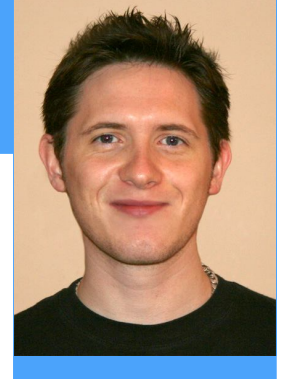


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Résumé

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Personal Profile

I love being creative. Whether it be as an artist or within general life, I think it is important to develop ideas and gain inspiration from others. I would describe myself as an ambitious character with charisma, enthusiasm and a sense of humour. However, I'm foremost an extremely hard-worker and perfectionist.

Since the age of nine, I've consistently made short films, exploring extensive techniques and ideas. The digital revolution has been a dream come true, as I've been able to diligently complete my projects in post-production with the added benefits of visual effects and DVD authoring.

Besides film, I'm a director and member of a Michael Jackson tribute band. With commitment and hard work, we worked our way from winning national competitions to performing overseas, and being the first Jackson tribute to tour theatres. My role in the group as well as performing, includes designing all promotional material such as the posters, flyers, programmes and t-shirts, to maintaining the website (www.mjexperience.com). I also produced our promotional DVD, which is sent world-wide to agencies and clients. Videos taken from this DVD can be streamed through the above website. Although this remains a hobby, we have now mutually decided to prioritise our ambitions on other dreams; Mine of course, being digital film making.

Key Skills

- Extensive experience in graphic design
- Extremely skilled and proficient using computers
- Cinematography
 - Innovative approach to photography & film
 - Experienced in shooting on Canon XL1 & XL2 cameras
- Software
 - Advanced skills in Final Cut Pro 5
 - Advanced skills in Adobe After Effects CS3
 - Advanced skills in Adobe Photoshop CS3
 - Advanced skills in DVD Studio Pro 5
 - Advanced skills in Adobe Encore DVD 2.0
 - Intermediate skills in Shake
 - Intermediate skills in Macromedia Dreamweaver CS3
 - Intermediate skills in Soundtrack Pro
 - Intermediate skills in Adobe Illustrator CS3
 - Basic skills in Combustion
 - Basic skills in Motion
- Experienced in designing and conducting presentations
- Dynamic team member
- Confident and friendly approach to dealing with clientele
- Enthusiastic artist & film maker
- Adept public speaker
- Substantial acting skills

To see my skills in practice, please view my work online at www.tonyhalson.com

Experience

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- **'Yoga In The Workplace' (2007)** – A yoga instructional video designed for the busy office worker who can practice simple techniques at their desk.
- **Jason And The Argonauts 'Remake' Trailer (2007)** – Following a written assignment I used footage from the original 1963 'Jason And The Argonauts' film cut together with footage from '300' (2007) to show how a remake of Jason And The Argonauts could look today.
- **'Bealman Begins' (2006)** - Co-wrote, directed and produced - A short comedy about a teenage boy with useless super powers who must make the most of what he has in order to defeat his Nemesis.
- **Nintendo Wii TV Commercial (2006)** - Wrote, directed and produced - A 30-second TV commercial for the (then forthcoming) Nintendo Wii games console, using visual effects to explore the theme of interactivity and endless possibilities.
- **Technologic Music Video (2006)** - Wrote, directed and produced a music video to Daft Punk's 'Technologic', which shows one man trying to escape from technology.
- **'Spirits Behind The Bar' (2006)** - Co-wrote, produced and co-edited – A documentary film about a number of haunted pubs in the London area. This film includes interviews with the landlords and a parapsychologist.
- **'The Michael Jackson Experience' Promotional DVD (2005)** – Designed, edited and produced – A promotional DVD sent worldwide to clients and agencies showcasing the talent of 'The Michael Jackson Experience'
- **'You Go Your Way, We'll Go Norway' (2004)** - A 40-minute video diary documenting a trip with The Michael Jackson Experience to Oslo, Norway. Using music and editing techniques, this film captures the excitement and personality of the band on their first big gig abroad.
- **'Look Ma, No Hands!' (2002)** - Co-wrote, directed, produced and appeared in - A comedy sketch show which gained great popularity in the local area and amongst friends. This film enabled me to experiment with visual effects, which amplified my decision to become a digital film maker.
- **'Comedy Holiday With A Vengeance' (2002)** - Co-wrote, directed, produced and co-starred - A satirical comedy in the guise of a travel show, documenting the highs and lows of the quaint seaside town of Whitstable, Kent.

