



MICHAEL ANDERSON

Lead Blacksmith

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SUMMARY

Meticulously skilled Traditional Blacksmith with over 15 years of experience in the art of metalworking, specializing in high-quality bespoke metal items. Demonstrates profound knowledge of metallurgy and mechanical properties, coupled with an unwavering commitment to craftsmanship and quality assurance. Proven ability to lead complex projects from conception through execution while ensuring exceptional standards of safety and efficiency.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lead Blacksmith Heritage Ironworks

Jan 2023 - Present

- Designed and crafted custom metalworks, including gates, railings, and sculptures.
- Implemented advanced forging techniques to enhance product durability and aesthetic appeal.
- Managed a team of blacksmiths to streamline production processes and maintain quality standards.
- Conducted workshops on traditional techniques to promote craftsmanship among apprentices.
- Established safety protocols and quality control measures, reducing workplace incidents by 30%.
- Secured contracts with local artisans to provide bespoke ironwork solutions.

Blacksmith Apprentice Old World Forge

Jan 2020 - Dec 2022

- Assisted in the creation of various metal items, gaining hands-on experience in forging processes.
- Learned to operate traditional blacksmithing tools including hammers, anvils, and forges.
- Participated in the restoration of historical metalworks, enhancing skills in precision and attention to detail.
- Collaborated with senior blacksmiths to understand client requirements and design specifications.
- Maintained workshop cleanliness and organization, ensuring operational efficiency.
- Engaged in continuous learning of metalworking techniques and safety practices.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Metalworking, University of Artisan Crafts, 2012

Sep 2019 - Oct 2020

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Technical Skills:** metalworking, forging techniques, project management, quality assurance, safety protocols, mentorship
- Awards/Activities:** Recognized as 'Craftsman of the Year' by the National Blacksmithing Association in 2020.
- Awards/Activities:** Increased production efficiency by 25% through the implementation of lean manufacturing principles.
- Awards/Activities:** Successfully completed over 200 custom projects with a 98% client satisfaction rate.
- Languages:** English, Spanish, French