

James N. Schweda

Event Production Expert - Strong Leadership - Extensive Industry Experience

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SUMMARY

As a seasoned event production expert with a strong leadership background, I am confident in my ability to deliver successful events that meet the needs of clients and exceed expectations. With extensive experience in the live entertainment industry and a track record of success, I am well-positioned to lead and manage complex projects. I am committed to delivering the highest quality results and have a reputation for delivering innovative and creative solutions.

EXPERIENCE

Rhino Staging Northwest, Fife, WA Stage Labor Supervisor 2016 - Present

- Successfully leads teams of over 100 skilled labor crew members to implement production elements for a wide variety of live performances and corporate events in diverse venues.
- Coordinates with clients to ensure that tasks were completed to specification, demonstrating a strong attention to detail.
- Completed training in lighting, sound, carpentry, AV, fall protection, basic rigging, first aid, OSHA 10, equipment operation, etc.
- Worked with numerous high-profile tours, such as Dead and Company, Seattle Sounders, Taylor Swift, Luke Combs, Amazon, Metallica, Blake Shelton, Jay Z, Beyonce, Lady Gaga, Microsoft, Facebook.

Substation, Seattle, WA Sound Engineer / Venue Designer 2016 - 2019

- Produced effective audio designs for local and touring acts in a small club.
- Advanced each show to analyze the audio needs of all types of acts with widely varying experience levels.
- Skillfully operated an Allen & Heath GL2200 analog console with outboard gear, a Midas M32, and an M32r to create front of house mix and multiple independent monitor mixes for live acts.
- Designed and implemented all production elements of Substation Annex, a 250 capacity club.
- Worked with clients such as Tiffany, Michael Shrieve of Santana, Macklemore, Echotest, The Jantee, doNormaal, The High Council, Marshall Law Band, and countless others.

Checkered Hat, LLC, Seattle, WA Founder and CEO 2017 - Present

- Founded and manages a unique event production consulting business.
- Successfully produces multiple live music events per year.
- Hires, trains, and leads support staff and volunteer teams.
- Creates and implements business plans for projects as well as the event stage, sound, and lighting designs.
- Books talent and produces creative content for marketing and production.
- Utilizes extensive contract negotiation skills/tactics with event and talent vendors.
- Demonstrates extensive ability to manage multiple tasks and prioritize simultaneous competing demands in a fast-paced environment.

SKILLS

- Strong leadership and team management abilities
- Three decades of experience in live entertainment
- Capable stage designer, event planner, and team coordinator
- Proficient coder utilizing PHP, Python, and Javascript
- Accomplished and avid musician and performer
- Extensive experience instructing, training, and managing skilled and unskilled workers
- Thrives in a fast-paced environment managing multiple simultaneous tasks and prioritizing demands

EDUCATION

El Paso Community College El Paso, Texas - 2013 Automotive Tech Certificate
Viterbo College LaCrosse, Wisconsin - 1997 Credits toward a B.F.A in Theater Technology
Lincoln High School Manitowoc, Wisconsin - 1995 Diploma