



Stephen James Shipman

Curriculum Vitae



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About myself

I'm a freelance lighting designer with over 30 years experience in the events industry. I work in a wide variety of event types including concerts, conferences, product launches, gala dinners, exhibitions, fashion shows, Arabic weddings, etc. Check my web site for examples of my work.

I work mainly with grandMA lighting desks and Mbox media server. I own a lighting / video control system which I can provide for shows.

I use VectorWorks for CAD and pre-viz work .

Work Experience

Date: 2014 – present

Freelance

Working with an extensive client base throughout the Middle East and Europe. Lighting design, Video Design, event management, technical management, etc.

Recent events include:

Phil Collins European tour 2019 - (lighting crew chief)

Gun's n Roses European tour 2018 – (lighting crew chief)

Formula 1 Bahrain after race concert 2018 – (lighting designer)

Gun's n Roses European tour 2017 – (lighting crew chief)

FIFA Women's World Cup Jordan 2017, Opening Ceremony – (lighting designer)

F1 Abu Dhabi after race concerts 2016 – (production designer)

Muse European tour 2016 – (lighting crew chief)

F1 Bahrain after race concerts 2016 – (lighting designer)

UB40 Dubai 2016 – (lighting designer)

Dubai Jazz Festival 2016 – (lighting designer)

Mumford & Sons European tour 2016 – (lighting crew chief)

Zero Gravity Dubai installation 2016 – (lighting consultant / lighting programmer)

And many, many more corporate events.

Date: 2009 – 2014

Partner of Clean Edge Technical Works: A Dubai based company specializing in set design and construction, lighting design, and event management.

Date: 2003 – 2009

Freelance

A few events of note during this period:

Atlantis the Palm grand opening 2008 – (production manager)

Asian games Doha 2006, opening and closing ceremonies – (Associate lighting designer)

Mark Knopfler Dubai, 2005 – (Site Manager)

BMW car launch, Middle East tour, 2004 – (Lighting designer)

FIFA World Youth Cup 2003 opening ceremony – (Lighting designer)

Also during this period I did several European concert tours, including Genesis, Westlife, Iron Maiden, Bob Dyaln, Simon and Garfunkel, Peter Gabriel, Supertramp, Toto, Audioslave, Texas, and many UK festivals as local designer (V, Reading, Glastonbury, T in the park, WOMAD).

Date: 2001 – 2003

Employer: Protec Dubai

Description of work: I was employed as in-house lighting designer. Tasks included putting together quotations and presentations, CAD drawings and 3D visuals. Design, pre production, installation and programming lighting systems for live events.

Date: 1996 – 2001

Employer: Gearhouse Dubai

Description of work: Lighting designer, rigger, technician, etc.

Date: 1989 – 1996

Employer: Meteorlites UK

Description of work: Lighting design / technician. I worked on many BBC Outside Broadcasts and various one off shows in London. Also touring work, including Sting, Jeff Healey Band, Jeathro Tull, Marillion, Brian May, Chris DeBurge, Sisters of Mercy, Mike and the Mechanics, and many more.

Date: 1987 – 1989

Employer: Vari Lite / Samuelson Concert Productions UK

Description of work: Warehouse work, junior lighting tech, driver.