

MARY MURRAY

Writer, Editor, Reporter

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

I am passionate about building compelling narratives, whether as a writer or an editor. My extensive writing training and tenacious time management have helped me thrive as a magazine editor, from penning features to overseeing production. I excel at meeting deadlines, managing other writers, and working within a creative team to produce effective editorials, literary output, and promotional materials.

EXPERIENCE

Palm Beach Media Group, West Palm Beach, FL

Executive Editor, January 2020 to present

Managing Editor, August 2016 to December 2019

Senior Editor, April 2015 to July 2016

Associate Editor, January 2014 to March 2015

Assistant Editor, August 2012 to December 2013

- Write for the regional magazines Palm Beach Illustrated and Fort Lauderdale Illustrated
- Editorial responsibilities include features, travel articles, culture coverage, Q&As, section development, market pages, pictorials, and coordination of photo shoots
- Top edit features and copyedit sections for Palm Beach Illustrated, Fort Lauderdale Illustrated, and Naples Illustrated magazines (all published 10-11 times a year)
 - As executive editor: Oversee two employees and editorial internship program
- As senior through executive editor: Assign stories, work with freelancers, manage flow of content and deadlines, oversee production and page-proofing process
- As managing and executive editor: Manage custom titles for clients, from conceptualization through assigning, writing, editing, liaising with art on layouts, production, and shipment
- As associate and senior editor: Manage the Palm Beach Charity Register, an annual publication showcasing charitable events and promoting local philanthropic initiatives and organizations
- As assistant through managing editor: Run Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram for Palm Beach Illustrated and Naples Illustrated; grew PBI Instagram to more than 20,000 followers organically

The Post & Courier, Charleston, SC

Contributing Reporter, May 2012 to June 2012

- Covered the Spoleto and Piccolo Spoleto Arts Festivals
- Wrote daily column, print features, and blog posts
- Produced a video series on orchestra members

Town & Country magazine, New York, NY

Features Intern, January 2012 to April 2012

- Researched and contributed to features and other content
 - Prepped and assisted on photo shoots
 - Social media responsibilities

TheNewsHouse.com, Syracuse, NY

Contributing Writer, September 2011 to May 2012

- Wrote about theater, culture, and art for online publication

Syracuse Stage, Syracuse, NY

Dramaturgical Intern, September 2011 to December 2011

- Researched historical and academic context of plays
 - Created play packets for use by cast and crew
- Wrote play reports and edited marketing materials

EDUCATION

Florida State University

B.A. in English/Creative Writing

Graduated summa cum laude
in three years

Syracuse University

M.A. in Arts Journalism

S.I. Newhouse School of
Public Communications

SKILLS

Adobe InDesign, Photoshop
Audacity, GarageBand
LexisNexis
AP Style, Chicago Manual
Social media platforms and
analytic tools
CMS/bloggging platforms
Podcasting
Project management
Copyediting
Fact checking

PEOPLE I'VE INTERVIEWED

Art Garfunkel, Alan Cumming,
Weird Al Yankovic, Miranda
Lambert, Audra McDonald,
Bernadette Peters, Patti LaBelle,
John Cleese, Eric Idle, William
Shatner, Kristin Chenoweth,
Isaac Mizrahi, Peter Sagal, Lilly
Ledbetter, Sheila Johnson, A.O.
Scott, Kate Andersen Brower,
Dr. Bennet Omalu

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