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Education: BOA Stage and Screen Academy, Birmingham

Personal Statement:

Acting is an art that really stands out to me, I watch TV and look at all the actors that get to do this as a job and I look at the enthusiasm they bring to the roles that they play, and I'm really inspired by that. The range of roles an actor gets to play and how they portray them on screen has always been fascinating to me. I have always been involved in school productions and watched film and TV in my free time and this interest has led me to my current college course in writing, directing, and screen-craft. I have chosen this course because I want to be one of those actors that you see in films or television. I want to play a variety of different characters, in different types of genres of film and television. I particularly enjoy romance and musical genres as I grew up watching musicals and this is a genre that links back to my childhood. Romance holds a good narrative, and the characters are always so clearly depicted, and I can connect with them. These are elements that I desire to show within my own acting and push me to achieve my best. The course that I'm studying at the moment is very relevant to my university course because it describes the foundations of the film industry and teaches me about a variety of acting types. I have taken part in workshops that have taught me essential skills for acting and film and last year in a major collaborative project I developed new skills by taking on the role of a director. Being a director of a short film taught me crucial skills such as communication, organisation and leadership. I am currently taking part in Young Reporter. This involves writing a monthly article about a topic of interest or news that is relevant to me as a young person. I have developed organisation throughout this opportunity as it

is running alongside my full-time college course. This means I have managed my time efficiently to ensure I can meet the necessary deadlines. I have a gold award badge from high school for my acting performance in the school production, in the musical 'We will rock you,' which I'm very proud of. This award was issued for drama performance, and it has remained a key achievement in my secondary education. I have skills in improvisation and teamwork which are perfect for an acting course, and these are the key skills that I succeed in when it comes to acting. I have used my improvisation skills in the major collaborative project, and this has involved me thinking on my feet and ensuring the plot is continuous. This is a skill I continue to grow through my final year of college through acting and projects that involve me to problem solve quickly and independently. For my future career, I want to succeed in acting and my aim is to be in a highly successful film or TV show because I want to have continuous work and be known for my acting abilities. I plan on doing this by continuing my training and taking further opportunities outside of college and university that advance me as an individual and actor. Overall, I want to be recognised as a talented actress who has a clear line of progression for developing my skills and abilities. I want to be recognised by industry professionals as a hardworking and dedicated individual who is willing to do whatever it takes to succeed in this industry.

Work:

Didgeridoo advert, Actor- November 2023

2-minute TV show, Actor- November 2023

Scott's story: Documentary trailer, Actor- January 2024

Will West: Moving Forward Documentary trailer, Actor- March 2024

Bills Happy Home: Major Collaborative Project, Actor and Director- April-May 2024

Hesitant short film, Actor- October 2024

The After: horror short film, Actor- October-November 2024

The Edge: Community short film, Actor- December 2024-January 2025

The Killer: short film, Actor- February 2025

Discovery: The short film, Actor, Writer, Producer, Director- March 2025

Extra/Additional qualifications:

ScreenSkills- Getting into the screen industries

ScreenSkills- From script to screen

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