

# Blake James

## Industry Experience

### Résumé for:

Blake James Sumrall

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### Online Portfolio:

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“I had the pleasure of seeing Blake James’ skillset shine in his songwriting capability. Blake’s Music is beautifully written and soothing to the soul.”

~ **Patricia Collins**  
(Bootsy Collins,  
Bootzilla Productions)

“I would describe Blake as an extremely focused and capable Pro Tools engineer and system planner.”

“I have no doubt Blake will be an immediate asset to an engineering staff and that he has the skills and drive to succeed in any environment he finds himself.”

~ **Ryan Summers**  
(FSU Course Director)

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Recommendation at:  
BlakeJames.com

### Songwriter

**Freelance** | 2013 – Present

#### Bootsy Collins (2013)

- 1 Dance/Funk song - full melody & instrumentation
- 1 Dance/Funk hook - melodic hook & beat
- (Project still in production)

### Worship Leader & Audio Engineer

**Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church** | 2008 – 2010

Audio Engineer

Producer & Song Writer

Worship Leader

- Mixed for services, special events & maintained equipment
- Experimented with the way people engage in different melody lines & keys
- Learned to communicate with musicians & their various instruments
- Learned how to create & maintain a positive & creative work environment

## Skills

### Certifications

- Pro Tools HD10 Certified Operator (Music)

### Audio Software

- **DAW:** Pro Tools (v.8, 9 & 10); Logic Pro 9; Audacity
- **Other:** Melodyne; Sebelius; UDK (Audio Game Dev); Max MSP

### Consoles

- **SSL:** Duality SE (72); Matrix; AWS 924; AWS 948
- **API:** Vision (64)
- **AVID/Digidesign:** C24; ICON D-Control; ICON D-Command
- **Audient:** ASP8024
- **Midas:** Venice; Verona

### Instruments

- Guitar; Bass; Drums; Keys; Percussion; Trombone; Violin

## Education

### Full Sail University

**Bachelor of Science Degree in Recording Arts** | September 2013

**GPA:** 4.0 | Class Valedictorian

- Hands-on experience with the industries top consoles, mics, pre-amps, & other gear
- Earned special opportunities to attend intimate meet & greets with **Bruce Swedien**, **Tommy McWilliams**, Maag Audio, Ross Lara, & more.
- Attended guest seminars with **Chris Lord-Alge**, **Buford Jones**, **Phil Tan** & more.
- Made it to the final round of the 2013 Dean Guitar Design Contest
- Graduated as the Class Advanced Achiever with course director awards in Critical Listening, Interactive Audio, and Advanced Audio Workstations.

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## Other Work History

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~ Jeff Brooks, COO  
(Steve Spangler Science)

“ Blake is one of the most inventive and well-spoken people I've had the pleasure of interacting with. Placing stock in him, his talents, and his potential would be a leap in the right direction for any corporation, small business, or venture. I cannot endorse him enough. ”

~ DJ Souza,  
Senior Copywriter  
(Steve Spangler Science)

### President

#### Blake James Design | 2009 – Present

Graphic & Web Design

Marketing Consulting

- Fine tuned my people skills
- Developed project management skills
- Learned to adapt to evolving projects & circumstances
- Became used to 80 hour work weeks

### Lead Designer

#### Steve Spangler Science | April 2007 – December 2011

Graphic & Web Design

Marketing & Photography

- Our team won Multichannel Merchant's Website of the Year.
- Took part in marketing and photography of a Guinness World Record with the Colorado Rockies
- Had the privilege of creating graphics for Steve on NBC's 9News & the Ellen DeGeneres Show
- Designed logos, product labels, catalogs, website graphics, etc.
- Heavily mentored in the art of marketing & business

### Tattoo Artist & Manager

#### Pleasures Body Art | 2004 – 2006

Store Manager

Tattoo Artist

- Learned how to work with people in a creative environment
- Learned how to create something tangible from a clients description of an idea

## Other Skills & Achievements

### Other Software

- Comfortable with both Apple & PC Operating Systems
- **Apple:** All iWork Applications; iMovie; Final Cut; Final Cut Server
- **Adobe:** Photoshop; Illustrator; InDesign; Dreamweaver; After Effects
- **Microsoft:** All Microsoft Office Applications
- **Coding Languages:** HTML; (can also work with PHP & Java)

### Other Achievements & Experiences

- Eagle Scout
- Experiences on stage/touring and in the studio with Vocals, Guitar, Drums & Bass
- Songwriting - personal projects for 20 years
- Recording in DAWs since 1999
- Performing in bands for 15 years - from garage bands to professional