

MATTHEW KULP

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EDUCATION

Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)

Providence, RI

BFA: Furniture Design, 2012.

Independent Study with Barrett Hazeltine *Brown University*

SPECIAL STUDENT: Developed a business plan involving industrial design, ecological initiatives and gamified user interfaces. Conducted market research. Identified niche markets. Examined feasibility. Devised a financial plan and company strategy. 2011.

Independent Study with

Matthias Pliessnig RISD

SPECIAL STUDENT: Focused on uncovering and understanding the interconnections of personal artistic interests through research and explorative processes. Conducted extensive research. Examined aesthetic similarities across two and three dimensional mediums. 2010.

EXPERIENCE

Intern Designer

Studio Nitzan Cohen

Developed project proposals and analyzed topological strategies with team. Lead preliminary model investigations. Engineered moving parts in Solidworks. Designed products with Rhinoceros. 2011.

Design Assistant

Leon Ransmeier

Fabricated prototypes. Professionally photographed prototyping process. Created presentation materials for manufacturers. 2010.

Design Intern

DBA

Researched and analyzed ecological product markets. Identified marketable product categories. Designed sell sheets and other printed materials for bioplastic products. 2010.

Founder and Creative Director,

RISD *Take a Break*, a music and arts festival designed from the ground up to meet the needs of the RISD community. Built and managed a team of 40 individuals. Directed bi-weekly meetings. Acquired investment. Lead a series of multifaceted projects. Responsible for a \$20,000 budget. Distributed portion of event proceeds to local and global charities. 2010, 2011.

Resident Advisor

RISD Residence Life

Collaborating regularly with a staff of forty peers to encourage the well-being of RISD students. Directly responsible for the concerns of thirty-six students. Trained in mediation and conflict resolution. Attends staff meetings twice a week. 2009-2011.

SKILLS

Computer

Proficient in Solidworks and Rhinoceros, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, SketchUp, TurboCAD, Ashlar-Vellum Graphite, Merlin, Basecamp, FLStudio, Logic Pro, and Cubase.

Skilled in html and css. cursory knowledge of javascript.

Studio

Dedication to thorough design process. Strong emphasis on research. Explorative methods of ideation. Proficient in architectural draftsmanship and quick sketching. Skilled painter. Extensive knowledge of bent lamination, wood, woodworking and metals. Competent photographer.

Organizational

Diverse and extensive project management skills. Strong client communication skills. Excellent at meeting deadlines. Exceptional time management skills. Thorough and consistent process documentarian. Excellent researcher. Reliable in achieving group objectives.

RECOGNITION

Alfreda Ward Maloof Memorial Scholarship RISD

Presented by the Faculty of the Department of Furniture Design to one student per year who demonstrates promise and financial need. 2010, 2011.

Exposé RISD

An exhibition of exceptional student work. 2010

Haystack Fellowship

A professional jury reviews student proposals and selects one student a year to receive a fellowship at the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. 2010.

Honor Student RISD

Awarded to students with a 3.8 GPA or higher upon the recommendation of professors, the department head and the Academic Standing Committee. 2008-present.

Hopkins Visual Arts Scholarship

Awarded to students who "demonstrate community service with a fine arts emphasis." 2008.