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Personal Profile

An experienced Screenwriter/Freelance Content Writer/ Podcaster with a passion for storytelling, capturing moments and magic throughout an exciting career within the creative industry. With significant achievements and publications, has proven to be a multi-talented professional, successful at writing appropriately for any audience. A skilled writer, researcher and proofreader that creates an innovative voice with the vision to make the world a better place.

Key Skills: *Screenwriting; Research; Writing Treatments and Synopses; Script Editor; Script Reader; Film/TV Production; Blogger; Podcast Writer/Producer; Photographer; Filmmaker; Post-production; Film/TV Production experience.*

Awards

- Athens International Monthly Art Film Festival - Violent Indigo (Dark Comedy Feature script) – Honorable Mention 2021.
- Boobs and Blood International Film Festival – Violent Indigo (Dark Comedy Feature script) – Winner of Best Feature Screenplay 2021.
- Paperscreenplay – Violent Indigo (Dark Comedy Feature script) – Selected 2021.
- Best Script Award London – Violent Indigo (Dark Comedy Feature script) Selected 2021
- New York Neorealism Film Awards – Let the Music Play On! (Short Film script) – Winner of Best Drama Screenplay 2021.
- Athens International Film Art Festival – Let the Music Play On! (Short Film script) – Finalist 2021.
- I See You Awards (LA) – Let the Music Play On! (Short Film script) – Winner Best Original Short Screenplay 2021.
- Awareness festival – Let the Music Play On! (Short Film script) – Semi-Finalist 2021.
- Placed third in a script competition with Working Title 1997.
- 'The Lost Girls' Teen Drama Series script placed in the Roccliffe Film Competition 2016.
- Awarded a partial Scholarship 'Rocerberti Writer's' 2016.
- Selected and attended 'Talent Campus 5.0', successfully completed a six-month program with The London Screenwriters Festival 2018.

Accomplishments & Successes

- Featured Guest on PNN Radio and the Poetry Radio Show (Florida and New York) 2014– 2021
- Featured Guest 1st Virtual Book Fair UK - International Radio show 2021.
- Awarded a 'Commendation' as Guest Researcher for Series 17 of 'Art Attack' for outstanding work.
- Published Young Adult Author – title 'The curtain Twitchers of Oakley Place' 2017.
- International Poet and author of 'A Universe of Love' 2017.
- Amazon Best Selling Author – 'A Universe of Love' and 'The Curtain Twitchers of Oakley Place' 2017
- Produced and Directed 'Meat' a short film for a 24hr Film Festival in 2019.
- Promoted and taught Poetry and Creative Writing in Primary and Secondary education 2013 – 2020 (Freelance).
- Part of the team for 'The Goodbye Plane' an Oscar-nominated short film.
- Part of the investigation teams for the Clapham Rail Disaster and the Kegworth Air Disaster. Medical Photographer in attendance at both incidents.
- Children's and Animation Scriptwriting 1:1 training with Alan Gilbey.
- Mentored by Katherine Lannon – Award Winning Producer at Script Angel.
- Mentored by Diane Bell – Award Winning Director/Screenwriter of 'Obsidian.'

Writing Experience

The Beautiful Music of Words Ltd – Freelancer Jun 2004 - Present

Screenwriter/Writer/YA Author/International Poet/Producer/Director/Film Maker/Photographer/Graphic Design

- Successful Freelance Writer, Poet, Blogger, Creative, News Columnist, Photographer and Project Manager;
- Increased followers of social media accounts by 100% through avid play-by-play reporting and posting;
- Actively participate in meetings related to product development and implementations;
- Collaborate with specialists and support in the development of internal and external user manuals;
- Complete writing assignments within strict standards regarding order, clarity, style and terminology;
- Create compelling marketing materials using Hootsuite, SEO, PPC and Mailchimp;
- Work on a wide variety of projects demonstrating filming/production/editing skills along with a proficiency on Social Media platforms: Twitter, Pinterest, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Screenwriter – River Crossing Productions, London Mar 2019

- Commissioned to write a short film based on the life of Matt Busby and the Busby Babes/Munich Air Disaster. The project was shelved before production due to a change within the production company.
- **Film Title: *Into the Night*** – short film currently being developed for a feature script.

