# Simon Rock

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# Competencies

Fluent English & French GSuite, Excel HTML, CSS, JS, C++, Python A/V hardware + software Team Management Scrum, Agile frameworks Live presentations, pitches Jira, Trello, Asana, Notion Figma, Inkscape, GIMP

## Education

Product Owner PSPO 1 Certification Scrum.org 2023

#### Bachelor of Arts with Distinction

*Major History* University of Calgary (transferred to Concordia 2017)

*Major History, minor Computer Science* Concordia University 2021

**Pyrotechnic Display Assistant** Natural Resources Canada 2015

Performing and Visual Arts Theatre Program Central Memorial High School 2014 Resourceful go-getter who brings process discipline, creativity, and multidisciplinary thinking to find solutions and get complex stuff done. Collaborative and analytical mindset, with a knack for synthesizing varying perspectives to overcome challenges. Above all, driven by a passion to grow and learn by accomplishing great things with an enthusiastic and innovative team.

# Professional Experience

#### Freelance music events, films, art projects, Calgary/Montreal Event organizer, producer, artist manager

- Continued facilitation of numerous personal projects; music shows, festivals, artist mgmt, and film projects, coordinating with a diverse array of stakeholders with differing skillsets, needs, and perspectives
- Have overseen ticketing, bar, food, staff/volunteer coordination, for events of up to 1000 people lasting multiple days at a time

#### Leeroy Agence Créative Digitale, Montreal web & mktg. Agency Web Project Manager, Product Owner

- Managed project teams of 3-8 people (dev, QA, design) with budgets ranging from \$25k-\$400k for 12 different clients
- Oversaw proposals, client relations, budgets, and other project needs such as roadmapping, documentation, and product backlogs
- Formed and delivered a 2 hour pitch to win one of their biggest clients to date, lead a team to generate more than 6-figures monthly for the agency
- Led two internal software projects, researching and analyzing impact of new product increments, considering market positioning and strategy
- Lykkå, Montreal community-building startup Product Manager
- Synthesized data from extensive customer interviews, defined user personas and journeys, product roadmap, integrated agile workflow
- Lead two teams of 3 programmers and 2 UX designers

#### MAPP\_MTL, intl. projection-mapping festival

Project Manager, Technician, Web Developer

- Led or collaborated on the full pipelining and execution of dozens of projects, ranging from public art installations to a festival attended by 2000 people, featuring artists from over 20 countries worldwide
- Developed and maintained two websites for MAPP

Other Experience

March 2019 - Present N10.as Online Radio, Montreal Station Manager, On-air administrator

May 2020 - September 2020 District 3 Innovation Centre, Montreal Summer Resident Consultant November 2015 - April 2016 **The JUNO Awards, Calgary** *Volunteer Coordinator* 

September 2014 - August 2017 CJSW 90.9 FM, Calgary Festivals Coordinator, Board Member, DJ

July 2014 - July 2019 Righteous Gelato, Calgary/Montreal Event Lead, Gelato Chef, Logistics Assistant July 2014, 2015, 2016 **The Calgary Stampede, Calgary** *Fireworks Night Crew* 

September 2013 - Present Hospitality, Calgary/Montreal Barista, Server, Busboy Manager, Bartender

January 2012 - November 2015 Loose Moose Theatre Co, Calgary Volunteer, Performer, Technician

April 2021 -January 2022

August 2020 -December 2021

February 2022 -May 2024

April 2017 present

# **Select Projects**

# Agency

#### Intact.ca

2023-2024

- Client: Intact Insurance
- Role: Project Manager
- Brief: Arrived partway through to 'save' the project'. Full rebuild of the existing Intact website to migrate to a leaner and more versatile CMS
- Budget: 300k
- Outcome: Successful transition after a renewed timeline, regained client confidence and laid the foundation for future work
- Reference: Maelle Ramsay of Intact.ca, Gaël Bruhnes of Leeroy

#### Luminis

2023-2024

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- **Client:** Acuity Brands
- Role: Project Manager
- Brief: Design, UX Research, full website development to accommodate Luminis' brand modernization
- Budget: 150k
- Outcome: On-time and on-budget including cross-team collaboration with Acuity Brands, leading to future work with client
- Reference: Charles-Eric Doussault of Luminis, Pierre-Andre Roy of Leeroy

#### Internal Development Project (confidential)

- Client: Leeroy
- Role: Product Owner
- Brief: Market research & positioning, product design, development
- Budget: 50k
- Outcome: Successful progression of an internal development project, leveraged to win strategic contracts with key clients
- **Reference**: Pierre-Andre Roy of Leeroy

#### **Axis Lighting**

- **Client:** Axis Lighting
- Role: Project Manager
- Brief: Design, UX Research, full website development & extensive product database integration
- Budget: 100k
- Outcome: Successful delivery of website after renegotiated increased scope, leading to future work with client
- Reference: Osagie Edosa of Axis, Pierre-Andre Roy of Leeroy

## Art, Events, Community

#### Rave Wedding (marriage of Nicolas Levy and Emma Forgues)

- Client: The Levy and Forgues families
- Role: Wedding Planner, chief coordinator for full pipeline planning and execution including web, communications, operations
- Brief: A weekend-long interfaith marriage & rave festival, hosted at a large children's summer camp in the Laurentians
- Budget: 60k
- Outcome: Smooth sailing and on-budget despite major weather challenges
- **Reference**: Any member of the Levy or Fourgues family

#### Bohême Système (annual festival)

- Role: Co-organizer and chief project manager, including web, communications, operations
- **Brief:** A weekend-long music and arts festival, hosted at a small children's summer camp in the Laurentians, collectively contributed to by festival participants within a provided framework
- Budget: 20k
- **Outcome:** Consistent positive feedback and grassroots growth of the brand and experience, currently looking to scale operations to accommodate the expansion of the festival and surrounding community

### 2024

2024

2021 - present

#### **N10AS Internal Restructuring** (community online radio)

- Client: n10.as Montréal online community radio
- Role: Project lead and interim Station Manager
- Brief: Full audit and overhaul of the volunteer and staff structure, implementation of proper systems of hierarchy and accountability with well thought-out processes to support the transition
- Budget: Pro-bono
- Desired Outcome: Growth of station listenership and volunteer capacity by 20% after 1 year of implementation (Q4 2025)

#### Minute\_MAPP (projection mapping competition)

- Client: MAPP\_MTL
- Role: Project manager
- Brief: Outreach, coordination, and execution of an international projection mapping competition at MAPP's annual festival
- Budget: 10k
- Outcome: Highest artist participation to-date of Minute\_MAPP,
- Reference: Thien Vu Dang, MAPP\_MTL Founder and former General Director

#### Vault Unlocked (one-time festival)

- Role: Co-organizer and chief project manager
- Brief: A 24-hour art and music festival featuring a local artisanal market, facilitated community panel discussions, live music performances and DJs
- Budget: 20k
- Outcome: Over 1000 attendees over the 24h period, all programming well attended and received, growth of brand

### Film

#### The Afters (short film, currently in post-production)

- Role: Producer
- Brief: Overseeing production of a 15m short film, including grant writing & funding, crew & location scouting, filming
- Budget: 30k
- **Desired Outcome:** Looking for festival distribution at underground film festivals across North America, along with online streaming distribution on key platforms

#### X/O (short film)

- Role: Producer
- Brief: Overseeing production of a 6m short film, experimenting with a film style with shooting fiction at real rave spaces
- Budget: 1k
- Outcome: Successful experiment with the "docu-fiction" verité filmmaking style, used for *The Afters* and future projects

# 2024 - present

2024 - present

2021

2020

2023