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SUSIE OPIE

TV/Film Producer/Production Manager

With more than 10 years' experience working on nationally and internationally recognised productions and events, I am accomplished in numerous forms of film, television and event production including long and short form drama, documentary, reality, advertising, bespoke music and award show events for broadcast and festivals.

Most noteworthy were my roles on films such as Baz Luhrmann's 'Australia', Production Managing high pressure annual live broadcasts of 'Big Day Out' for Channel [V] Foxtel, as well as Production Managing the event and live broadcast of the Nickelodeon's 'Kids Choice Awards'. My skills lie in my ability to manage numerous productions concurrently, particularly within high pressure environments such as live to air television broadcasts and with high profile stakeholders.

Skills & Attributes

- Exceptional organisation skills
- Production management of large film, television and event based broadcasts from development and pre-production to on air including interstate and international productions
- Production management of different genres of film and television including long form drama, advertising, documentary, reality and event based live broadcasts
- Production management of multiple Foxtel television channels concurrently including development, strategy, planning, overseeing, budgeting and operations of all productions
- Event management with a focus on bespoke music concerts and events intended for broadcast as well as music festivals
- Forecasting and P&L experience
- Budget management
- Logistics of large interstate and international productions
- Management of Channel resources
- Ability to work in high pressure environments - managed multimillion-dollar live broadcast productions
- Overseeing OHS of productions
- Excellent communication, strong interpersonal skills & people manager
- Hands on leadership skills
- Multi discipline team management, staff development and mentoring

Career Highlights

Production Company **Nickelodeon | 2009–2010, Sydney Australia**
Position *Production Manager*

Managing all budgets, logistics & crew of Nickelodeon & Nick Jr including:

- *Production Management of Australian Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards 2009 – (\$2.5 million dollar production) including managing event for an audience of 5000, three storey set and three tonnes of 'slime', 2 x outside broadcasts (main show with 10 cameras & red carpet with 3 cameras), live broadcast on air and overseeing over 80 talent and 200 crew*
- *Long form comedy shows*
- *In house promos*
- *Ad Sales production*
- *Distribution*

Production Company **XYZ Networks | 2006-2009, Sydney Australia**
Position *Production Manager for 3 Music Channels concurrently – Channel [V], MAX & Country Music Channel*

Managing all production development, planning, budgets, logistics & crew for 3 music channels including:

- *Outside broadcasts with crew of up to 130*
- *Live to air shows*
- *Creation of bespoke music events including event management, production & shooting performances for example; Powderfinger on the steps of the Sydney Opera House and all MAX Sessions productions such as Seal, Delta Goodrem, Missy Higgins, Toni Collette*
- *In house documentary production*
- *Shooting performances and interviews at all major Australian music festivals*
- *Documentaries shot on location at international music festivals*
- *Ongoing management of entire channel production department including budgets, forecasting, P&L, resources, staff*

Production Company **Bazmark INQ | 2005, Sydney Australia**
Position *Producer's Assistant on Baz Luhrmann's feature film 'Australia'*

Assisting in the development of feature film 'Australia' involving organising the cast and crew travel, script development, location research, tracking costs, and liaison and script distribution to international stakeholders Fox Searchlight.

Additional Productions

Year	Position	Show	Location
2022	Producer	Various TVC productions such as Dementia Australia for The Production Group, Sydney, AdventureWorks WA	Perth/Margaret River Region
2022	Administration Manager	Margaret River Region Open Studios	Margaret River Region
2022	Ticketing Manager	CinefestOZ Film Festival	Busselton
2019	Film Coordinator	CinefestOZ Film Festival	Busselton
2011	Production Manager	Documentary "Jack the Ripper" for Prospero	Perth
2011	On Site Event Co-Ord	Big Day Out	Sydney
2010	Producer	Advertising for Meerkats Agency	Perth
2004	Production Secretary	US film "Stealth"	Sydney / On Location
2003	Production Co-ordinator	TV Drama "All Saints"	Sydney
2003	Production Secretary	TV Drama "White Collar Blue"	Sydney
2003	Production Runner	TV Mini Series "The Shark Net"	Perth
2003	Production Assistant	Kids Show "Wiggly Western"	Sydney / On Location
2000-	Full time Production	Stark Films - Various Doco/Ad Productions	London, UK
2003	Assistant – Sponsored for UK Visa	including Virgin Atlantic with Miss Piggy & Iggy Pop	

Education

Bachelor of Arts – English (Film and Television – Major) | Curtin University of Technology

References

Available on request