News Columnist – The Bucks Herald/Johnston Press Jan 2015 – Feb 2017

The Leighton Buzzard Observer/Johnston Press Jan 2015 – Jan 2017

- Delivered an exceptional level of service to each customer by listening to concerns and answering questions;
- Interviewed organisations and members of the public to create articles with meaning;
- Proofread, wrote and created articles within tight deadlines;
- Collaborated with the team and worked closely with the news editor to follow up leads.

Technical Writer – The British Film Institute/NFT, Berkhamstead/London Sep 2000 – Jun 2002

- Wrote technical reports on the condition of film footage within the British Film Institutes' archive;
- Selected films for archival and preservation purposes;
- Film editing and digitization through telecine and edit techniques.

Production/Media Experience

Producer/Director – Covid Vaccinations on Wheels – (Promo for Solutions4Health and Public Health England) 2021

- Produced and directed a short promo film to highlight the importance of Covid Vaccinations

Producer/Director – 'Meat' Short Film - FireGlass Films, Nottingham Feb 2019 – Aug 2019

- Produced and directed their first short film titled '**Meat**' for a 24Hour Film Challenge – we designed, shot and edited the short film in 24 hours;
- Link to 'Meat' <https://fireglassfilms.wixsite.com/meat/blank-page>

Facilities Co-ordinator – Nickelodeon UK, London Jun 2007 – Feb 2008

- Responsible for budget management, negotiating contracts, fees and voice-over contracts;
- Executed Nickelodeon and Viacom strategies to foster improved customer service and promoted a positive and engaging environment for all.

Assistant Producer – Starlight Pictures, Hertfordshire Jan 2005 – Aug 2005

- Filmed in several locations across Hertfordshire – supported the production by securing wardrobe, casting, locations and make-up;
- **Film Title: 'Where Ghostly Children Walk'** – short film.

Production Assistant – Kewhaven Pictures, London Oct 2003 – Jan 2004

- **Film Title: 'The Goodbye Plane'** – short film. Nominated for an Oscar and placed number 13;
- Link: <https://www.david-bartlett.com/the-goodbye-plane>

Production Assistant /Location Assistant – Nickelodeon UK, London **2003 – 2004**

- Supported the Producer/Director, Production and Film Crews – ‘Jimmy Jammers’/‘The Bedtime Stories’;
- **Link to ‘Jimmy Jammers’:** <https://youtu.be/gzF1rzKSUU>

Various Roles – The TV Set/Arena Digital Group/Blue Turtle, Soho, London **2002 – 2004**

- Runner/Head of Machine Requirements/Head of Credit Control/Head of Runners/Booking Assistant.

Guest Researcher – Art Attack, Hit Entertainment/Media Merchants TV Company, Maidstone **2004 – 2005**

- Worked with the team to create the ‘BIG PICTURE’ program segment;
- **Link:** <https://youtu.be/TjGMPpN4QiM>

Camera Assistant/Production Manager – Magician Pictures, St. Albans **2003**

- Assisted the Producer and Director on a pop promo for ‘MTV’.

Production Assistant – Rockman Films, London **2003**

Assistant Producer – Pete Mann Films (‘IQ’ – Short Film) **2003**

Freelance Content Writing

Writing Consultant/ Podcast Writer/Podcast Producer/ Promo Producer/Director – Freelancer Jan 2021-Present Solutions4Health, Remotely

- Freelance writer of Health/Lifestyle articles and blog posts, Promo Producer for Covid -19 Vaccination Short Film, Podcast Writer/Producer of Heart4Health Podcast Series.

Freelance Content Writer October 2020 – April 2021 - FatJoe, working remotely

- Freelance writer of blogposts, Niche Articles, Product Descriptions and Bespoke Articles for their client base.

Sample articles/blogposts:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EcVCdX2H9zeTIOyChydk7PiNWUu-BK8r548FrWSprIA/edit?usp=sharing>
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Sdns-gtEpAQ-LurdozAQFCchmPnfrF8MvmtwfS6bHrw/edit?usp=sharing>
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iRcMfplrKlsMratZTNRhT5AwfHzuvRF6pmAKuETfw/edit?usp=sharing>

Podcast Writer/Producer September 2020 – May 2021 Human Factor

- Podcast Writer/Producer of a Podcast series focusing on Mathematics of Solving everyday issues.

