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Derek Jones Profile and CV

My Profile

I'm an energetic, creative and highly motivated Lighting Designer for stage and television, with excellent communication skills.

Extensive and proven experience and success in this capacity for the past forty years for both single one-off events, corporate, concert touring and television both in the UK and overseas.

I'm resourceful and professional with a good sense of humour, polite and well mannered with good negotiating skills.

With over 40 years in entertainment as a lighting designer and, on occasion, as a production manager this has provided me with experience, knowledge and a deep understanding of the field.

With a good strong client list and a high profile list of work, I am always keen and open to any challenge, large or small.

I can bring a high level of expertise and experience to your event or production anytime, anywhere.

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My Experience

Past & Present work.

- **Freelance Lighting Designer/Production Manager: 1999 - Present**

Lighting designer and production management for UK and international events for either one-off presentations, corporate, concert touring or television. Negotiating with suppliers and crews and providing technical support as well as visualisations of both the set and lighting for various productions.

- **Freelance Lighting Designer. 1995 - 1999**

Lighting for different disciplines including live concert touring, special events and television.

- **Education Officer/Account Manager, Vari*Lite Europe. 1993 - 1995**

To provide training for Vari*Lite Europe clients and road crew in the use of the Vari*Lite control systems. Training development, scheduling and design of courses and lessons.

- **Technician/Programmer, Vari*Lite Europe. 1987 - 1992**

Technician and programmer for the Vari*Lite range of products which included the automated lighting and control products. Extensive travel and work in various disciplines from Theatre, TV and live concert touring.

- **Dayman, The Royal Shakespeare Company 1982 - 1987**

Stage electrics and console operator for national and international lighting designers at both the Aldwych Theatre London and The Barbican Theatre London .

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My Education

Qualifications

- **Secondary Education:**
O-Level education in Maths, English, History & Science. Art / Photography.
 - **Further Education:**
C&G 181 in Electrical Engineering
BSc (open) with the Open University
Computer Diploma in Computer Science with the Open University
Diploma in Higher Education (Open) with the Open University
Microsoft MCSE
 - **Other Certifications:**
First Aid
Production Health and Safety Passport
 - **Other Courses**
Udemy online courses in:
Computer Security
Java
PHP
HTML
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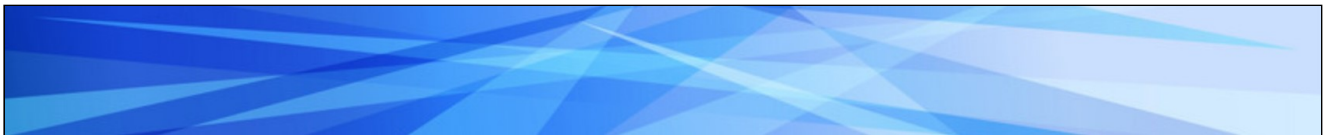
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| My Skill Set

What else can I do.

Over time I have developed many skills which I use privately and in the workplace.

- I am fully conversant with major computer operating systems with good intermediate to advanced skills in the use of standard office and accounting software.
- A full and advanced knowledge of computer networking with basic to intermediate security knowledge.
- In the work place there is a extensive use of CAD applications, so I have good skills in interpreting CAD drawings as well as amending and creating them.
- I can use AutoCAD and Vectorworks. I also have excellent skills in visualisation applications such as Capture and WYSIWYG.
- Experience of media servers such as MBox and Resolume.
- Lighting control desks such as Grand MA and ChromaQ Vista, of which I personally own.



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| My Hobbies

What I do when I'm not working.

- **Sailing**
Once owned a 32 foot sail boat.
- **Motorhoming**
Currently own a 6m motorhome.
- **Computing** Full knowledge of: Windows, OSX & Linux. Experience and knowledge of HTML & CSS coding. Currently learning JavaScript and PHP.
- **Astronomy**
Own and occasionally use a Meade 8" reflecting telescope.
- **Reading**
As much as I can, when I can
- **Walking & outdoor activities**
Like a good long walk and the occasional kayak outing.

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| Other Interests

Anything else?

- I live on the Isle of Wight in the United Kingdom and have been there for the past 7 years after moving from Cheshire.
- I have also lived and spent a lot of time in Spain, living in Madrid, Barcelona and a small town north of Malaga which I don't like to talk about much!
- I speak 'almost' fluent Spanish, or at least enough to get by. I can also just about manage some German.
- I once gave up work for 12 months so that my wife and I could sail the Med in our sail boat.
- After time real life and work beckoned us back to the UK. I have been kept busy in my chosen career, which I enjoy. It has allowed me to meet some interesting people and to visit interesting places.
- I don't do social media, so no Facebook, Instagram etc.
- I have a full clean driving licence, I am in excellent health and happily married.



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