

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL PROFILE

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PROFILE OF ANTHONY GILLESPIE

Application for	Design, Brand, Photo, Management, Co-Ord
Current Employment	Acme Direct / Graphics
Availability/Notice Period	One Month

Surname	Gillespie		
First Names	Anthony		
Citizenship	South African		
Identity No	7410105161081		
Gender	Male	Passport Status	Valid
Residing in	Elma Park, Edenvale	Areas to consider	Willing to Relocate
Languages Spoken	English / Afrikaans		
Current Salary	R399 000 Annually		
Expectation	Negotiable		

OVERVIEW

- I have worked at a graphics agency dealing in make-ready to final digital art and platemaking for the litho, flexographic, silkscreen and offset printing industry for the last four years.
- The previous 8 years I have been working at Mondi Packaging, later rebranded to MPact, as Senior Designer.
- My work at MPact mostly consisted of packaging design and make-ready for platemaking for key accounts high-end graphics for the corrugated printing industry specialising in print design, including additional duties consisting of training presentations, planning and costing, as well as corporate design staying within CI specifications.
- I was also responsible for in-departmental Apple Macintosh Software Support as well as providing technical support and training to seven designers after completing my Apple Software Support OS 10.5.8 certification at Core Services in 2008.
- I have 20 years' experience as a graphic designer, mostly in the property, newspaper, packaging and printing industries, pretty good at image reworking, fix-up and recoloring. Intermediate photography skills.
- Have some basic web-design experience and video editing experience using Sony Media Forge, but always happy to learn more.
- Included on my CV is basic skill table on software I generally use for work on a regular basis. Proficient in various other software packages not listed as it is not used on an everyday basis.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Property Week

- Team Player Of The Year 2003

Mondi

- Top 50 all-star award winner within the Mondi Group internationally 2007
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- 5 Year Long Service Awards 2010 – I have been there a bit longer than 5 years already anyways.
- Various of the projects I have been involved in has proceeded to go to final nominations for flexographic excellence awards in the FTSA awards and has on several occasions won both the gold pack and runner up awards for both coated and uncoated flexographic produced projects for 4 years running which also includes some design work that I have done.

ACQUIRED SKILLS / ABILITIES

- Troubleshooting
- Problem-solving
- Analytic Thinking
- Strategic Planning
- Report Writing
- Contract Management
- Change Management
- Performance Management
- Implementation Management
- Training
- Conflict Management
- Project Management
- Project Planning
- Quality Control
- Crisis Management
- Staff Development
- Communication Skills
- Computer Literate
- Customer Service
- Prinergy Server Maintenance
- Sales
- Key Accounts
- Staff Management
- Time Management
- Negotiation
- Report Writing
- Layout
- Logo Design
- Graphic Designing
- Packaging
- Cost Control
- Marketing
- Concept Development
- Adobe Creative Suite

EDUCATION DETAILS

TERTIARY EDUCATION

Qualification	IT National Diploma (Information Technology)	Institution	Technikon SA
Year Passed	1995		

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Highest Grade	Grade 12	Institution	Sasolburg High School
Year Passed	1992		

ADDITIONAL COURSES/ CERTIFICATES

- Apple Software Support
- Adobe Photoshop CS2 Advance
- Proficiency in Digital Photography and Lightroom/Photoshop post-processing.
- Proficiency in Flash Photography
- Completing My Tech Certification 2008.

COMPUTER LITERACY

- MS Office
- Internet & E-Mail
- Esko Tools
- Backstage
- Adobe Suite CSS
- Freehand MX
- PhotoShop CC
- Illustrator CC
- InDesign CC
- Adobe Acrobat
- Adobe Lightroom

CAREER DETAILS

(From most recent)

Name of Employer	Acme Direct / Graphics
Designation / Title	Acme Direct, Repro Specialist, Acme Graphics, Senior Graphic Designer
Period of Employment	February 2015 – Current
Reason for Leaving	Considering Immigration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In January 2015 Acme Graphics requested that I take over the Acme Direct department. Essentially it is a one-man department operating within the sales department that produce printing plates for repro-ready artwork that are uploaded by Acme Direct clients. • Job function are monitoring jobs coming in directly from: • E-mail and Acme Direct upload site. • Costing and planning for these jobs. • Quality checking on supplied artwork, informing clients of any problems with artwork, either correcting artwork if it is small mistakes in artwork, or requesting new artwork from clients if it is major problems. • Prioritising and chasing printing plate production. • Informing account managers and clients if there are any delays in production. • Investigating and following up if there are any queries on Acme Direct jobs. • Scheduling collection, dispatch and delivery of Acme Direct jobs that has been finalised. • Assisting sales and DTP if the time allows, or if there is any extremely urgent Acme Traditional jobs that cannot go through the normal stages of production. 	

