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Objective: To find a fun, professional job where I can apply my unique skills.

Experience:

- **Cruise Director, Holland America**, Seattle, WA. January 2007 – Present. Plan, manage, and execute all entertainment aboard ship. Write and publish a daily newspaper that informs guests of all shipboard activities. Be the host of the ship including introducing and participating in main stage productions and organizing and joining in games, activities, and social events.
- **“Chief Fun Guy” Director of Entertainment and Vendor Relations, Hospitality, Inc.**, San Diego, CA. March 2004 – October 2006. Create and manage the recreation program including entertainers for Picnic People, Festivities, and Picnic People Services. Support sales by creating and implementing teambuilding programs and entertainment packages to meet clients’ needs. Develop the complete entertainment plan for major events in excess of 8,000 guests. Administer entertainment contract for the San Diego Chargers. Recruit, hire, and train entertainment employees. Manage vendor contracts including assistance with marketing and resolving disputes.
- **Owner/Operator, Quality Balloons and Entertainment**, San Diego, CA. August 1999 – March 2004. Provide children’s entertainment services for private and corporate events including balloon sculpting, airbrush face painting, stilt walking, juggling, and magic shows. Perform special character appearances such as the Grinch for the Globe Theaters and Santa Claus for Legoland. Other regular clients include the Corvette Diner, Gaslamp Quarter Association, and the Escondido Swap Meet.
- **Casting Assistant, Sam Warren and Associates International Casting Company**, San Diego, CA. February 1997 – March 2004. Assist in the operation of casting sessions for various film, television, and commercial projects including the selection and organization of talent at auditions.
- **Ronald McDonald Production Assistant, McDonald’s Corporation**, San Diego, CA. January 1996 – December 1999. Work directly with McDonald’s marketing department to promote the McDonald’s brand through educational school shows. Correspond with school principals, set up sets, warm up audiences, introduce Ronald, and perform as puppeteer in shows.
- **Various Acting Experience in Film, Television, Theater, Commercials, and Internet**
Performed in lead and supporting roles in a variety of projects including SciFi Channel’s *The Chronicle*, UPN’s *Veronica Mars*, Disney’s *Secret Body Guard*, The San Diego Repertory’s *Zoot Suit*, and ExpertVillage.com.

Education:

- Master of Fine Arts in Film, National University, San Diego, CA, 2003.
- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre, San Diego State University, 1997.
- Certificate, British American Drama Academy, Oxford University, United Kingdom, 1996.

Special Skills:

Stilt walking, face painting, magic, balloon sculpting, juggling, M.C., improvisational humor, and game show host.

References:

Available upon request.