# KIERAN BATTISTELLA

### **PROFILE**

Kieran is a multi-talented B.Sc Computer Games Programming student in his first year at Staffordshire University, Stoke-on-Trent. Formerly a bespoke cabinet maker and hospitality manager, creative and outgoing, organised, enjoys working with people and has an excellent eye for detail.

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Throughout Kierans working career, he has gained valuable experience ranging from client & employee liaison and day to day business management, to making and fitting bespoke joinery. He has acquired a broad and diverse range of skills that allow him to adapt to many work environments.

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2020 - PRESENT

2019 - 2020

2013-2014

2009-2011

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Kierans hobbies include music (listening & creating), cooking, technology & video games, graphic novels & animation.

# **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

### **OPERATING SYSTEMS**

Windows, Mac OS

#### **HARDWARE**

In depth knowledge of PC Components

#### PROGRAMMING

C++, Python, HTML5, CSS

### MICROSOFT OFFICE

Word, Powerpoint, Excel

# ADOBE CREATIVE SUITE

Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign

### **AUDIO SOFTWARE**

Logic, Cubase, Ableton

# PRACTICAL SKILLS

# PROBLEM SOLVING

Ability to creatively adapt and demonstrate flexibility in approach

### VISUAL SENSE & EYE FOR DETAIL

Create accurate & precise work to the highest standard

### MAKING FITTING & FINISHING

Bespoke furniture, mathematical calculations, hand eye coordination.

#### **SKETCHING**

Ability to produce illustrative graphics by hand.

# READING & IMPLEMENTING PLANS

Understanding of Technical Drawings

### LANGUAGE

Fluent in Italian (Written & spoken)

# EDUCATION

### STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

**Computer Games Programming** 

#### **Current Modules:**

- Digital Technologies
- Games Engine Creation
- Fundamentals of Games & Graphical Systems
- Professional Development and Games Industry Employability

# RICHMOND ADULT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Access to Higher Education - Computing

9 Modules - Distinction 1 Module - Merit

WALTHAM FOREST COLLEGE

Carpentry & Joinery Diploma

STOKE NEWINGTON MEDIA ARTS COLLEGE

6 GCSE's grade A\*-C

### **SKILLS**



### TEAM WORK AND LEADERSHIP

Kieran has always successfully worked as a part of a team, and hospitality management has given him experience in leadership and team building. Kieran has learned the values of teamwork through group discussion in order to establish objectives, delegation of tasks to team members and ensuring work is completed on time. Through working in multi-disciplinary teams with Designers, Architects and other trades Kieran learnt how to bridge perceptual differences between team members and maximise output.



### **DRIVE & MOTIVATION**

Kieran is a very enthusiastic individual who is driven by learning and creating. During all of his working experience he has learnt to adapt to stressful and complex situations, meaning he is very patient, and able to maintain productivity and motivation.



### **CREATIVITY & ADAPTABILITY**

During his time as a Bespoke Cabinet Maker, Kieran learnt to excel in all aspects of the making and fitting process, often receiving promotions very quickly, and successfully settling into roles with heightened responsibilities. On- site fitting (including in highly controlled environments such as museums) taught him how to adapt and create innovative and efficient solutions to unforeseen issues, meaning he has acquired excellent problem solving skills.



# COMMUNICATION & UNDERSTANDING

Working as management in the hospitality industry made Kieran confident in all aspects of communication. He is also very good at building strong working relations with clients, employees or other business peoples. Excellent at receiving and implementing instructions without supervision.

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CONSTRUCTIVE & CO March 2018 - May 2019

#### Maker & Fitter

A small independent cabinetry firm based in East London, specialised in providing high end joinery, furniture and design solutions to a variety of clients. Kierans role there was primarily of Maker, however due to the nature of a small independent company this often included assisting during site work, especially on projects that I had been assigned in the workshop.

As a small business Constructive & Co often undertook a wide variety of projects, often with very tight deadlines and budgets, this helped to expand my knowledge and flexibility in many aspects of the trade.

### FREELANCE CABINETRY & EXHIBITION JOINERY

September 2017 - March 2018

December 2016 - September 2017

Kieran has worked for a variety of private clients, providing a service that ranges from simple interior solutions to bespoke fitted joinery and freestanding pieces. Working closely with clients on open design briefs or precisely from technical drawings Kieran is able to offer a complete service tailored to the user. Notable clients include Sir John Soane's museum, where he created a pair of plinths to hold pieces for "The Roman Singluarity". An exhibition by designer Adam Nathaniel Furman celebrating Roman architecture.

### TRAVELING & NEST BEACH CLUB

Kieran recently went on a large trip to South East Asia and spent over 3 months working with close friends who recently opened a business on Koh Rong, a small island off the south coast of Cambodia. "Nest Beach Club" is a bar, restaurant and hostel set on the beautiful 4k beach. Having experience in both construction and hospitality he was able to help with aspects of both expansion and maintenance of the venue. This

### **SMITH & BROWN CABINETMAKERS**

August 2014 - September 2016

#### Maker & Fitter

A London based cabinetry firm specialising in high end joinery and furniture aimed at the high end residential market. Kierans role there was initially that of workshop apprentice, however he quickly worked his way up after integrating well with the company's methods and high standards.

included managing construction of the new luxury dorms, bar upkeep and general customer services.

Kieran was then trusted by the company to be sent out on various sites as a fitter, presenting himself to clients and liaising with other trades and business peoples on a day to day basis. His responsibilities included ensuring jobs were completed on schedule and to the high standards expected by the company. As a fitter, understanding technical drawings was a key part of Kierans role, and being able to visualise a piece before installation allowed him to plan around any issues that arose during projects.

# THE BELL E17 & WALTHAM FOREST COLLEGE

September 2013 - August 2014

Kierans Carpentry & Joinery Diploma at Waltham Forest College involved a variety of different modules pertinent to woodworking techniques and building practices. Here he learned a diverse range of craft skills, using hand tools to execute woodworking joints and implementing a variety of techniques to achieve different styles.

Whilst studying full time at Waltham Forest College he was also working at The Bell, a local pub in Walthamstow, London. Kierans position was of bartender/supervisor. He was also acting as a consultant to some of the younger management, using past experience in the hospitality industry to aid with day to day management and maintainance of the bar, especially in busy periods.

## **DISSENTING ACADEMY**

November 2011 - August 2013

# Management

A small local pub based in Newington Green which prides itself on quality food, drink and music. Kierans role there was of Assistant Manager. Responsabilities included stock takes and orders, cashing up and day to day banking, maintenance and cleanliness of the bar and creating and preserving a good relationship between staff members.

One of the most important aspects of running a local pub is the clientele. Creating a relaxing, open environment where there is a strong bond between staff and customers helps integrate the pub with the local community. We had local artists like Tony Riff create pieces for the venue as well as hosting community driven events such as movie nights and workshops for local parents.

# **HOSPITALITY & MIXOLOGY**

Worked in variety of high speed environments, training in cocktail mixology, food, wine & beer and customer service.

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