Qualifications

Sep. 2005 - Dec 2007 SAE Institute, London

- **BA (Hons) Degree in Digital Film Making (to be awarded July, 2008)**

Sep. 2005 - Dec 2006 SAE Institute, London

- **Diploma in Digital Film Making**

Sep. 2002 - June 2003 Kent Institute Of Art & Design, Maidstone, Kent

- **Merit for BTEC Diploma in Art & Design at Foundation level**

Sep. 1998 - June 2002 Simon Langton Grammar School For Boys, Canterbury, Kent

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| A Level Qualifications | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art (A)• Theatre Studies (C) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design (D) |
| GCSE Qualifications | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art (A)• I.T. (A)• Graphic Design (B)• Maths (B) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theatre Studies (C)• English Lang. (B) Lit. (B)• Science (C,C)• Spanish (E) |

Employment

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| Jul - Mar '04 | – Self-employed graphic designer |
| Mar – Dec '04 | – Order picker at Gist, Faversham |
| Jan – Apr '05 | – Barman & Cook at AMF Bowling, Whitstable |
| Apr – Sept '05 | – Company Director of MJX Productions Ltd. |
| Oct '05 – Nov '06 | – Mitchell & Butlers barman at The Southwark Tavern, London |
| Apr '07 – Present | – Self employed filmmaker and graphic designer |

Interests & Spare Time Activities

I always keep myself motivated with projects. There is nothing more rewarding than producing a film for six months with friends, then to see the finished product boxed as a DVD, and watch it on TV. To me, it's all about preserving memories and the truth is, film is my hobby, and has always been my spare time activity. Turning this passion into a profession is my goal.

As well as media projects, I'm a keen painter, drawer and artist. Having a sculptress as a mother and through studying art and design, over the years this has really opened my eyes to the creative and artistic side of life.

I think socialising and friends are important. From the age of thirteen, I've been an avid skateboarder, which inspired me to travel and meet new people. Making skateboard videos in my early teens was a springboard to my interest and focus in film today.

The proudest achievement in my life was winning first-place in a national talent competition with my tribute band, The Michael Jackson Experience. To develop our own ideas from scratch, then to compete and win first place amongst hundreds of other contestants was such an honour and confidence boost. That memory will stick with me for the rest of my life.

References

Kyrin Hall

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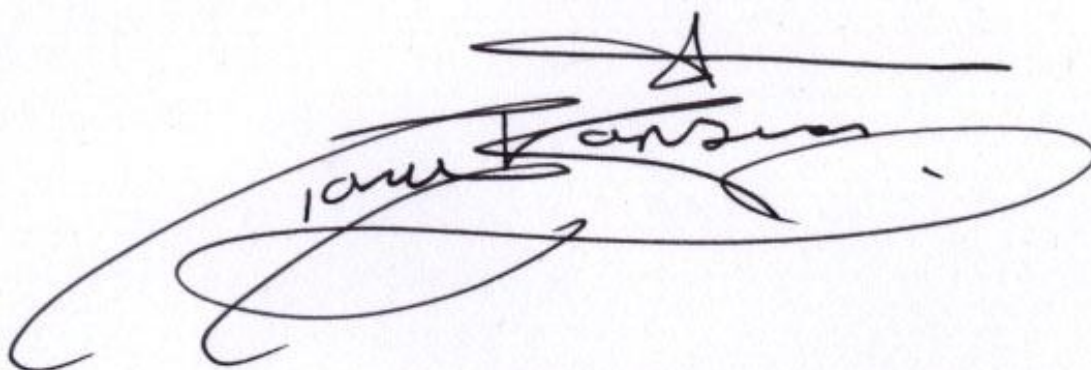
In 2006, Kyrin Hall approached me to help make a yoga instructional video for office workers. I acquired the equipment and shot the film over a 3-day period and have since then been editing the film in-between my studies at university, working closely with Kyrin throughout the process. Her intention is to sell the DVD to her students and through her website www.yogabird.com. Examples of this work can be seen on my website, www.tonyhalson.com

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Between July 2003 – March 2004 I was a self-employed graphic designer, working at Powerbase, a sound and light hire company based in Maidstone, Kent. My responsibilities were designing and maintaining their website and acting as secretary; responding to e-mails and typing up invoices, sales figures etc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Halson', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.