

## Hannah Zapala

### Personal Profile

I graduated from The Urdang Academy in 2007 and worked professionally in the Performing Arts industry for over 2 years before finally deciding that a change of direction was for me!

I began to explore my 2 other loves aside from Theatre to the world of Fashion and Interior Design. I have always had a passion for the arts be it theatre, fashion, photography or art and find huge inspirations within them. After interning at various creative companies in various departments including press, buying, marketing and styling. I found a passion for buying which has lead me to my current role with the Home Buying team at one of the UK's largest retail companies.

I am confident, diligent and passionate and believe experiences over the last few years since graduating and whilst training have left me in good stead for future possibilities. Intense training regimes at a high-end performing academy ensured a number of qualities were installed within me from the age of 17 which I continue to deliver today, including positivity, professionalism, attaining sharp organisational skills, a motivational attitude and working to aggressive deadlines.

I currently have a small business venture, creating a collection of hand upholstered vintage pieces of furniture. This is an exciting time for me, as I am testing the waters of what I hope to be a good opportunity. I will have to judge and watch the market in terms of trends, tweaking my collection to ensure I am as successful as I hope to be. Being part of a creative industry and leaving my footprint no matter how tiny is what drives me to succeed.