

Braden Smith

Business Owner, Entrepreneur, Musician



Ownership and Management Experience

French 75 Gallery and Lounge, Aurora IL — Co-Owner/Operator

July 2021 - Current

Owner and Operator of a high end cocktail lounge and art gallery in downtown Aurora IL. Manages all day to day and business operations involved with the business.

Michiko Studios, NYC — Store Manager

July 2016 - July 2018

Managed a music store and music rehearsal space. Duties entailed; set-up and break-down of rehearsal spaces, sound checks, solving disputes/issues with customers, writing budgets, making employee schedules, delegating tasks, providing a welcoming environment for musicians rehearsing, etc.

RESTAURANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Eddie Merlot's, Warrenville, IL — Server/Bartender/Management

November 2017 - July 2021

Server/Bartender in a fine-dining steak house. Duties entail; communicating with guests regarding the menu, cooking tableside, taking orders, working in a fast-past, high-pressure environment, taking inventory, ordering product, on-call closing floor management, etc.

elan, NYC — Server/Bartender

August 2014 - July 2016

Server/Bartender in a fine dining French Asian fusion restaurant. Similar duties as listed above.

Roy's, La Jolla, CA — Server/Bartender

August 2009 - July 2014

Server/Bartender in a fine dining Hawaiian fusion restaurant. Similar duties as listed above.

SKILLS AND PERSONAL TRAITS

Excellent Written and Oral Skills

Strong Technical Skills

Fantastic Interpersonal Skills

Strong Communicator

Excellent Listener

Great Work Ethic

Thrives in High Pressure Situations

Neat and Organized

Positive Attitude

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Microsoft Office

Excel

Quickbooks

LANGUAGES

English

Bahasa Malaysia

EDUCATION

The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, NYC
Four Year Bachelors in Jazz Performance

