



Curriculum Vitae: Danien Esselen

"From a very young age I knew I would follow and lead an artistic life and career. My love, passion and my appreciation for art is who I am and what I live for."

Name:

Danien Esselen

ID Number:

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Nationality:

Caucasian, South African, Afrikaans born.

Languages:

Fluent in Afrikaans and English. Afrikaans born, completed all education in English as first language.

Born:

1 March 1988, Nelspruit, Mpumalanga.

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Education:

2002-2006: Matriculated from Uplands College in White River, Mpumalanga.

2007-2010: Completed BA (Hon) Fine Arts at the University of Pretoria.

2012: Commencing with planning phase for Masters in Fine Arts, University of Pretoria.

Residence:

Pretoria: Equestria, South Africa.

Hometown:

Esselen Nursery/ Kwekery, Malalane.

Children:

Daughter: Lea Esselen, born 3 March 2010.

Employment:

Self-employed professional Artist. Assistant at Fient Lifestyle Gallery.

Facebook:

Personal art profile:
www.facebook/dadaart.esselen

Interests and Goals:

- Entering all prestigious Art Competitions in South Africa for 2012.
- Able to do commissioned works of art and special projects or requests.
- Interested to work in a prominent Art Gallery or exhibition project space.
- Would like to become an established Curator and Art critic.
- Interested to work as an Art Director in the film industry, interior design or for businesses/companies in corporate fields.
- Interested in the events industry to work as an Art Director, manage and Co-ordinate artistic events.
- Future goal is to open an Artist Cafe in Pretoria, where young and aspiring artist have a chance to exhibit work and receive an income. There is a definite need and demand for such a space in the Pretoria region.

Other Skills and Information:

- Honest and trust worthy, true and reliable person.
- Computer literate, MAC literate and capable in Adobe programs.
- Valid driver's licence and vehicle.
- Have been involved in exhibition set-ups and understand the principles and standard procedures required.
- Good at organising and managing events, also act as event stylist.
- Good at working under pressure and on a tight time schedule, can meet deadlines successfully.
- Extremely hard working, perfectionist and goal orientated.
- Creative and innovative, can be beneficial for new ideas and concepts, and to reinvent current and existing frameworks in a business or project.
- Very good communications skills, friendly, confident, good people's skills, professional and presentable.
- Can work well individually and in a team.
- Well disciplined, self driven and assertive.
- Fast worker and fast learner, can adjust and cope under pressure or tight schedules.
- Young but motivated and hungry for new opportunities and experience.

Exhibitions and Achievements:

- University of Pretoria: Teaching and Education Department, 2007.
- University of Pretoria: Visual Arts Department Centenary Exhibition, 2009.
- Fried Contemporary Art Gallery: Visual Arts Department Exhibition, 2009.
- University of Pretoria: Post-graduate Centre: 2009.
- Pretoria Art Museum: Honours Visual Arts Department Exhibition, 2010.
- Celeste's Art Studio: Mixed Group Exhibition, 2012.
- Finalist in the annual ABSA L'Atelier, 2012.
- Fient Lifestyle Gallery launch exhibition, 2012.

Art Mediums:

- Abstract painting, staining.
- Installation paintings.
- Natural sculptures.
- Drawing and stains.
- Sculpture.
- Silkscreen printing.
- Photography.