

Resume

Toby Boston

Music Producer & Film Composer

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Personal Details

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Personal Statement

I am a postgraduate of a BA(Hons) Degree in Electronic Music Production at dBs Music with a first-class honours.

I have acquired a good knowledge of the music industry having founded and run an independent record label & artist collective for almost 2 years. Through the label, a release on Spotify reached 200,000 streams, gaining editorial playlist placement and peaking at #27 on the Spotify Australia charts.

I have been writing electronic music for almost 6 years now, with a grade 8 in drums, I have been developing my music project, Know You, building a portfolio of music, with a handful of remixes and collaborations released and three singles to be released towards the end of the year, as well as numerous productions for singers/songwriters in progress.

I have a passion for music composition for film, developing a unique sonic signature and narrative storytelling voice. I have already worked on a handful of short films and I am currently working on a number of short films collaborating with filmmakers, covering a range of genres and musical styles, as well as working in the development process of a feature film and web series. I have also explored filmmaking and am currently writing a short film, whilst also working on a short film project as director of photography.

I am a very creative person and I'm very visually orientated, having an interest in film & TV, photography, art and fashion. I am proficient in Microsoft Office, Adobe Premiere Pro/Final Cut Pro & Ableton Live, and I've had experience in branding and creative direction with my own music brand, as well as experience in graphic design. I've had a lot of collaboration experience, constantly working closely with different creatives in different capacities and I am very committed to any project I am working on, fully immersing myself in the project and devoting all my time researching and developing ideas. See my creative portfolio for examples of my work:

Creative Portfolio: <https://www.knowyoumusic.com/creative-portfolio>

Music Industry Experience

Music Producer – Know You – November 2017/Present

Electronic Music Producer of over 6 years' experience, producing electronic & pop music, working on multiple bodies of work, as well as producing and writing music for singers/songwriters and collaborating with other producers, with experience in:

- Electronic Music Production
- Mixing & Mastering
- Creative Direction
- Collaboration (Musical & Creative)

Composer for Visual Media - Toby Boston - January 2019/Present

Visual media composer with a year and a half experience, with a unique sonic signature and narrative technique. Previously worked on 3 short films and currently working on a number of short films and various visual media projects, including dramas, documentaries, actions, thrillers and comedies, as well as a future feature film and web series. I have also produced an experimental audiovisual installation

Portfolio: <https://www.knowyoumusic.com/film>

Blog Writer - Gems & Secrets - July 2020/Present

Blog writer at Gems & Secrets, an independent music blog dedicated to undiscovered and upcoming artists, writing short music reviews covering electronic/pop music and managing SubmitHub submissions.

<https://gemsandsecrets.com/blog?author=5f11eb8577665653a8748924>

Founder & Label Manager – Beluga Collective – June 2016/April 2019

Founder & Owner of a start-up Independent Record Label, started up in June 2016 and releasing commercially available music since April 2017. Managing all releases and all social platforms, as well as arranging all release materials, promotions and talent recruitment, and working with artists to assist in their development, with experience in:

- Social Media Marketing
- Branding
- Artist Development
- Music Publishing
- A&R

Education

dBs Music – BA(Hons) (2017/2020)

Electronic Music Production (1:1)

Priestley Sixth Form College - A Levels (2015-2017)

3D Design (B), Music Technology (B), Electronics (B)

Lymm High School - GCSEs (2010-2015)

A*AAAABBBB, including A's in English and Maths

Work Experience

Barista – Coffee#1 Welsh Back – March 2018/June 2020

Coffee#1 is a small chain coffee shop, I have worked as a barista since March of 2018 and have completed my barista training. The job involves a large amount of multi-tasking and team coordination to allow the line to work efficiently at busy times, I have to take on a variety of tasks at the same time and split my time suitably to cope with the scenario at the time.

Bartender - Aiden Byrne's Church Green - September 2015/September 2017

The Church Green is a Gastro pub in Lymm run and owned by celebrity Michelin Star chef Aiden Byrne. As bartender I made a range of cocktails as well as taking orders and payments. As front of house I regularly interact with the customers and I carry drinks to restaurant & lounge tables.

Production Operative - Dudson Limited - August/September 2015

Dudson is one of the oldest traditional potteries in Stoke-on-Trent who manufacture tableware for the hospitality industry. I worked in the factory on the production line performing various manual tasks for 3 weeks during the summer holidays.

Qualifications

- Drums Grade 8 at Merit (2009-2017)
- National Citizen Service (July 2015)
- Stockton Heath Army Cadets 1st Star (2011-2013)

Skills

- Microsoft Office (10+ years)
- Adobe Premiere Pro / Final Cut Pro (2 years)
- Ableton Live (6 years)

References

Marek Nekola – Store Manager at Coffee#1 Welsh Back (2018-Present)

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To whom this may concern,

Toby was a student on our Electronic Music Production programme in Bristol from September 2017 to May 2020 and as his Programme Leader and Personal Tutor, I worked with him closely during this time. I took great pleasure in overseeing his continual development and he always stood out to me as a high performing student with a professional attitude.

Toby showed himself to be a highly motivated and hardworking individual during the course. He was mature in his approach to his work and professional relationships and was keen to learn and implement new skills and concepts. He demonstrated excellent organisation and management abilities and never submitted an assignment late, while his attendance and punctuality were also excellent throughout the course. His verbal and written communication skills were of a high standard, which will serve him very well in professional environments.

Toby developed an emerging interest in composing music for moving image during the course and chose to specialise in this area during his final year, working with a number of filmmakers in developing a portfolio of A/V work. Aside from being a talented music producer and composer, Toby also produced some excellent written work, showing himself to be very able in academic areas.

I have every confidence that Toby will be a success in whatever pathway he chooses to pursue, both academically and professionally.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nick Lawson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nick Lawson
Programme Leader - dBS Music, Bristol HE