Name of Employer	AMCE Graphics
Designation / Title	Graphic Designer
Period of Employment	2012 - 2014
Reason for Leaving	Contract
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final DTP make ready for CTP according to brief specifications and discussion. • Photo colour retouching and deep etching, converting images to spots for offset print, cleaning and enhancing colours where required as well as introducing spot colors in images to make for better colour and print during final production. • DTP and artwork reproduction as necessary. • Offset, Litho, IML, SS, Flexographic Wide web/Narrow web. • Calibration opal tone large format printer. • Tools: Esko Tools, Backstage, Adobe Suite CSS. 	

Name of Employer	Mpact / Mondi Packaging
Designation / Title	Senior Graphic Designer
Period of Employment	2005 - 2012
Reason for Leaving	Headhunted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Account Designer High End Graphics - 2011 - 2012 Costing, Production Planning for printing plates. Project meetings. Creation and administration of online job cards in the admin system. Maintaining daily work schedule and deadlines, informing sales of any delays in projects. High end packaging design, CTP ready-making including traps colour correction/retouching and repro. Customer Liaison. Prinergy Server Maintenance. Keeping abreast on software and hardware related issues and updates and suggesting them were necessary for approval to department manager. • Dtp, Designer, Sr. Designer - February 2005 - July 2011 Vector and photographic packaging design. Design work as needed, advertising, stationary, banners, flyers, corporate, promotional. Redesign and breakdown of customer supplied artwork for various printing processes, specialising in flexographic technical issues. Photography, image scanning/creation, colour adjustment CMYK or spots. Recreating line art illustrations of photos where needed. Software support for in-departmental Mac systems not really requiring ITcall-outs. Maintaining deadlines, targets and admin of projects as required by Quality ISO systems. Repro/Make-ready and outputting of approved jobs to CTP for digital platemaking. Creo Operation - Platemaking, nesting and quality checking when short staffed or running skeleton staff. Providing customer workshops/training where needed informing them of technical issues relating to flexographic printing that may be troublesome when receiving art from art studios. Some planning functions incorporated into general duties. 	

Name of Employer	Property Week (Caxtons)
Designation / Title	Graphic Designer
Period of Employment	2003 - 2005
Reason for Leaving	New Challenge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typesetting • Photo scanning, processing & colour correcting. • Newspaper layout clipping. • Occasional design of layouts calendars new ads & logos • Design of Property Development Show Adverts • Customer Liaison • Format conversion and reworking of supplied artwork from agencies. • Training newcomers where necessary 	

Name of Employer	Taj Printers
Designation / Title	Graphic Designer
Period of Employment	2002 - 2003
Reason for Leaving	New Challenge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design, stripping, imposition, scanning & digital processing, pre-press preparation for magazine and other printing layouts. • Designing flyers, calendars, stationary, newsletters, wedding cards and all things print-related. • Keeping to production schedules. 	

Name of Employer	First Flex
Designation / Title	Graphic Designer
Period of Employment	2001 - 2002
Reason for Leaving	Growth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wraps, corrugated boards, labels etc. according to ISO 9001 standards. • Flexo-friendly design of new packaging material according to ISO 9001 standards. • Pre-press preparation for production of polymer plates when artwork has been approved. • Distortion and die traces of artwork to correct cylinder sizes during pre-press preparation for mounting purposes as well as dot-reduction checking. • Administrative duties in regard to job tracking for ISO 9001 purposes 	

Name of Employer	Mooivaal Media (Naspers)
Designation / Title	Graphic Designer / Photo Retouching / Acting Production Manager
Period of Employment	1996 - 2001
Reason for Leaving	Relocated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of newspaper ads and promotional material. • Pre-press preparation and finalizing of 9 weekly newspapers on deadline. • Compilation/page design of property insert in Ster newspaper. • Troubleshooting when there was a problem with pre-press material supplied by ad agencies. • Standby if there was any problem with material supplied to printers in Industria, at that stage it was done on optical disks. • Training new employees on Win Smalls and compiling classifieds pages when the page designer for that department was absent. • Converting supplied material into the right formats for newspaper printing, litho printing, web publishing etc. • Colour correction and image retouching where needed for digital images. • Writing articles for internal newspaper. • Health and safety representative for my department. <p>ACTING PRODUCTION MANAGER (3 MONTHS BEFORE RESIGNATION) Fulfill the functions of the production manager in the absence of the production manager e.g. meetings, reports, overtime scheduling etc.</p>	

Name of Employer	Papuros Printers
Designation / Title	Freelance Graphic Artist / Sales Rep / Assistant Manager
Period of Employment	1993 – 1996
Reason for Leaving	Contract