

Last but not least

After my return from a year in Australia I had no idea what to do. I thought I might do something in hospitality, so I started to look for jobs in little bars around my hometown. At the same time, I registered at a site to get work as an extra in movies. While working on a film as an extra in Leipzig I realized that it is quite interesting and as I have always had a passion for movies, I started to look into how to get more involved in that field...

While exploring my options in the film business, I finally found Maier Bros! I saw their advertisement for an internship, contacted them, and a few days later I started there to see if it suits me. As you can imagine, it did!

Even though I was never known to be a handyman and I barely knew how to work with a lashing strap, I liked the new tasks and entered a whole new field I had never experienced before. I would lying if I said I always had fun there, especially those moments when loading a truck to Cologne and they keep calling to load more and more in. I'm not talking about the small stuff, I'm talking about the BIG stuff! Anyway, no matter how "hard" a day was, the team and the work environment was one of the best I have ever experienced-at the end of a day you sit together, have some drinks, and play either Foosball or table tennis.

Like I said, I had no clue about everything at the beginning. You'll go crazy hearing about those names of the grip and especially (!!!) when everybody can tell you the length of cable and you just think "what's that kind of magic?!". After a while, though, you become a magician yourself. You start packing by yourself and at some point you realize that you have definitely learned a lot!

I remember somebody asking, while easily pushing together an Easy-Lift (nasty stuff), how long I'd been in the business. I said "about 7 months", and he answered "wow, you guys learn a lot in there". And how right he was, you will learn A LOT in this internship. I couldn't think of a better way to get into this business than to gather experience in a rental company, especially Maier Bros. Of course it's completely different than working on a film set, but the knowledge gained in that year at Maier Bros. is incredibly valuable for later work in the field.

Unfortunately, I was the last intern in Leipzig, due to new minimum wage laws, but I hope there will be more guys able to have the experience I did. I'm happy where I am now and what could be more important than that?!