

Julian's Rockin' Radio Podcast: Internship Podcast Transcript

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen, this is Julian's Rockin' Radio Podcast where we discuss all things rock. I'm your host Julian Johnson. This podcast will talk about my experience as an Intern for 100.7 The Bay: Baltimore's Classic Rock Station located in Hunt Valley, MD. I received an opportunity from Professor Beth Baunoch to take part in an Internship study course back in the summer of 2017. This was an exciting opportunity for me because I learned a lot about radio and what it takes to keep a radio company running. I also volunteered to help the radio station at many different concerts and events. So, sit back and relax as I take you through my journey with 100.7 The Bay.

When I first walked into the Bay office, I was nervous because I didn't know anyone and I was afraid my first day would not go well. My supervisor Donna Jean Rumbley took me on a tour before my first day to show me around the Bay offices. The entire radio station was filled with Rock memorabilia. You had posters of different rock gods such as Van Halen, The Who, Pink Floyd, Styx, Bruce Springsteen, Kiss, Alice Cooper and many more. After the tour, I had confidence that my first day would go well and I would be a great intern there.

When my first day came, I met one of my fellow interns. His name was Alex Gordon. As an African-American male with Asperger's, it is hard for me to communicate with people socially. Little did I know that I would have a long-lasting friendship. Alex Gordon was another college student taking part in an Internship study course. He is a 24-year old Russian male who studied at Towson University. Alex and I became the best of friends as we both were into the same type of rock music which was heavy metal. Alex and I had a lot of jobs we had to do during the Internship. These jobs helped the radio station prepare for their events. Alex and I had to call ticket winners who won tickets from many of The Bay's contests. I remember the happy

voices over the phone when people won tickets to see Todd Rundgren, Steve Miller Band, Yes, Deep Purple and Santana. All of this work paid off as The Bay started their first event. Alex and I interned at our first event for The Bay: The opening of the High's gas station in Jessup, Md. The opening of High's was spectacular. For this event The Bay decided to do a live broadcast of their radio show. One of the DJ's named Stash was scheduled to speak. However, he was injured at the very last minute and Ms. Rumbley had to call a replacement. This moment was important for me to see because I learned how The Bay is always prepared for emergencies like this. During this event me and Alex met two new members who joined our Internship team. These two members were Cameron Wilson and Kyle Bensen. Kyle is a student who studies at Harford Community College in Bel-Air, MD. He has his own radio show for rock called Reelin' In the Years. He does this show every Thursday from 8-10pm on 91.1 WHFC: Harford Community College Radio. Cameron is a college student studying audio production and computer science at UMBC.

After the opening at High's, The Bay Team spent time in the office learning about radio production. We learned how 100.7 The Bay edits radio spots for the DJ's to read through. We also created a fun fact list about different bands for future radio broadcasts. Time passed by and it was time for The Bay to prepare for their second event. Alex, Kyle, Cameron and I would get to intern at our first concert: Journey/Asia Live at Royal Farms Arena in downtown Baltimore. Interning at the concert was exciting, the guys and I took pictures of fans who listen to the radio station regularly. We set up our photo backdrop and set up props for the fans that walked by our stand. When the job was done, it was time to see the concert. Journey and Asia were phenomenal. Asia was the opening act. They played some of their prog-rock classics such as "Heat of the Moment", "Only Time Will Tell", and "Sole Survivor". When Asia finished their

setlist, Journey came on and brought a spectacular performance. The band blazed through an incredible setlist such as “Don’t Stop Believin”, “Separate Ways”, “Open Arms”, “Faithfully”, “Wheel in The Sky” and “Lovin, Touchin, Squeezin”. The lead singer of Journey, Arnel Pineada was a spectacular frontman. He did jumps and flips throughout the show and was very interactive with the entire audience. My experience at Journey was excellent and I hated to see it end. However, the fun was just beginning.

