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Creative Project Lead | Cultural Program Leadership

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PROFILE

Cultural Program Lead with international experience directing multi-program arts initiatives, securing public funding, and coordinating cross-sector partnerships.

EXPERIENCE

Creative & Operations Lead — Pubblica_Lab, Teramo, Italy

April 2024 – Present

- Directed 15 annual cultural programs (festivals, exhibitions, art markets); oversaw curatorial direction and public engagement strategy
- Secured regional/provincial grants through independent proposal writing; negotiated partnerships with 32 sponsors and media stakeholders
- Managed €80K projected annual program value and 20 volunteers across community-based teams

Executive Assistant & Curatorial Coordinator — Galería Casa Cuadrada, Bogotá D.C., Colombia

September 2017 – May 2019

- Coordinated international art fair participation (USA, Hong Kong, Mexico); developed relationships with collectors and institutional partners
- Managed cross-border shipping logistics for artworks valued €50K+

Art Direction Lead, "X+Y" — Biennale de Venezia de Bogotá

February 2016 – April 2017

- Directed a multidisciplinary art project with a team of 25+ collaborators, through to final catalogue and public exhibition

Mentor — Universidad de Los Andes

2013 – 2017

- Mentored students in design, co-creation, and critical practice

EARLIER EXPERIENCE

Creative Operations System Designer, Confidential SME, Italy (2025–present) · Marketing Assistant, Fraunhofer SIT (2022–2023) · Team Lead, Teleperformance (2020–2021)

EDUCATION

Master of Art in Expanded Media — Hochschule Darmstadt, Dieburg, Germany

Bachelor of Design (Minor in Art) — Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá D.C., Colombia

SKILLS

Cultural program development · Grant writing & public funding · Curatorial coordination · Event & festival production · Community engagement · Stakeholder management

TECHNICAL TOOLKIT

Google Sheets, Forms, Apps Script · Adobe Creative Suite · WordPress

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Native) · English (Fluent) · Italian (Intermediate) · German (Basic)