

Merlyn Chipman; Team Lead / Video Op

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Profile:

Reliable, friendly A/V production expert with management experience.

Highlights:

- ▶ Management experience
- ▶ Logistics of A/V event planning, equipment care, etc
- ▶ Strong production planning documentation skills
- ▶ Video switching, camera operator

Major Achievements:

- ▶ **Assistant Manager, Stage Vision at the Pan Pacific Hotel.** Coordinated av contracts between clients, the hotel and our technicians and contractors.
 - Lead our office in its transition to a massive **IntelliEvent Lightning 3.0** upgrade.
 - Helped co-ordinate quality control with our regional office.
- ▶ **Senior Technician, Presentation Services Audio Visual at the Sheraton Wall Center.** Liaison between PSAV management, technicians, hotel directors and clients.
 - Advocated for/supported technicians to maintain quality control by maintaining team moral in a high stress work environment.
 - Streamlined tech procedures for everyday operations.
- ▶ **Technical Director, Locomotoart.** Worked with the Executive Director and artists, in cooperation with the Parks Board of Vancouver.
 - Planned and executed independent power and audio/video systems for in-door and out-door events such as Locomotoart at Queen Elizabeth Park, Youth Nature, an out-door electronic art festival with 13 simultaneous installations and performances.
 - Created and hosted Weaving With Light, a workshop integrating interactive video projection with textile design and fabric printing.
- ▶ **Technical Director, W2 Media Café.** Worked with the Executive Director, Events Coordinator and clients, to execute cultural, art, and corporate events.
 - Developed procedures for use of W2 hardware and media assets.
 - Build a video production system to streamline work-flow of internet streaming audio and video of events. Trained staff and volunteers to operate system.
 - Trained volunteers, set up lights, video cameras, video and audio mixers, sound systems, video capture, video conference, internet streaming and recording systems.
- ▶ **Usability Analyst, Sage Software.** Selected and permanently installed all digital / analog audio and video equipment for the usability testing lab and observation room.
 - 40% under budget.
 - Wrote a procedure manual for various audio / video and computer hardware configurations of different types of tests performed in the usability testing lab
- ▶ **Broadcasting Technician, Creative Mornings Vancouver.** Built and operated a portable, multiple camera, video internet streaming kit for Creative Mornings Vancouver, a monthly meet-up/networking event, held at SFU Woodward's in Vancouver BC.

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Work Experience:

I have worked on all types of events from big stadium concerts, workshops, panel discussions, fashion shows, sporting events and art events in doors and out. My specialty is **video**. I have set up and operated broadcast video cameras, switchers, mixers, projectors, LED walls and developed and built audio/video recording and internet streaming systems for various clients.

Work History:

- ▶ **Team Leader** 2017 - 2018
Vancouver Sound and Lights
- ▶ **Assistant Manager** 2016 - 2017
Pan Pacific Hotel, Stage Vision
- ▶ **Senior Production Technician** 2015 - 2016
Sheraton Wall Centre, Production Services Audio Visual
- ▶ **Production Technician** 2012 - 2016
Riggitt Services
- ▶ **Production Technician** 2011 - 2016
Clarks Audio Visual Services
- ▶ **Production Technician** 2014 - 2016
365 Productions
- ▶ **Production Technician** 2012 - 2014
Showmax Audio Visual Services
- ▶ **Technical Director** 2011 - 2013
W2 Media Café, Vancouver, BC
- ▶ **Digital Imaging Technician** 2010 - 2011
New Image Entertainment
 - Downloaded, archived, cataloged, reviewed and assembled rough edits of daily footage for an independent feature film
- ▶ **Custom AV System Design** 2008 - 2009
Sage Software
 - Designed and permanently installed the software testing lab for Sage Software's Richmond campus

Education:

- Certificate of Interactive Design** 2006 - 2008
Capilano University, North Vancouver, BC
» 3.57 GPA
- Broadcast Video** 2000 - 2001
(BCIT) British Columbia Institute of Technology
- Liberal Arts** 1994 - 1996
Simon Fraser University