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Experience:

2023-present time: Technical Manager, [MediaPro International LLC](#)

2022-2023: Senior lighting programmer/operator, [MediaPro International LLC](#)

- technical management
- project management and resource planning
- project delivering from a client brief
- creation of lighting concept
- network planning and configuration
- technical drawings in Vectorworks
- documentation: layouts, drawings, visualization
- preprogramming and visuals in Depence, Unreal Engine, Capture
- calculate power consumption
- power and data cable management
- show programming and operation in all types of events, from small corporate events to big arenas, international festivals, and TV shows.
- communication with a client
- team management, managing lighting technicians

Achievements during the work: Organized online database of company fixtures, templates and server-based database for vectorworks. Developed an online network monitoring solution for distributed large scale networks..

Personal achievements: I was part of a MDLBeast Soundstorm Environmental lighting team in 2022, 2023 and 2024. We made lighting for all areas on MDL Soundstorm, except stages: more than 2000 fixtures, 45 dimmer cities, ~200 universes, 5 grandMA3 full-size, and 15 NPU, all connected in a single network via sACN through an optical fiber.

Being a part of a big company is an opportunity to work with big-scale events and train communication skills with other departments, production teams and clients to achieve the best result.

Working in an international team helps me to learn more about the management of a mixed mentality team.

Key Projects:

- MDLBeast Soundstorm 2022, 2023, 2024 Environmental lighting, Riyadh
- BlackPink "Born Pink" World Tour Abu-Dhabi concert

- Wireless Festival 2023 Abu-Dhabi
- Ultra Festival 2023 Abu-Dhabi
- Etihad Rails opening ceremony
- Khalifa University Graduation 2022
- Guns'n'Roses Abu-Dhabi concert
- Backstreet Boys Abu-Dhabi concert
- SeaWorld Abu-Dhabi opening
- Charlie Puth Abu-Dhabi concert
- Robbie Williams Abu-Dhabi concert
- Bryan Adams Dubai Concert
- KISS Dubai concert
- Westlife Abu-Dhabi concert
- Asayel Theatrical horse-show, Riyadh
- Middle East Event Awards 2024
- SES Expo 2024 MediaPro Stand
- UAE Pro Liga Awards 2023
- UAE SuperCup 2023
- Azizi Venice Launch
- World Islamic Economic Conference
- Azimuth festival 2024, Al-Ula
- Messe Frankfurt Intersec & Light Award
- Tiger SkyTower launch, Dubai
- Arab Media Forum 2024, Dubai
- Sindalah island project opening 2024, Neom
- Lea Salonga lighting design for concert 2024, Dubai
- Spanish Supercopa 2025, Jeddah
- Dubai World Cup 2025

2020-2022: Senior Lighting Designer, Freelance

- development of a lighting concept for the show
- creating lighting rider and plot
- show programming in all types of events, from small corporate events to big arenas, international festivals, and TV shows.
- documentation: layouts, drawings, visualization
- team management
- project management

Personal achievements: Working on different types of events with any number of fixtures helping to create a show and good-looking picture with less equipment.

2011-2020: Senior Lighting Designer, [Nino Katamadze & Insight Band](#)

- development of a lighting concept for the show
- creating lighting rider and plot
- coordinating riders with the local rental companies in tours
- show programming in all types of events, from small corporate events to big arenas, international festivals, and TV shows.
- documentation: layouts, drawings
- working with the performer to make the show better

- team management
- creating custom lighting fixtures for show

Achievements during the work:

Created a personal lighting concept for the band, and performers trained to work with lights and haze. The show becomes more impressive and good-looking in photos and videos.

Personal achievements: Learned all types of lighting consoles and lighting equipment and how the light works in different stage configurations, with any number of the fixtures. Working with a touring group leveled up my stress resistance and leadership skills. Working in other countries helped to learn languages and how to work with people with a different mentality.

-During that period was working as a freelancer on projects with Sila Sveta in “Arma 17” club, Moscow.

2006-2011: Lighting designer, Head of the lighting department, [ProfShowTech](#)

- show programming
- rigging
- repairing of equipment
- documentation for the event: layouts, calculation, drawings
- purchasing planning of equipment and feasibility study
- team management
- project management

Achievements During the work:

Our company became one of the biggest rental company in the region, and the best lighting rental company, with about 80% of the B2G market and 60% of B2B in the Saratov region. Also, we start to work on tours with top Russian musicians.

Personal achievements:

Became the head of the lighting department from the “stagehand”. Learned all types of solving lighting problems: from electrical to psychological. Developed leadership skills.

2014-2024: Entrepreneur. [Furdi](#)

- business administration and strategic planning
- communication with a key clients
- project management
- human resources
- team building

Achievements during the work:

Our company became one of the leading B2B company for designers in complicated projects in a region. Organically we were growing twice each year with a cash flow for 10 years in a row.

Personal achievements:

Went through a self-made MBA course with a 10 year of practice. Built a strong team that was able to run independently with a high level of customer service.

Education: Specialist degree in Physics, area of Optics in Saratov State University

Certification:

- Vectorworks Core Associate Certification 08.07.2023
- Netgear "Network Fundamentals for AV over IP" by avixa 21.08.2023
- Netgear accredited AVoIP switch installation partner 21.08.2023
- Cisco Networking Academy "Networking Basics" course 06.04.2023
- Cisco "Networking Devices and initial Configuration" course 12.04.2023
- GrandMA 3 27.03.2023

Skills:

- Business administration
- Communication and work in a team
- Problem solving
- CAD, Vectorworks, Autodesk Fusion 360, SketchUp
- Depence, Capture, Unreal Engine
- TouchDesigner
- Network administration, Luminex, Cisco, Mikrotik, WireShark, Araneo
- GrandMA 2, GrandMA 3, Chamsys
- Robe Followspot system, Macula System followspots
- MS Office, Google Drive
- Resolume
- Python programming, Linux, Zabbix, Git.

Awards:

WOW Awards 2024 Silver for Best Lighting solution for Azizi Venice Launch
 TPiMEA Awards 2025 Shortlisted as Lighting Designer of a year

Portfolio:

With Sila Sveta:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=j47_EXiOWYc

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=kWOvXo-XB90>

LD of Band "GoKirtan":

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ZK3AOXtZaKQ&t=2051s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tYFjniNuDw&t=2781s>

LD of jazz band "Nino Katamadze & Insight"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1JfPjluurw>

With MediaPro:

Soundstorm <https://www.tpmeamagazine.com/mdlbeast-soundstorm-2022/>

BlackPink <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DOqBE0V8Io>

Wireless <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKh4L78yEYQ>

<https://www.tpmeamagazine.com/wireless-festival-middle-east/>

Ultra Festival

<https://www.tpmeamagazine.com/mediapro-international-supplies-ultra-abu-dhabi/>

UAE Pro League Awards

<https://www.proavl-mea.com/details/73554-uae-pro-league-awards-celebrates-the-big-player-s-with-mediapro>

Freelance:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=LEXvTjLW1bc>

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8KOFwCAeaks>