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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-oriented arts administration professional with 10+ years managing programs and fostering relationships with independent artists and community stakeholders. Proven ability to facilitate effective communication, develop comprehensive program plans, and ensure compliance with organizational policies. Excellent interpersonal, written, and oral communication skills with a strong understanding of trends in the arts sector.

SKILLS

- Project Management; Program Development
- Budget Management; Compliance and Reporting; Grants Support
- Community Partnerships; Artist Relations; Event Production
- Social Media Strategy; Marketing and Outreach
- Excellent Interpersonal Communication
- Google Workspace (Gmail, Docs, Sheets, Slides)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Howard Community College, Horowitz Visual & Performing Arts Center — Business Associate
July 2024–Present | Columbia, MD

- Coordinate communication between production units and college departments; support independent artists and programs.
- Manage onboarding for hourly/contracted employees; ensure policy and grant compliance.
- Maintain data systems for budgets and grant tracking; support financial reporting.
- Develop training materials and provide technical assistance to staff and stakeholders.

Howard Community College, Theatre Dance & AVMP Production Dept. — Business Operations Manager & Social Media Coordinator

July 2017–June 2024 | Columbia, MD

- Administered operations across multiple arts programs: budgeting, grants administration, compliance.
- Coordinated ~25 auditions/workshops per season; aligned timelines with stakeholder needs.
- Built marketing strategies and digital outreach to grow visibility and engagement.
- Led trainings on grant processes and program requirements.

Howard Community College, Young Actor's Institute — Instructor; Before & Aftercare Management

June 2008–2019 | Columbia, MD

- Maintained a safe, professional learning environment; supported youth artistic development.
- Partnered with leadership to define program language and operational guidelines for grants.

Howard Community College, Arts Collective — Office Manager

July 2012–July 2015 | Columbia, MD

- Supported Artistic/Managing Director in year-round programming, grants, and events.
- Managed contracts and compliance documentation; ensured adherence to financial regulations.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stealya-Manz Blue — Performance Artist

2018–Present | Baltimore, MD

- Produce and perform dynamic drag works; host, educate, and engage audiences around inclusion and social justice.
- Lead workshops/discussions that empower independent artists and community collaboration.

BMore QueerScape — Co-Founder & Executive Director

Sept 2023–Present | Baltimore, MD

- Lead a multidisciplinary Pride-month festival; curate Art-Market Pop-Ups and live performance.
- Build partnerships, vendor relations, and community-focused programming.

The Club Car Baltimore — Co-Founder & Interim Director of Marketing & Communications

Jan 2024–Present | Baltimore, MD

- Drive marketing strategy, community outreach, and programming for a queer-focused venue.
- Elevate cultural offerings and opportunities for diverse artists.

Stillpointe Theatre — Company Member

Mar 2018–Present | Baltimore, MD

- Collaborate on productions as performer/director/designer; assist with grants and accessible programming.

SELECTED CREDITS & RECOGNITION

- Film: Fuk Em Right Back — Appearing talent; premiered at Sundance; streaming on SHOWTIME.
- Title: Miss Leon's 2024 — Leon's, Baltimore's oldest continuously operating gay bar.

EDUCATION

University of Baltimore — BA, Integrated Arts (Arts Management concentration)

Howard Community College — AA, General Studies (Theatre Performance concentration)