

# **Objective**

To obtain a graphic design or event marketing position that I can enrich with my wide spectrum of experience and talent.

## **Education**

# **Collins College**

Phoenix, Arizona

Bachelor's Degree in Visual Communications / Marketing

Emphasis: Graphic Design, Illustration, Web Design and Print Production, Apple Computer Technology

- Student of the Month (August 1997)
- GPA 3.85. Graduated with Honors

# Work Experience

### **Art Director / Marketing and Event Assistant**

2003 - 2008

Display Image Trade Show Marketing

Colorado Springs, Colorado

- Complete design process and final production of marketing collateral for a wide spectrum of clients (specializing in trade show displays and all related mailers, ads, brochures, magazines, giveaways, etc.)
- Design of large format banners, backlit displays, corporate interiors and billboards
- Create graphic layouts for marketing and budgeting presentations to clients, including PowerPoint/video presentations
- Direct and manage freelance artists and ensure deadlines are met in a multi-project schedule
- Final proofing and quality check of all digital files handed off from freelance artists
- Direct and manage freelance photographers at client photo shoots
- Support event exhibitors in their video presentation setup and operations
- Coordinate all printing with many different suppliers to meet deadlines: CMYK offset and digital preparation
- Maintain all Mac/Apple computers, printers, networking and hardware/software problems
- Attend trade shows and assist in the budgeting, production, and marketing of the various expos
- Responsible for all purchase orders to suppliers and paper work/quotes for clients files

#### Senior Graphic Artist / Packaging Technician / Marketing Support

2000 - 2003

Western Forge / Subdivision of Emerson Electric Co.

Colorado Springs, Colorado

- · Complete design from concept to final production of tool packaging for Sears (Craftsman ®) and Home Depot (Ridgid®, Husky®) branded tools
- Work with marketing department to create graphic intense presentations for clients
- Technical writing and editing on all tool packaging
- Color proofing all packaging and color correction when needed
- Design of POP displays and store signage for clients
- Mock up new tool designs in Photoshop and Illustrator
- Prepare and send all artwork to multiple printers
- Maintain Mac and PC's, printers and scanners
- Upgrade and reorganize computer software and hardware in the creative department
- Design intranet web site for Emerson Tool Company Division
- Edit and proof all Spanish on bilingual packaging
- Extensive work with dielines, Pantone color and CMYK process printing

#### Senior Graphic Artist 1999 — 2000

Rocky Mountain Motorworks Woodland Park, Colorado

- Layout and design of three biyearly magazines (air cooled VW, water cooled VW, BMW)
- Manage production artists and keep on schedule for deadlines
- Work with in-house photographer on cover shots and product shots
- Conceptualize, design and submit monthly magazine ads
- Image preparation for web site, banner ads
- Collect all catalogs for printing output and handle quotes from printers
- Color correction of catalog photography
- · Responsible for catalog blue line proofing

### **Graphic Artist / Media Coordinator**

1998 - 1999

Leading Edge Air Foils, Inc. / Raisner Aircraft Depot, Inc.

Meadowlake Airport, Peyton, Colorado

- · Responsible for maintaining a 350 page catalog and 100 page supplemental published yearly
- Design and submit newspaper and magazine ads monthly
- Construct displays and design promotional, informational flyers for trade shows
- · Write and distribute company press releases
- Provide all photography for catalogs, flyers and press releases
- · Prepare images and PDF files for web site
- Draw technical illustrations and engine diagrams

### **Related Skills**

- Ninja like computer skills with advanced knowledge of professional design programs including: DreamWeaver,
  Avid Video Editor, Apple & Adobe video software, InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Acrobat Prepress, Microsoft Office
- Can work cross-platform on both Mac and PC computers to achieve the highest degree of flexibility
- Knowledge of Mac OS X operating systems, networking, troubleshooting and repair
- Excellent color correction skills and photo manipulation in Photoshop
- Color separations for screen printing and embroidery digitizing
- Talented illustrator and mural painter
- · Excellent multi tasker and can handle tight deadlines

#### **Freelance**

Out West Awning Co. **2011 — 2014** 

- Setup, manage, and maintain the graphics department including: large format printers, cutters, SGS machine. Create customer renderings, design all print pieces and web design www.OutWestAwningCo.com
- Safety training of new employees on the awning equipment: seam welders, industrial sewing machines, metal break

The Edge Screen Printing 2004 — 2013

· T-shirt design, color separations for screens, and embroidery digitizing

Podunk Design 2002 — present

Various design jobs, website design

Amark Budget Sign 2007 — 2013

- Design signs, banners, decals, logos, flyers, and www.Abudgetsigns.com
- Train other designers in Photoshop, Illustrator, and large format design/printing
- · Prepare files for vinyl cutter and Mimaki large format printer

Mural Painting (commercial and residential) 1998 — 2005

#### **Honors and Awards**

Display Image, Best of Show, trade show display design	2005, 2006
Leading Edge Air Foils, Best Rotax Air Show Internet and Print Advertising Support	1999
Pikes Peak League Art Show - Advanced, 2nd place	1996
Air Academy Federal Credit Union Art Scholarship, 3rd place	1996
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Pikes Peak Community College Art Show, 1st place	1993