Article Writer – Keith Francis Robins - Freelance November 2020 – February 2021 - Worksome, Remotely

- Commissioned by Keith Francis Robins to write a synopsis and Technical/Mathematical based paper and articles for publication.

Freelance Writer – ad hoc for various clients writing newsletters, blog posts, scripts and articles – 2017-2021

Relevant Professional Development

- MA Comedy Writing (Currently studying – 1st Year) – Falmouth University 2021-2023
- BTEC OND /HND Medical and Design Photography – Pass – Sandwell College of F&E
- Prince II Foundation Certificate – Registration P2R/627701 – The Learning People.
- Agile Practitioner – APMG – The Learning People.
- CpMg / PpMg – APMG – The Learning People.
- Creative Writing Diploma – The Writers Bureau.
- The Art of Poetry - Certificate of Completion – The Writers Bureau.
- On the Page – Pilar Allesandra.
- Foundation Art and Design – Burton Art College.
- Scholarship in Contemporary Art and Sculpture – Burton Art School (Aged 7)
- Screenwriting Diploma – Stonebridge College.
- BKSTS Film Foundation Certificate – Raindance.
- Image Manipulation Certificate of Completion – The London College of Printing.
- Adobe Photoshop/Digital Imagery Certificate of Completion – The London College of Printing.
- Tackling the Novel Coronavirus – Cert. of Achievement – The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.
- Song Writing - Sheffield University.
- Pitch Perfect – Bob Schultz – The London Screenwriters Festival.
- Selling your Screenplay/Successful Scriptwriting – Diane Bell.
- Writing Feature Films – Pilar Allesandra
- Scriptwriting in 8 Weeks – Diane Bell
- ThinkUKnow Introduction Course – CEOP.
- Writing Social Stories – Educational Psychology Team/ BCC.
- **Various Career Development** including: Autism Awareness Diploma - O.A. Dip. Distinction; Teaching Students Who Have Suffered Complex Trauma; MS Office; Dyslexia Training Certificate; Business Studies; Child Behaviour Diploma; Advanced Special Educational Needs Diploma – O.A. Dip.

Books/Publications

The Watchers of Bridge Hollow – In progress

A Pocketful of Stars – In progress

My Spherical Life – In Progress

The Beautiful Music of Words – Blog 2013 - 2021

Various Poems Published in Lucidity Press / Journal from 2013-2021 - Brown Bear Publishing, USA. 2012-2021

A Universe of Love - Published by Blurb 2017

The Curtain Twitchers of Oakley Place - The Beautiful Music of Words/Amazon 2017

Stray Branch Autumn/Fall 2016 - Stray Branch Publications 2016

A Day In Time - Forward Poetry 2014

The One Week Poetry Challenge - Forward Poetry 2014

Cover to Cover - Forward Poetry 2014

Numerous articles, ranging from Green Issues, Climate Change, local news stories for Johnston Press and Fat Joe.

Scripts

Violent Indigo – Dark Comedy Feature Film; ***Let the Music Play On!*** – Short film; ***Into the Night*** – Short film; ***The Connection*** – Short film; ***The Lost Girls*** – Teen Drama Series; ***To BTS With Love*** – Teen Feature Film; ***Insanity*** – Feature Film; ***Todwollop*** – Comedy Sitcom; ***Soul Windows*** – Feature Film(In Progress); ***The Ribbon*** – Short Film; ***Angels on the Airwaves*** – Podcast Series (Development); ***Love For Sale*** – Docu Drama(Outline).

Social Media Links

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/deborah-m-hodgetts-11689723/> **5,800 Followers**

Twitter: **DeborahHodgetts 1,428 Followers**

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/deborahmhodgettsauthor1> **6,537 Followers**

Instagram: @deborahmhodgettsauthor

Blog: <http://angelstar7.blogspot.com> **18,700 Page views**

Website: www.deborahhodgetts.co.uk