

Irby Rentz

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Theater technical director & art gallery installationist, 2005 to present

- Produce shows, openings, performances and receptions @ ARTworks and the Charles Street Gallery, from renovation to set up to crowd control.
- Technical director, black box theater @ ARTworks
- Install art in the galleries @ ARTworks and the Charles Street Gallery
- Help resident artists upfit & function in their studios @ ARTworks

Artisan Bread Baker, January 2001 to present

- Owner, Twice Baked Bread Co. (2001-2005) a Top 10 Bakery in the US by Roadfood/Epicurious.com, in Beaufort. Manage all aspects of business:
- Provide hand-shaped breads and baked goods made from scratch.
- Interact with customers in order to develop their understanding of artisan bread and to ascertain their tastes.
- Teach a series of bread-baking classes on various bread topics.
- Appearances at the Technical College of the Lowcountry and broadcasts on SC Public Radio and SCETV.
- Ensured that surplus bread was distributed to charities: Second Helpings and the Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse safe house.

Project Manager, Twin Rivers, NC, January 2000-January 2001

Lived on-site at the 400 acre development, worked with surveyors to lay out lots and roads, made environmental considerations with local authorities, participated in perk tests, stocked rivers, monitored bridge construction over rivers, water flow and drainage.

MIS Director, Alabama Theatre, Myrtle Beach, SC, Nov. 1997 - Dec. 1999

Maintained computer network, telecommunications and ticketing operations and security.

- Trained staff on all network, ticketing and telecommunications operations.
- Computer Network: repaired or replaced components as needed, maintained network and network security.
- Spent the summer of 1998 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee designing and building the Governor's Palace Theatre computer network, telecommunications and ticketing systems.
- Worked directly with owners of both theaters and the contractors during construction; trained employees to use systems.
- Assisted in development of website. Established domain ownership, helped develop website marketing plan, including "splash" pages.
- Provided technical support to marketing and sales department: improved use of 100,000 plus mailing list.
- Tracked down fraudulent credit card use through company databases.
- Worked with all departments for hurricane and disaster preparedness.
- Installed new real time video projection system in the theatre.

Disaster Recovery/Media Management Specialist, Gateway Archives, Pittsburgh PA, February 1992-July 1997: Store vital business records and developed plans for business continuity during and after a disaster.

- Established and maintained dial-in networks
- Installed and maintained AT&T Definity system. Programmed all phones, established emergency communications routine with all clients.
- Worked with digital storage systems, environmentally-controlled vaults, rotated stock, and provided security for sensitive data.
- Physically constructed a 3000 square foot business resumption center, within Gateway's 40,000 square-foot warehouse.

Data Cabling Specialist The Computer Group, Columbia, SC, Jan. 1991 - Dec. 1991
Installed computer networks in businesses, industrial complexes, and schools throughout South Carolina.

Owner, Rupert's Wing-In, Columbia, SC, 1980-1990:

Founded and operated spicy chicken wing restaurant, worked directly with partners in all aspects of restaurant:

- trained staff in all duties, supervised customer experience
- book keeping, advertising and marketing
- arranged special events and private parties
- worked with local authorities to maintain A rating
- upfitted 3 facilities at different locations to be suitable for commercial cooking; maintained and repaired equipment

Education

- University of South Carolina, Columbia, 1981-84, 1993-94
57 credited hours / general studies
- York Technical College, 1987
61 credited hours in Teleproduction technologies
- Novell CNA and Advanced CNA Certification, February 1996
Riverhead Training, Pittsburgh, PA
- Definity Administration, April 1996
AT&T Global Business Communications Systems, Houston, Texas

Volunteer Work

- Arts Council of Beaufort County; 2009
Volunteer of the Year
- Boys & Girls Club (in Pennsylvania)
- Habitat for Humanity (in Columbia)

Special Skills

- Well experienced in training people, and explaining concepts.
- Professional and practical attitude, as well as a sense of humor and of diplomacy.
- Highly aware of safety issues and experienced with preparing for and handling safety situations.
- Adept with a wide range of tools, long term experience working with electronics.
- Familiarity with working in educational environments.
- Capable of lifting 50 pounds plus easily.
- Practiced in the art of making do with available resources and working within a budget.