Nathan Myers

Personal Details
Birth Year: 1986
British Nationality
Married, with one son
Full Driving Licence

Current Location: East Northamptonshire, UK



Profile

I have many years of experience as an audio engineer, including a year as a full-time professional with a live production company, and now wish to further my career in hardware design. I not only enjoy applying my knowledge to solving electronic and audio system issues, but also in seeing a project through from concept to completion. I am self-motivated, hard working and a quick learner, and I have strong analysis and practical problem-solving skills.

Education

University of Huddersfield 2004–2008

First Class Honours in BSc Music Technology and Audio Systems (sandwich course) The Arbiter Group Prize for the Best Music Technology Student 2007-2008

Final Year Project

For my final year project, I built an innovative DSP system to vastly reduce calibration times of delay speakers at live events which, built as a mains-powered, functional prototype, has the potential to become a marketable product. The design was based on a 40-pin dsPIC microprocessor (selected after researching alternative hardware solutions) and programmed using a Microchip development board and MPLAB IDE software. Microsoft Visual C++ was used to simulate the audio measurements and develop the required processing algorithms. These algorithms were then transferred to the real-time dsPIC microprocessor, and SPI connectivity was established to an LCD character display along with LED's as outputs. An audio pre-amplifier circuit was built to regulate the input from a small electret microphone, and an oscilloscope used to analyse the audio and logic characteristics and debug the system.

Calday Grange Grammar School 1997–2004

4 A levels		11 GCSEs			
Maths (Mechanics option)	Α	Maths	Α*	Electronic Products	Α*
Computing	В	Music	Α	Religious Studies	В
Physics (Electronics option)	С	Physics	В	English Language	В
General Studies	С	Biology	В	English Literature	С
		Chemistry	В	French	С
		Geography	С		

Skills and Experience

- Analogue electronics: Design of transistor amplifiers, filters and power amplifier circuits.
 - Accurate use of soldering iron, multimeter, oscilloscope; knowledge of timers, logic, PCB design software.
- Digital electronics: Embedded programming and audio DSP on PIC and SHARC processors, SPI connectivity.
- Programming in C, C++, HTML, PHP, MFC, VB, familiar with MPLAB and Microsoft Visual Studio.
- Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Outlook. Average typing speed of up to 55 w.p.m.
- Live sound engineering, studio recording and post-production (Cubase, Nuendo, HALion), event management.
- Sound design and manipulation, using Reaktor to create instruments, synthesisers and effects.
- Planning, organising and leading training courses, using excellent verbal and written communication.
- Able to take initiative, be adaptable and work under pressure both individually and as part of a team.

Other Qualifications

- Full UK Driving Licence.
- First Aid Certificate (St. John's Ambulance).
- Sign Language Stage 1 (Basic Certificate in British Sign Language).
- Grade 5 Piano and Grade 3 Cello (ABRSM).
- Climbing instructor (MLTE SPA).
- Paddlesport coach (Canoeing and kayaking; UKCC Level 1, Level 2 trained).
- Fencing instructor (British Fencing).
- Archery instructor (GNAS).

Work Experience

My current position was a unique opportunity offered to me 5 months before graduating, working in the outdoors with my wife as an instructor. Having started a family, I now wish to establish my long-term career in hardware design.

Outdoors Instructor

May 2008 – Present (Frontier Centre, Rock UK)

Leading outdoor activities for different clients' needs; working either as part of a team or individually as required; detailed inspection and testing of safety equipment; organising and leading training courses.

Audio cable manufacturer and website developer of www.enjah.com

May 2007 - Present (Self-employed part-time business)

Establishment of my own business to manufacture and market high quality audio cables and adapters.

Trainee sound engineer

July 2006 - August 2007 (Limelight Presentation Systems)

Sound engineer and system technician for live events and broadcasts; electrical maintenance of sound and lighting equipment. The work involved fast-paced accurate work, rigging at heights and team management. Examples of festivals and events at which I was stage technician include The Fratellis, The Hoosiers, Gareth Gates, Amy MacDonald, Beverley Knight, Bucks Fizz, Right Said Fred, Jimmy Carr, and several TV broadcasts.

Trainee sound and lighting engineer

June - July 2005 (ACTS Sound and Lighting)

Other part-time jobs:

Administrator of internet book orders (1999 to 2004); kitchen porter/waiter (2003); car valet (2004);

Voluntary Work

- Sound Engineering and Crewing Work. 2002 Present.
- Website design, building dynamic sites using HTML and PHP. 2009. www.rushdenmission.co.uk
- Lighting Design, Rigging and Operation for school theatrical performances. 1999 2006.
- Video: Live Mixing, Computer Overlays, Camera Operation and DVD Production. 2001 2005.
- Vice President of the Huddersfield University Christian Union (Spring 2005 Spring 2006)

Interests

- Playing bass guitar in church worship band, and occasionally drum kit, djembe, cello and piano.
- Outdoor activities including rock climbing, walking, mountain biking and canoeing.
- Children's group leader for Crusaders, Vengabuzz and other holiday clubs.
- · Whittling, gardening and home-improvement projects.