John McKernan

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PROFILE

Savvy individual with a passion for learning and a talent for quickly mastering new technology. Strong background in audio technology, production, and software.

EXPERIENCE

Purdue University, Hall of Music Productions, Stagehand

January 2018 - May 2021

- Stagehand for events ranging from conferences to Broadway tours.
- Audio technician for small-venue shows, dinners, and meetings.

Shure, Automated Test Engineering, Software Intern

May 2018 – August 2018

- Supported manufacturing and validation systems for audio equipment as a software engineer.
- Developed and maintained mission-critical tools, databases, and websites for 10 global plants.

Six Flags Great America, Entertainment, Audio Technician

April 2017 – August 2017

- Responsible for the setup and mixing of daily live performances for more than 1,000 people
- Ensured proper gain staging, timing, and tuning of line-array speakers in multiple systems.
- Understood and executed operations for both called and timecode-controlled shows.
- Suggested and received approval for creative contribution to mixes.

Carmel Cadence Show Choir Tour, Lead Engineer

August 2014 - May 2017

- Transported, setup, and operated the sound system for a yearly, 12-stop tour.
- Seamlessly led a team of 4 students under pressure of rapid load/unload and setup.
- Created detailed equipment lists and plans to ensure adaptability to unfamiliar environments.

Carmel Catholic Theater Department

August 2014 - June 2017

- Chief of sound crew (2015 to 2017), sound designer, and board operator.
- Led and mentored a team of 9 students to provide sound setup and audio coverage.

Freelance Live and Studio Sound

August 2013 – present

- Completed audio projects for local soloists, bands, and organizations.
- Remained up-to-date with technology and kept personal equipment in good working condition.

SKILLS

Digital and analog consoles, mixing, critical listening, routing, cabling, networking, timecode, show automation, audio post-production and software, basic lighting console operation, fixture hanging, addressing, and focusing

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Team Six Service Superstar Six Flags Great America 2017
- Award for Outstanding Technical Leadership Carmel Catholic Theater 2015, 2016

EDUCATION

Purdue University (May 2021) – West Lafayette, IN – 3.86 GPA

- B.S. in Computer Science, Minors in Computer Information Technology & Forensic Science
- Purdue Presidential Scholarship 2017 to 2021
- Teaching Assistant for Programming with Multimedia Objects in Python Spring 2018
- Relevant Coursework: Audiology, Composition, Computer Networks, Computer Skills in Music