to an array of different audiences.

Falmouth University
2016 – 2019

BA Photography (Hons) – 2:1

- Adobe creative suite savvy; fluent in Photoshop and Lightroom.
- Confidently use both Mac OSX and Windows computing systems.
- Dissertation awarded a First.

Bexhill College
2013 – 2015

A Level Photography - A
A Level Film Studies - A
A Level English Literature - C

Twynham School
2008 – 2013

12 GCSE passes including Maths and English.

Relevant Employment experience

SEAS (Socially Engaged Art Salon)
Curatorial Project Manager – Freelance
Gallery Assistant – Volunteer

Sept 2021 - Present
April 2021 – Sept 2021

- Produce and curate exhibitions, ensuring that projects are completed at the highest standard in subject to deadlines.
- Ensuring invoices are saved in the correct format and correctly organized on cloud computing services. Introduced efficient and effective methods of record keeping.
- Liaise with artists, curators and producers regularly to guarantee operations run smoothly, problem-solving issues if they arise.
- Assist the director to ensure projects are within budget.
- Coordinated the volunteer programme.

Big Sky Studios
Studio Assistant – Freelance

April 2021 – Sept 2021

- Coordinated daily operations in the studios to ensure optimal production, by liaising with lighting, digital, front of house and set departments for daily requests.
- Prepared, maintained and reset the studio to a premium standard.
- Liaised with clients, built a rapport to establish and uphold relations. Assisting clients with the set-up of shoots, including lightning.
- Coordinated and assisted the set-up of catering for clients.
- Accurately recorded client's requests.

Pinsharp Magazine
Co-editor and producer – Self-employed

March 2020 – Present

- Scout, select and research visual artists to feature on social media platforms. Responding professionally and efficiently through a variety of channels.
- Analyse data; tracking social media engagement, to improve methods to interact with target audience, to optimize brand visibility and SEO.
- Proofreading, copywriting and reviewing artists' work.
- Using social media tools to curate work 3 months in advance. Regularly updating the calendar.

Awards & Publications

Intern Magazine
Published | 2020

The Association of Photographers (AOP)
AOP Student Awards 2019
Shortlisted | 2019

Source Magazine
98th Edition – Graduate Photography
Published | 2019

Certificates & Fundraising

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England
Mental Health First Aider
March 2021 – March 2024

Completed 3 full marathons to fundraise
over £1500 for a range of charities.

Exhibitions

Queer Photography II: Identity Displaced
Brighton, East Sussex | 2022

Queer Photography
Brighton, East Sussex | 2021

AOP Student Awards
Whitechapel, London | 2019

Free Range
Shoreditch, London | 2019

Into the Mind of the Individual
Falmouth, Cornwall | 2019

VERVE
Falmouth, Cornwall | 2019

SILK
Falmouth, Cornwall | 2018

PARA
Falmouth, Cornwall | 2018

Relevant Employment experience continued...

Wonderhatch Junior Photographic Retoucher - Freelance

Jan 2020 – Jan 2020

- Retouched and edited a range of imagery for tight deadlines adhering to company guidelines, before performing quality checks by liaising with senior photographers and/or clients to guarantee consistency.
- Managed internal image database; processing and archiving images, ensuring all were named and filed in a cohesive manner.
- Created two outputs to specific resolutions to optimize imagery for online and print publishing.
- Assisted producers with diary schedules and booking transport for shoots.

Other employment experience

SANDRO Store Manager Assistant Manager Supervisor

2 years, 3 months
Aug 2022 – Oct 2022
April 2021 – Aug 2022
July 2020 – April 2021

- Monitored and recorded the store's performance data. Working closely with regional management and European directors store KPI targets were consistently met, maximising profits and reducing loss account within budget.
- Recruited new employees, ensuring that new candidates were trained and supported to the highest standard to contribute to the store's success.
- Implemented a simplified and more accessible rota plan, ensuring timetabling was within budget.
- Provided exceptional service, offering a personalised and bespoke, luxury service to build and maintain client relations – setting a precedent to the team.

Jack Wills Supervisor Sales Assistant

2 years, 11 months
May 2018 – April 2020
May 2017 – May 2018

- Keyholder – responsible for the opening and closure of the store, remained vigilant and security conscious to ensure safety of both property and staff.
- Provided exceptional customer service, built and maintained customer relations to ensure growth in sales.
- Strong leadership skills, provided continual support to new entrants, conducted regular 1:1 meetings.

Next Sales Assistant

June 2015 – July 2016