

MARY MURRAY

Writer | Editor | Reporter

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

I am passionate about building compelling narratives, whether as a writer or as an editor. I have an M.A. in arts journalism, so my reporting skills are finely tuned to culture, travel, and lifestyle coverage. 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 and literary output.

EXPERIENCE

Palm Beach Illustrated magazine | West Palm Beach, FL

Managing Editor, August 2016 to present

Senior Editor, April 2015 to July 2016

Associate Editor, January 2014 to March 2015

Assistant Editor, August 2012 to December 2013

- Write for the monthly regional magazine Palm Beach Illustrated
 - Top edit features and copyedit sections
 - Contribute content to Naples Illustrated magazine and palmbeachillustrated.com, including an arts blog
- Manage social media accounts for Palm Beach Illustrated and Naples Illustrated
- Editorial responsibilities include features, travel articles, section development and copywriting, market pages, pictorials and coordination of photo shoots
- As senior and managing editor: assign stories, work with freelancers, manage flow of content and deadlines, oversee page-proofing process

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
 - Sourced items and images for market pages
 - 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

The Kudzu Review literary journal | Tallahassee, FL

Fiction Editor, August 2010 to April 2011

- Selected and edited fiction copy for annual print publication
 - Coordinated readings

EDUCATION

Florida State University | 2011

B.A. in English/Creative Writing

Graduated Summa Cum Laude in 3 years

Syracuse University | 2012

M.A. in Arts Journalism

S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications

SKILLS

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

PEOPLE I'VE INTERVIEWED

Art Garfunkel, Bernadette Peters, Alan Cumming, Weird Al Yankovic, Audra McDonald, Patti LaBelle, John Cleese, Eric Idle, William Shatner, Kristin Chenoweth, Melissa Etheridge, Iris Apfel, Kenny G, Amy Ray of the Indigo Girls, Peter Sagal, Lilly Ledbetter, Sheila Johnson, A.O. Scott, Kate Andersen Brower, Dr. Bennet Omalu

PLACES I'VE WRITTEN ABOUT

Dubai, Barcelona, Oslo, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Wales, Antigua, Colombia, Napa Valley, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Islamorada, St. Augustine, Puntacana Resort & Club in the Dominican Republic, The Allison Inn & Spa in Oregon, Faena Hotel Miami Beach

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