Weeks went by and it was time for The Bay’s Third Event. The Bay was scheduled to headline The Dundalk Heritage Fair during the 4th of July weekend of 2017. The DHF is a 3-day weekend music festival in the Dundalk area that is celebrated every 4th of July holiday. Many rock bands were scheduled to play there such as Kix, Hotel California (a tribute band to the Eagles), High Voltage (a tribute band to AC/DC) and The Mahoney Bros. (a Beatles tribute band). Since this was a big event, Cameron, Kyle, Alex and I volunteered shifts of our choosing. I volunteered on Friday and Saturday so that I could see Kix and High Voltage. Working at the heritage Fair was awesome! I helped out with Bay’s raffle event. 100.7 The Bay was giving out tickets to a benefit concert for The Wounded Warrior. This concert featured two classic rock acts such as Crack The Sky and Jefferson Starship. Also, we promoted tickets for Several Species (a Pink Floyd tribute band). I also gave out guitar picks to Bay fans who play guitar. My hard work paid off and I got to see two bands at the Fair.

The first band I saw was Kix. Kix is a 1980’s hair metal band from Hagerstown, MD. They played some of their heavy metal classics such as “Blow My Fuse”, “Cold Blood” and “Rock Your Face Off”. Steve Whiteman, lead singer of Kix was full of energy as he brought a fistful of metal to the Dundalk audience. The second show I saw at the fair was High Voltage. High Voltage is a tribute band to 70’s metal group AC/DC. This band put on a killer show. I

recommend anyone who is an AC/DC fan to see this group. High Voltage really captured the live experience of an AC/DC show. The band actually dressed up as the real AC/DC. The lead singer of High Voltage looked exactly like AC/DC frontman Brian Johnson. High Voltage tore through songs from AC/DC's catalog such as "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap", "Rock and Roll Ain't Noise Pollution", "Money Talks", "Back In Black", "Thunderstruck", "It's a Long Way To The Top, If you want to Rock and Roll" and "Highway to Hell". As the heritage fair ended, I realized that my Internship was just about finished. Alex, Kyle, Cameron and I had all become the best of friends. We eventually exchanged numbers to keep in touch when our Internship was over. Days went by and our last day of the Internship came.

For our final project, Kyle, Cameron, Alex and I created a list of concerts for future contests the Bay produced in the future. Fans of the Bay could win tickets to see Alice Cooper, Deep Purple and Edgar Winter Group at Jiffy Lube Live located in Bristow, VA. The moment came when I finally had to say goodbye to the Bay for the summer. However, I was in for a huge surprise. Ms. Rumbley invited me to intern for one more concert. She invited me and Alex to intern and see The Moody Blues live at Pier Six Pavilion in downtown Baltimore. Kyle and Cameron couldn't go this show because of other commitments. It would be the last time that I would see Kyle and Cameron face-to-face. On July 19, 2017, two days before my 20th birthday, me and Alex interned at The Moody Blues concert. What made this moment interesting was that on my birthday back in 2013, my Mom took me to see The Beach Boys live at Pier Six Pavilion. Here I am at Pier Six again 4 years later, seeing The Moody Blues with The Bay. Just like the Journey concert, me and Alex took pictures with fans of the Bay as they walked to their seats. As the fun continued on, I cherished every moment possible knowing that this would be my final day as an intern for 100.7 The Bay. At 8pm, the show finally started. T

he Moody Blues came out on stage and put on a mesmerizing show. The show had psychedelic lights and television screens that showed off he different eras of the band. The Moody Blues played their famous album “Days of Future Passed” in its entirety. In addition, they played a medley of some of their biggest hits. The band ripped though some of their hits such as “Tuesday Afternoon”, “Peak Hour”, “Nights in White Satin” “I know Your Out There Somewhere” and “Ride My See-Saw”. As the concert came to a close, I said my goodbyes to Alex and told him that we will still be friends and stay in touch.

After the Internship, I vowed to always keep my knowledge of what I learned during that time. I learned so many great things about production and how to run a radio station. As for me and my Internship buddies, we still keep in touch. Me and Alex still stay in touch. Whenever we have time, we both like to hang out with each other. I’ve never had a friend that asked me to hang out before. Also, I keep in touch with Kyle too. I always talk with him to discuss ideas for both of our radio shows. I don’t talk with Cameron that much. One thing that I forgot to mention about Cameron is that he is a compulsive party animal. Recently, he told me that he got drunk with his family over the holidays. Oh Cameron, what are we going to do with you!! This concludes my story about my Internship at 100.7 The Bay. Take care and keep on Rocking, Ladies and Gentlemen!