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Personal Specification

- o 10 years industry design experience and proficient in concept development to site execution.
- o Good command and ability to interact with teamwork.
- o Efficient, reliable, self-motivated, adaptable and keen to learn.
- o Broad graphics manual and digital media skills from concept to finished work and documentation.

Languages: Spanish, English and spoken Italian.

Computer Literate: AutoCad 2009, 3D Max, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe illustrator, Corel Draw, Sketch Up on PC platform and Alias/Wavefront 9.5 on Unix platform

Work Experience

SOTOPARRA Architecture + Design Ltd

(Jun 2005-to date)

(www.sotoparra.com) Knockmore, Ballina, Co.Mayo Ireland

Position:

Architect / Director

Nature of Business: (Value of projects: € 0.1m - €3m)

Design lead practice, small to medium scale residential and commercial projects in the urban and rural west of Ireland.

Tasks:

- Working closely with clients and local workmanship delivering bespoke design on tight deadlines and budgets from conception to completion.
- Producing feasibility studies and planning documentation for larger residential leisure and commercial developments on urban and sensitive scenic areas.
- Leading and coordinating consultants and technicians.
- Permanent design consultant for MBK Associates Ltd.
- Consultant for SDS Ltd, Castlebar (www.structuraldesign.ie)
- Product design for the rural, suburban outdoor and garden micro farming use.

Achievements:

To run single-handedly a successful design practice exceeding client's expectation through strong design and "buildability" on time and within budget.

MBK Associates Architects and Engineers, Galway, Ireland

(April 2004- May 2005)

(www.mbkassociates.ie)

Position:

Senior Design Architect

Nature of Business: Value of projects: € 0.5 - € 4.5m)

Architectural and engineering multi-disciplinary practice on diverse scale projects nationwide focusing on large residential, industrial and commercial developments, hotel and leisure centres.

Tasks:

- Brief production from client's requests, appraisal and assessment of site planning potential, concept generation sketch design and complete digital 3D design production.
- Leading a design team of architects, engineers and technicians through planning, tender and promotional documentation stages.

Achievements: produced higher densities through quality contemporary design where others have previously failed.

Niall Kearns Architects, Galway, Ireland

(April 2003 – April 2004)

(www.kearns.ie)

Position:

Senior Design Architect

Nature of Business: (Value of projects : € 0.5 - € 1.5 m)

Long established design lead architectural practice; focused on public funded projects, schools, and government institutional buildings, city centre bars and nite-clubs.

Residential and commercial mixed developments in suburban areas, from initial conception to completion and certification.

Tasks:

-Working as part of a design team given full responsibility for projects from the brief inception through planning and all design subsequent stages, coordinating consultants and suppliers for the execution and culmination of projects.

-Produce 3D Imaging (Sketch up) of the project for presentation to the public and clients
Graphic and oral exposition of projects to local authorities and prospective clients

Achievements: convinced conservative clients and urban planning authorities that a contemporary design approach to architecture can deliver beyond the expected.

MBK Associates, Architects and Engineers, Galway, Ireland

(April 2001- May 2003)

Position:

Design Architect

Nature of Business:

(Value of projects : € 0 .5 - € 2.5m)

Architectural and engineering multi-disciplinary practice on diverse scale projects nationwide focusing on large residential, industrial and commercial developments, hotel and leisure centres.

Tasks:

-Design residential and commercial schemes as part of a team, producing sketch design from lead architect instructions and planning drawings.

-3D imaging using 3D max and Photoshop to create promotional material for estate agents

Achievements: Multi-tasked in a very busy atmosphere delivering quality design solutions for our clients in a very competitive market.

JDI Galway Ltd, Galway, Ireland (no longer in business)

(April 2000-April 2001)

Position:

Architectural Illustrator: Nature of Business:

3D computer modelling, illustration and animation of architectural projects. Industrial design, mechanical engineering, advertisements and art projects, photomontages and visualizations in context

Task:

To work with architects from various practices and process documentation of their projects to produce detailed 3D Digital models and photorealistic renderings using Alias Wavefront and Photoshop

Achievements: To been able to produce final images using only illustration skills in Photoshop when our modelling packages were experiencing technical problems

Elisana Rubio Architects and Design, Caracas, Venezuela

(Jan1996-Oct 2000)

Position:

Architect

Nature of Business:

City practice focuses on interior architecture and design for corporate client's offices, retail units and agencies keeping an articulated corporate image throughout.

Tasks:

Architectural design and illustration including interior design for corporate clients; EMI Records, Movilnet, Sincor, Netcom, Ericsson, Boc Gas, Timberland and Macleod Dixon in compliance with specific corporate image guidelines.

Office furniture design, office planning and general interior design projects; retail, office and bars.

Acarigua Araure Museum of Modern Art, Acarigua, Venezuela

(1996-2000)

Position:

Design Consultant (part time)

Nature of Business:

Design team member commissioned to Renovated and Convert a former dance hall and social club premises in the heart of Acarigua to bring national and international contemporary art expression to this region of Venezuela.

Tasks:

To assist French architect Phillippe de Potestad in generating the proposal for the Museum extension.

- To produce and build using local labour a gallery proposal including specialist lighting and refurbishment of the existing premises and help curate local exhibitions and community orientated activities as part of the Museum Program
- To work as part of the museum committee organizing exhibits and technical support for the exhibition halls of the museum.
- To support the graphic design and general image of the museum

Achievements: To be part of a lifting idea and turning it into a reality by determination and solid team work

Monsenor Talavera Institute of Design, Caracas, Venezuela (1997 – 1999)
Human Figure Drawing teacher (Part-time evening courses)

Education

2011 Art and Design Bachelor Degree part-time course at GMTI Castlebar, County Mayo.

2009 Hemp construction workshop Steven Allin Cork

2006 Strawbale construction 3 day Course CAE Letterkeny

2000 Digital Modelling 3Dmax 2.5, Cavendish College, London (6 month course)

1995

Architecture Degree - Ba Arch (Hons)- Rafael Urdaneta University, Maracaibo, Venezuela.

Faculty of Architecture- 15-05-95

Thesis degree project: Ecumenic Necropolis (An approach to funerary Architecture).

Short courses

1994 Historic Values of Funerary Architecture, (20000 hours)

1993 Basic Autocad 2d version 12, Central University of Venezuela (4500 hours)

Touristic Architecture seminar, Central University of Venezuela (1000 hours)

1990 2d & 3d Art Foundation Course, drawing, painting and sculpture, Julio Arraga Art School, Maracaibo, Venezuela (6 month course)

Exhibitions

1999-2000 Salon "N " Incidents, collective exhibition, project by six young architects
Artwork VACUUM, electro-mechanical installation.
CAM LB Centro de Arte, LIA DE BERMUDEZ.

1999 Young Artists, Atlantis Gallery, Caracas, Venezuela

1996 "Sudden Light Weight Structures" Space Futur Simple,
Alliance Francais Caracas, Venezuela

General interest

Film, Art, Painting, Outdoors, Travel, Natural History

