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Learning In The Digital Era: Task 1

Essential Skills for Study and Employment in the Creative Industries.

Within the performing arts and creative industry, there is an array of unique skills that are not only required to succeed in the industry, but to also develop yourself as an artist capable of demonstrating originality and therefore desirable as an employee. As an aspiring performer, I recognise that it is crucial to continue to evolve these skills so that I can set myself up for success in the creative industry.

In the performing arts industry, one essential skill is the ability to network. “Lots of people working in the performing arts industry need to audition to find work, so it's vital that you're able to sell your abilities to potential employers.” Higginbotham.D (2023). In addition, networking in this industry is important so that you can gain contacts with agents/employers who may consider you for work.

Furthermore, another skill set required as a performer is determination and resilience. In this industry, rejection is common and also essential in order to maintain the desire to improve. Therefore, it is crucial to keep a positive mindset and remain resilient. “Keeping your literal sights on your goals and envisioning yourself making the decisions you need to accomplish them makes you more likely to take the steps that will help you to reach those goals.” Tollefson.K (2022).

Additionally, as with any job that involves working collaboratively, teamwork is essential. “Teamwork is the backbone of every successful organisation. It brings together diverse skills, ideas and experiences, fostering a collaborative environment that leads to increased efficiency, innovation and growth.” Tom.N (2023). As a performer, you will be working with a variety of people in different job roles so teamwork is fundamental.

Finally, possessing the ability to be organised is essential as a performer. “Successful performers are often required to work on more than one project at once. Thus work schedules can become hectic. Strong organisation and time management skills are therefore a must.” Kolahal (2021).

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