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## **EDUCATION**

2001 - 2006 **BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS, CERAMICS & PHOTOGRAPHY, THE CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF ART, CLEVELAND, OH**

## **EXPERIENCE**

**2016 - 2018 ROYAL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHER**

**HRH SHEIKHA LATIFAH BINT MOHAMMED BIN RASHED AL MAKTOUM, CROWN PRINCE PALACE, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

Personal photographer and traveling visual chronicler for the Al Maktoum/Al Sharqi family.

Responsible for providing photography guidance and Adobe Lightroom education to client; coordination, design and execution of on-location and studio photo shoots; managing and maintenance of photography studio and equipment while in Fujairah, UAE and traveling abroad; implementation and organization of photo catalog and archive.

Assisted in the development of client's personal business, Al Mayya K9 Rescues, aiding in animal rescues and relocation, rescue photography, product photography, website content, video production, and social media branding.

**2015 - PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHER**

**STUDIO COPÁN, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

Continues to operate/own a freelance photography business specializing in a photojournalistic approach to sports, editorials, event coverage, portraits, weddings, and travel imagery.

Provides quality images on deadline to media outlets and publications, non-profit organizations, retailers, and others. Assistant to various photographers and industry professionals.

Digital media/presentation designer for client, providing visual and educational resources for international audiences.

**2011 - 2016 STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

**RJV/DENMAR SERVICES INC., UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

Provided critically acclaimed photo support to the Department of Defense, including distinguished visitors, foreign dignitaries, and government officials; Coverage included base events, operations, training exercises, simulations, academic research, symposiums, collegiate sports, official portraiture, and deployment resources.

Played a lead role in historical documentation, archival support and cataloging of library's special collections.

Supported law enforcement with alert photography (crime, accident scene, forensic) and department of mortuary affairs (funeral, dignified arrivals). Participated in teaching and assisting cadets and faculty with photographic education, digital editing and project design.

**2006 - 2011 GALLERY MANAGER**

**KEMPER GALLERIES, INC., COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

Full-time assistant manager for Colorado's largest free-standing art gallery and custom framing provider.

Responsible for gallery exhibit design, lighting, and display; custom framing & matting design, ceramic & painting restoration and cleaning, inventory, packing & shipping, art and frame sales, custom orders, customer service

**2005 - 2006 PHOTOGRAPHER'S ASSISTANT & LAB MANAGER**

**STUDIO K PHOTOGRAPHY, MENTOR, OH**

Photographer's assistant to master photographer; worked with special occasion and event photography, lighting, posing, studio sets, prop design, album design services, digital editing.

Part-time Studio Lab Manager for specialized photographic company, processing photo and slide film, printing, digitizing images for Lake County coroner & law enforcement officials, in addition to commercial studios and local photographers.

## **SKILLS & AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Canon, Nikon, Leica, Panasonic, GoPro digital camera systems  
Motion and still photography  
Off Camera/studio lighting  
Gripping/Assisting on set (certified by ASMP)  
Adobe Creative Cloud Suite (Photoshop, Lightroom, Illustrator, InDesign, Premier Pro, Acrobat)  
CaptureOne  
Exposure  
Audacity Sound Editing Suite  
PhotoMechanic  
DVIDS  
AP captioning and writing style  
Social Media  
HTML coding/Wordpress design  
Microsoft Office  
Mac/PC platforms

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

*2015 Air Force Year in Photos*

*2012 Communicator Award – Award of Distinction, presented by the International Academy of Visual Arts*

*2005 – 2006 Charles F. Mosgo Ceramic Prize*

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Society of Media Professionals

Professional Photographers of America

## **OTHER**

2011-2016 security clearance level: secret

## **REFERENCES**

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