Bernard O'Rourke

57 Grove Park, Rathmines, Dublin 6 <u>bernardorourke1@gmail.com</u>

086 3556636 | www.bernardorourke.net

Employment History:

June 2016 - Present: Marketing Manager - MART Gallery & Studios, Dublin

MART is an arts organisation that provides creative art studios and promotes contemporary art through an engaging curatorial programme to local and international audiences. <u>www.mart.ie</u>

Role: Managing all of the marketing and promotional activities carried out by MART and developing the best method to communicate their programme, activities and mission in an accessible way.

Responsibilities:

- Writing and publishing marketing literature, exhibitions statements, press releases and materials.
- Designing posters, flyers and other physical promotional content, overseeing publication, and coordinating their distribution.
- Assisting in the curation of exhibitions and liaising directly with artists, curators and directors.
- Managing the organisation's social media through both organic and paid campaigns, creating online content, scheduling releases, and monitoring and reporting on engagement.
- Producing photo and video content to document exhibitions as well as creating promotional material (such as video advertisements) to market the brand.
- Managing, creating and maintaining content on the WordPress website and gathering analytics to understand audience profiles.
- Organising and overseeing public events such as exhibition openings, talks, and workshops.
- Technical support for exhibition installs setting up projectors, media players, sound systems, hanging artwork, and overseeing gallery improvements.
- Working within the office team and delegating work to administration staff.

May 2019 – Present: Marketing Manager – Contemporary Irish Art Center Los Angeles (CIACLA)

CIACLA works to promote Contemporary Irish Culture on an international level in collaboration with local and international cultural partnerships. CIACLA is focused on developing a creative platform to support artists as a means of promoting creative innovation and collaborative initiatives in Los Angeles

Role: In summer of 2019 I worked as part of the core team that launched the pilot program of the CIACLA, and currently head up the promotion of the ongoing project to bring a permanent space for Irish arts & culture to LA.

Responsibilities:

- Travelling to Los Angeles in summer 2019 to provide on the ground support for the pilot programme which ran from June-September.
- Launching a new brand, building up a social media following and establishing a network of newsletter contacts.
- Organising a promotional campaign for a large slate of events (art, theatre, film, literature) and tracking engagement, ticket sales and audience feedback.
- Documenting the 2019 summer programme though printed materials, photo and video content.
- Writing press releases, reaching out to news outlets, and driving press coverage for the project in Ireland and Los Angeles.

- Creating and scheduling social media content during the launch and building up an archive of content for future posts.
- Maintaining an active online presence for the brand while we work towards future programmes.

Freelance Videographer and Video Editor

Jan 2014 – June 2016

- My work has been shortlisted for the Ó Bhéal Poetry Film Prize and the Doolin Writers' Weekend Video Poetry Prize.
- As a commercial videographer, I have shot and edited promotional videos for GoldenPlec.com, Tallaght Community Arts, The Intervarsity Poetry Slam, Rathmines College and others.

Freelance Writer and Journalist

May 2012 – June 2016

- As a freelance journalist, my writing has appeared in *RTÉ*, *The Visual Artists' News Sheet*, *The Irish Independent*, *IrishCentral*, *Totally Dublin*, *Magill*, *GoldenPlec*, *HeadStuff*, *Cineuropa*, among other places.
- As a creative writer, my short fiction and poetry have been published in journals in Ireland and abroad, including: *The Tangerine, Queen Mob's Teahouse, The Honest Ulsterman, The Bohemyth, The Irish Literary Review, and Wordlegs.*

Education

- 2007-2010: Bachelor of Arts Double Honours in English and Philosophy, Maynooth University, Kildare.
- 2010-2011: Master of Arts in Journalism, Technological University Dublin.
- 2017: Certificate in DSLR film production, Filmbase, Dublin.
- 2017: Diploma in Digital Photography, Alison Online Learning.
- 2018: Certificate in Occupational First Ad (QQI Level 5), Fire & Safety Solutions, Dublin.

Computer Skills

- Trained & experienced in all Microsoft Office programs (ECDL certified).
- Experienced in Adobe Creative Suite programs including Photoshop, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Illustrator, Audition, and InDesign.
- Experienced in the use of web-based marketing tools including SEO optimisation for the web, Facebook Ads Manager, Google AdWords, Hootsuite, Co-Schedule, Canva, Databox, TweetDeck, SendInBlue, Vertical Response and Constant Contact.
- Experienced in WordPress CMS and HTML.

References:

Matthew Nevin Co-Director of MART Gallery & Studios / Executive Director of CIACLA matthew@mart.ie

Stephen Byrne Editor of GoldenPlec.com stephenbyrne@goldenplec.com