

Conor Clarke Curriculum Vitae

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Date of Birth: 30.09.1982

Born: Auckland, New Zealand

New Zealand & UK citizen

Work experience:

2005 - present: Freelance photographer for a number of prominent New Zealand magazines, private clients, record labels & websites.

My work focuses on portrait, lifestyle, live music and events. Now based in Berlin, I am able to easily travel throughout Europe on assignment.

2005 - present: Photographer's assistant

Assisting a number of photographers in New Zealand & Germany including Matthew Williams, Tony Drayton, Toaki Okano, Adam Custins, Fiona Quinn, Duncan Cole, Rachel De Joode, Timm Kölln, Jan Rasmus Voss. I have experience with Broncolor, Bowens, Profoto & Arri lighting equipment. Experienced also using 35mm Nikon & Canon D-SLR cameras, as well as medium format film cameras including Rolleiflex TLR, & Mamiya RB & RZ, with also some experience using large format view cameras (although I would like to up-skill in this area).

2010 - 2011: Certain Sundays - A Salon at Sowieso / Photographer

Photographing a monthly salon including artist performances, lectures and conversations with the audience.

2003 - present: Practicing & exhibiting Artist

I have organized or participated in various exhibitions in New Zealand, Australia, Germany & Turkey

- 2010: *Sugarhigh (Berlin-based web / e-mail magazine) - Society Photographer*
Photographing various events around Berlin including fashion shows, gallery openings, book launches & club nights.
- 2009: *Independent travel around Europe*
Germany, Italy, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Austria, Czech Republic, Turkey & England.
- 2008 - 2009: *Kingsize Studios - Manager*
Co-ordination of rental studios & equipment rental department in New Zealand's largest and longest running photographic rental facility. Duties included bookings, scheduling, administration, studio maintenance, equipment testing, technical support, organizing staff and volunteers, sole charge, on call at all times, customer services, accounts receivable, problem solving, multi-tasking, out-sourcing specialized equipment & coffee making
- 2007 - 2009: *Metro Magazine - Society Photographer*
Regularly photographing celebrities, party-goers & influential Aucklanders in their natural habitat (various events around town including gallery & theatre events, charity functions, award evenings, fashion events, book launches, media releases, etc)
- 2005 - 2006: *Starkwhite Gallery - Exhibition Openings assistant*
Minding artworks, promoting artists, serving drinks
- 2003 - 2006: *Cheese on Toast (Online music magazine & entertainment guide) - Photographer*
Photographically documenting Auckland's live music scene on a weekly basis
- 2005 - 2006: *Artspace - gallery volunteer*
Preparing for upcoming exhibitions, painting walls, building installations, archiving, distributing invites, serving drinks at openings
- 2004 - 2005: *Art History Department, The University of Auckland - Photographer*
Visual Resources Collection photographer
- 2003 - 2004: *Elam Students Association (ESA), The University of Auckland - Photography Department Representative, and co-ordinator of the 2004 Annual Elam School of Fine Arts Ball*
- 1997 - 2004: *Sales assistant & cash handling in various shops around Auckland*
These include Amazon (surf and streetwear clothing), Mellencamp Carrywear (high-end leather handbags and luggage), John Ashby's Pharmacy (pharmacist's assistant & window dresser), Bike Barn (bike sales and repairs)

Education & Awards

2001 - 2005: *Bachelor of Fine Arts (majoring in Photography) from Elam School of Fine Arts, University of Auckland. Graduated with an A grade.*

2002 - 2004: Ngai Tahu study grants x 3 (\$500 each)

2003: Photography section prize winner, Mt Eden Young Artist Awards; awarded \$1000.

2004: Overall prize winner, Mt Eden Young Artist Awards; awarded \$3000

2006: Merit Award - Canon/ Parkside Media Landscape Photography Awards

2007: Winner of the Reportage Section, Metro Canon Young Photographers Awards; awarded \$1000 Canon equipment

Languages

English: Fluent (native speaker)

German: Beginner (completed level A2.2 at the Volkshochschule / 400 hours)

Interests / Hobbies

Travel, Formal French gardens, symmetry, English gardens, Architecture, contemporary art, music, meeting new people from different countries with things to share, cooking, language, beach swims, early morning strolls around Berlin & spending quality time with friends.

----- *Written references, visual portfolio & exhibition list available upon request* -----