# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

# **CANDICE PRESTON**

# **Highlights**

Matriculated with exemption
Musical theatre at the Waterfront Theatre School
Worship leader at Vineyard Christian Fellowship Anaheim
Performed on International Released worship album
Fundraising and Marketing Manager at OIL NGO
Radio Producer at CV Africa
Owner at Cherish Productions

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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**EDUCATION** 

Schooling

1999 South African Senior Certificate,

Matriculation Exemption, Bryanston High School

School Results Subjects

English (First Language), Afrikaans (Second Language), Biology, Geography, Art and Maths.

#### **School Achievements**

- School Prefect
- Head of Drama, Full Colours achieved in Drama

### **School Sport and Activities**

My involvement in hockey and swimming in the first years of high school taught me good team skills. I thoroughly enjoyed drama in the 4 years that I was involved in, drama workshops, major productions, prop painting and house plays. I was on the matric dance committee where again, team dynamics had to be observed and leadership skills were needed.

#### **Leadership Roles**

As a Prefect, I learnt that leading a group of people does not necessarily mean controlling to an order. It means leading by example, respecting and encouraging the people you are trying to lead. Our school had a wonderful sense of loyalty, which was exemplified by the prefects committee, and I also learnt a great deal about character as a prefect.

# **Higher Education**

2001 - 2002	Waterfront Theatre School (Musical Theatre) (This
	included jazz, tap and ballet dance classes as well as
	singing and drama classes.) I attained my Performers

certificate and Speech and Drama Associate Teachers

through Trinity College of London.

2003 – 2004 Studied my Licenciate in Speech and Drama Teachers

with The London Academy of Music and Dramatic

Arts.

I achieved 85% for the practical examination and 70%

for the theoretical examination.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

# **Employment History**

- 2000 One year in USA interning at Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Anaheim, California as a worship leader. Experience includes:
  - o conferencing
  - event organising
  - o secretarial work
  - drama productions
  - weekly worship leading
- 2003 Au-pair for 2 families, children from the age of 9 months to 11 years old. Duties included:
  - cooking
  - cleaning
  - transportation
  - o general childcare
- 2003 Speech and drama teaching at Montessori Children's Workshop Pre-school.
- Leading worship and teaching a workshop at a conference, held at the Vineyard Church in Durban.
- 2004 2005 10 months working as the Church Administrator and Personal Assistant to the Pastor of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Milton Keynes. Experience includes:
  - answering incoming calls
  - booking venues
  - creating and printing flyers for services
  - o accounting
  - facilitating ministry rosters
  - organising pastoral meetings and appointments

- 2004 2005 17 months working in the Telemarketing department of World Vision in the United Kingdom. Experience includes:
  - placing and answering telephone calls to facilitate the sponsorship of children in the developing world
  - writing procedures
  - o managing statistical reporting for the department
  - o Training employees at a call centre in Ireland
- 2005 3 months as the telephone specialist in the Sponsor Care department of World Vision in the United Kingdom. Experience includes:
  - liasing between the field offices and the sponsors regarding queries
  - writing personalised letters to supporters regarding queries
  - answering incoming telephone calls from existing supporters
  - identifying ways supporters could increase their support of World Vision (cross sell) and promote these to each caller
  - regularly updating knowledge on various marketing activities to all the different audiences
- 2006 2007 Fundraising and Marketing Manager at OIL NGO.
   This was a leadership programme run for teens in developing areas. Experience includes:
  - Managing the fundraising and marketing initiatives
  - Being part of the management team
  - Basic facilitation within the high schools
  - Managing a team that marketed OIL through the media of newspapers, magazines, the internet and radio.
  - Organising and running events for fundraising as well as student celebrations
- 2007 2011 Producer at CV Africa / 1Africa.
   Experience includes:

- Creating, sourcing, compiling, editing, recording and mixing
   sound effects, library music, voice clips, radio dramas,
   interviews, news and sports items.
- Creating and producing: Jingles, promos, idents, stings, links etc
- News reading Live
- Writing, filming & editing presenters promotional videos
- 2009 2012 Owner of Cherish Productions, a wedding videography company. Experience includes:
  - Running a company, business plans, financial management etc
  - Technical experience with HD video cameras
  - Client liasing
  - Video editing
- 2008 2013 Owner of Cherish Cakes & Cupcakes, a novelty cakes, cupcakes and handmade toppers company. Experience includes:
  - Baking cakes and decorating them
  - Running cake decorating workshops
  - Making toppers for 'The Bakers Den'
- 2011 Current Wife to Bradley Neil Preston and mother to three magnificent children, Maddison Rose, Benjamin Bradley and Mitchell Daniel Preston.

### **Performance history**

- All major high school productions ('Sandy' in 'Grease', 'Narrator' in 'Joseph And His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' and 'Polly' in 'The Boyfriend'.) 1995 1999
- End of year Christmas production for the Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Anaheim, California.
- Played 'Inez' in 'Semi-Monde' by Noel Coward, 'Laura' in 'Down To Earth' by Paul West, 'Mrs. H' in 'The Poor That 'Elps The Poor.' 2002
- Demand rerun of "Down to Earth", Lead singer in "Blameless" organised with a team from Scotland 2003
- Lead singer on a live recording of a Vineyard album, 'You Will Remain.' It was recorded at Newsong Festival in 2002.
- Lead singer on the album 'Songs by Jeanette' recorded in 2002.
- Backing vocalist to Will Young for 19 Management's 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday
   Gala Concert held at the Royal Albert Hall in 2004.
- Played 'Hortense' in 'The Boyfriend' 2005.
- Voiceover work for various e-tv cell phone ring commercials 2007
- Blue Route Mall advertisement voiceover 2009
- Jabu's Jungle episode voiceover of a secret agent Civet 2018

#### **Extra Curricular Activities**

- Spending time with my family
- Trawling Pinterest
- Song writing and singing
- Painting, drawing, hand-craft
- Pilates, walking and reading