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Summary

Working artist specializing in multimedia and communication.

Experience

Multimedia Resident

True T Pittsburgh

Oct 2020 - Present (2 months +)

"Taylor Waits of Change Rape Culture along with Duane Binion of True T have a vision for folks who identify as LGBTQIA+ and/or Artist of Color who wish to creatively express their identity through their work and what it means to them...the two candidates were selected by both organizations for a new program seeking to elevate, empower, and uplift Black Queer multimedia artists in Pittsburgh."

Read more about the residency:



DJ, VJ & Music Producer

Khadijat.com

May 2018 - Present (2 years 7 months +)

Kha'DJ is a Pittsburgh-based Yoruba-American multidisciplinary visual artist and producer/DJ. Growing up on stacks of cassette tapes and CDs that spanned West African funk, American jazz & gospel/blues, Italian disco, and Celtic folk music, they later developed additional interest in video game/film scores and international hip-hop; as a result, their warm sound draws from and includes a diversified mix of rhythm and percussion of cultures around the world and generations of multiethnic, genre-bending, & infectious dance grooves.



Freelance Photographer

Khadijat.com

Apr 2015 - Present (5 years 8 months +)



Teaching Artist

Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse

May 2019 - Dec 2019 (8 months)

Worked with the Center for Creative Reuse on youth-oriented special events and outreach, sharing upcycling and innovation with the community through various crafting techniques and challenges.



Production Assistant / 2nd Asst. Photographer

Netflix

Jul 2019 - Jul 2019 (1 month)

Worked with David C. Lee as 2nd Asst. Photographer on Denzel Washington's Netflix adaptation of August Wilson's "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," specifically aiding in equipment and lighting for the promotional photos.

Studio Artist

RADIANT HALL

Aug 2018 - Jul 2019 (1 year)



Positive Spin Educator

Bike Pittsburgh

Mar 2019 - Jun 2019 (4 months)

Teaching students at Schiller Middle School about cycling and transportation via chaperoned group after-school bike rides.



Program Assistant

Bike Pittsburgh

Dec 2018 - May 2019 (6 months)

Creating multimedia content (photo, graphic design, written articles), coordinating program details and scheduling needs, and supporting the development and implementation of the BikePGH Women and Non-Binary Program, primarily events surrounding the Annual Women and Non-Binary Forum.

Guest Expert

Assemble, a community space for arts + technology

Oct 2018 - Dec 2018 (3 months)

I participated as a Guest Expert for 3 of Assemble's Crafternoons series, where I taught children K-5 arts & tech skills, namely: DJing, beatmaking & songwriting, and how to create clay sculptures/molds and make beaded accessories.

From Assemble's website:

"Saturday Crafternoons promote hands-on learning and community engagement for youth in grades K-5 through free, drop-in workshops with local makers and community partners. Our goal is to empower youth to be confident makers, foster a love of DIY projects, promote connected learning, and activate an interest in their community and city. "

Exhibiting Artist

Ace Hotel Pittsburgh

Nov 2018 - Nov 2018 (1 month)

Exhibited in Max "GEM5" Gonzalez & Jerome Chu's LIFT Grant-sponsored POC group show, "The Glow Up," at the Ace Hotel Pittsburgh on Nov. 9. Sold a visual art piece entitled "Two Sisters," of a Montserrat and Banana Leaf. Krylon Spray Paint, Glitter, and resin on foamboard.

Exhibiting Artist

Pittsburgh Filmmakers

Mar 2018 - Jun 2018 (4 months)

"A Fairer Sex" is a series of fine art photography portraits highlighting a diverse array of women and their collective discourse on womanhood, solidarity, and other topics.

"In today's sociopolitical climate, womanhood is a hotly debated topic. It seems that it's everyone's job to define who qualifies as a woman, what a woman is capable of, or what a woman is allowed to do with her body- except the woman herself. This body of work is an open forum for women of different backgrounds to speak on their experiences and their visions for the future, freely and uninterrupted, through their words and intimate, surreal portraits. Topics include: equity and solidarity within the community of women and proposals for overcoming hurdles facing women or any of their subgroups." - Khadijat Yussuff



Gallery Attendant

Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Jun 2017 - Apr 2018 (11 months)

Responsible for enthusiastically welcoming all patrons into the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Duties include directing guests and providing information on the general venue and on specific exhibits, as well as conducting & overseeing interactive programs for all ages, from rounding up kids to go on an Amazonian adventure in EXPEDITION: Peru to rekindling adult wonder via our live animal shows.



Assistant Videographer

Netflix

Aug 2016 - Aug 2016 (1 month)

Worked with David C. Lee on Spike Lee's Netflix special "Rodney King," starring acclaimed actor Roger Guenveur Smith.



Stand-In

Paramount Pictures

Apr 2016 - Jun 2016 (3 months)

Worked on the FENCES film as a stand-in for Viola Davis.

Education



Treehouse

Associate of Science - AS, Full Stack Development

2020 - 2021

Completing a Full Stack Javascript, UX Design, and Python Development TechDegree tracks.



Carnegie Mellon University

Cognitive Science

2012 - 2015

Completed 2 semesters of courses focusing on Cognitive Sciences.



Phillips Exeter Academy

High School

2008 - 2012

Skills

InDesign • Nonprofits • Fine Art Photography • Fashion • Printmaking • Event Planning • Portrait Photography • Photography • Digital Photography • Video Editing