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### **EXPERIENCE**

## Freelance Graphic Designer, Present

Mike & Laura Designs, Portland, OR

### Recent Projects

- Creating technical data sheets for commercial-grade video monitor company, Chilin Solutions.
- Creating wayfinding graphics and layout services for local letterpress printer PlatemarkX.
- Creating billboard displays, magazine advertisements, and promotional material for LightBar.
- Total brand management of local musical act Floating Pointe, including CD jacket design, poster design, web design, and other promotional materials.

## Graphic Designer / Graphic Production / IT Support, 2008-2012

Pinnell/Busch Inc., Portland, OR

#### **Duties**

- Designed exhibits and reports using Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and Sketchup for litigation of residential and commercial construction in regards to deficiencies claims and other services.
- Created graphical representations of buildings, plans, plats, investigative forensics, info-graphics, and 3-D modeling to be used in legal proceedings, experts meetings, arbitration, mediation and trial.
- Provided IT support including computer reformats, installing and troubleshooting software and printers, virus removal, managing peripherals, archiving, and data loss prevention.
- Provided support for overhead administrative services such as answering phones and ordering supplies.
- Prepared and arranged the republishing of company president's book, including recreating book cover.

### Sole Proprietor / Owner, 2002-2008

Carpe Vinum Wine Shop, Portland, OR

#### **Duties**

- Created and controlled all operations the retail wine store in Southeast Portland.
- Designed all graphics, logos, advertisements, signs, tasting sheets, pricing shelf tags, and business cards.
- Interacted with and educated customers on wine topics, recommending bottles, and sales.
- Managed all finances of the shop including ordering/receiving, sales and bookkeeping.
- Organized a weekly tasting event, researched wines, researched pricing, wrote and distributed newsletter, prepared graphics and promotional material for the event, and served flights of wines to customers.
- Created a database of Portland wine distributors and their collective stock for ease of searching for specific
  wines for special orders.
- Wrote and published the shop's weekly e-newsletter, for distribution to over 1000 subscribers.

## **Graphic Production Artist / Technical Writer, 1999-2001**

EyeVelocity, Portland, OR

### **Duties**

- Lead production artist processing images and studio photography of vehicles and accessories for an interactive software application used in the automotive industry.
- Designed custom graphics and content for the software application and for print.
- Trained and supervised all new employees on graphical processes.
- Graphics department's technical writer for documentation of processes and procedure.
- Wrote manual for the graphics department process, including techniques, common issues and solutions.

## **SKILLS**

## **Computers**

Macintosh OSX and Windows platforms, with some Linux experience Basic desktop IT support: installs, drivers, troubleshooting, networking, devices, virus removal, data optimization

#### Software

Adobe Graphics Suite: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, Flash, Acrobat, Premiere Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access

### Other

Experience with HTML, XHTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, MySQL and Wordpress Strong writing and editing skills

#### **EDUCATION**

## Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature/Creative Writing, Graduated 1995

# Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland, OR

Continuing education courses in graphic and web design, including Photoshop, HTML, CSS, and Flash. Currently pursuing certificate in Communication Design.

## Portland Community College, Portland, OR

Continuing education courses in web design and IT, including JavaScript, MySQL, and CompTIA A+.

#### REFERENCES

### **Paul Williams**

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