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Experienced Graphic / Web / Multimedia Specialist seeking a challenge

Introduction

Designer with 10 years of experience creating printed materials and web sites for private clients and 2 1/2 years in a corporate office. I possess the creative, technical, organizational and communication skills needed to create high quality, unique and effective designs.

Objective

To secure employment in a Graphic Design, Web Design, or related position commensurate with my abilities and experience. It is my goal to find employment where I can serve a long-term role. If performance is rewarded and appreciated, and there is a healthy sense of teamwork within your group, I want to work for you.

Accomplishments

- I have owned and operated my freelance Web Design practice since 1999, authoring and administering over 15 web sites.
- For 2 1/2 years I have supported the Graphic Design needs of TRW Automotive, a Fortune 500 corporation.
- I refurbish computers and sell original artwork to generate income while searching for permanent employment, selling them through my web site and eBay stores.
- When there is no suitable equipment available to serve my particular needs I build my own. To date this includes a custom computer desk and a standing monitor rig that allows me create digital drawings and illustrations from a standing position.
- I held several jobs while attending college to cover the costs of tuition.

Education

Digital fine art degree

Artistic training from this degree enables me to create unique and attractive designs.

(B.A.) Bachelor of Arts, Cyber Art concentration
University of Toledo, Toledo OH
Graduated May 2004 (Attended 1998-2004)

Web design degree

Technical training from this degree helps me to create functional website designs.

(A.A.S.) Associate of Applied Science,
Web Design concentration, graphics elective training
Monroe County Community College, Monroe MI
Graduated April 2005 (attended 2003-2005)

Academic Honors

- University of Toledo Dean's List: Fall 1998, 1999, 2001
- Induction to Golden Key International Honour Society, 2001
- Graduated Cum Laude, University of Toledo, May 8, 2004
- University of Toledo Tower Academic Scholarship, 1998
- University of Toledo Heritage Academic Scholarship, 1999
- University of Toledo Alumni Legacy Honor Scholarship, 2000
- Tillotson Academic Scholarship, Spring 2003

Skills

Computing Skills

Windows 7 and previous, Mac OS X 10.6 and previous
Ability to use, install, configure, and troubleshoot computing hardware, software and OS. Typing speed 35+ WPM

Graphics

PhotoShop, ImageReady, Fireworks, Illustrator, Corel Painter
Ability to scan, import, adjust photos, create custom logos, line art, optimize graphics for print, web, and multimedia.

Print Page Layout

InDesign, QuarkXpress, PageMaker, Acrobat
Ability to design materials for output on offset print press, large format printout, laser and inkjet formats and electronic document format (PDF etc). Knowledgeable in design conventions, various output processes, RGB and CMYK color schemes, and designing with spot color schemes.

Web Design

- DreamWeaver GoLive, FrontPage, Contribute
- Standards-based / accessible HTML coding by hand
- Server Side Includes, XHTML
- CSS-based non-table layout
- Creating multiple appearances for web pages using CSS (i.e. A web page formatted differently for print vs. screen)
- Cross browser / cross device design compatibility
- Converting Photoshop layouts to web
- Optimizing graphics for the Internet
- Creating and deploying web animations and ads
- Customizing and installing pre-made Java Scripts

Web Development

- Updating content with FTP, WebDAV, Dreamweaver
- Designing sites for other users to administer
- Configuring and administering online stores with CMS
- Creating and administering databases via PHPmyAdmin
- Customizing and installing PHP, Perl, and CGI scripts
- Adjusting server permissions, basic Unix commands

Multimedia

Flash, Director. Ability to create and animate interactive web and CD-ROMs. Intermediate level knowledge in video and audio editing.

Office Software

Microsoft Office suite, Apple iWork suite, GroupWise.

Creative Skills

Ability to create designs in a variety of styles. Use of formal design elements. Ability to draw people places and things, intermediate level of photography expertise. Excellent understanding and use of techniques.

Work History

Experience in a firm (2006-2008) TRW Automotive

Worked for TRW Automotive full time on a contract basis through Volt Services. Responsibilities included producing designs for newsletters, reference materials, signage and posters, PowerPoint presentations, promotional materials, online advertisements and interactive CD-ROMs. Additional duties included photographing corporate events etc. Consulted with internal and external clients. Provided tutoring and provided general assistance to other associates.

- *Delivered innovative document, large format printing, signage, website and banner ad designs in-keeping with TRW branding guidelines.*
- *Created standardized design templates for tech show newsletters, resulting in quicker layout turnaround and presenting TRW in a more professional, coordinated light to its' clients.*
- *Built a well-organized library of the collateral materials I developed for other TRW communications department associates to draw from. These include designer's notes, source files and helps.*
- *Tutored members of other departments in the use of design software to edit documents within their departments. This decreased the workload on the corporate communications team and allowed the team to focus on more strategic and critical corporate-wide projects.*
- *Created layout for a tractor trailer vehicle wrap with corporate branding.*

Freelance Design (2001-present)

Designing graphics, printed materials, web sites, and multimedia on a freelance basis. Clients include local colleges, civic and art organizations, and local businesses. (See reference list for contact info) Responsibilities include consulting with clients, project planning and design, and executing projects.

Election Worker / Supervisor

Bedford Township, Michigan (1999-present)

Facilitate public elections in Bedford Township, Michigan by processing paperwork, registering voters, handing out appropriate materials at the polling place, and instructing voters how to properly mark and process ballots. Assisted with voter questions. As a supervisor am also responsible for keeping order, assisting and overseeing other election workers, and ensuring that proper voting procedures are enforced.

Customer Service Representative

Meijer, inc. Toledo, Ohio (2003, 1997-2001)

Duties as a Stock Worker, Cashier, and Grocery Bagger

Customer service Representative

Lifeway, inc. Toledo, Ohio (2002-2005)

Duties as a Cashier and Stock Worker

Notable Freelance Design Projects

The Eyes of the Nation Were on Monroe (2007)

Web Designer, Online Exhibit Curator

Created a web site that served as a supplement to the physical exhibit bearing the same name.

- *Created a visually interesting and easy to navigate online companion site to a special exhibit at a local history museum.*
- *Because of time constraints and the unavailability of authored content for the site, I wrote copy and articles using source materials selected from the exhibit's researcher and editorial staff.*

Monroe in History (2005)

Web Designer, Digital Archivist for historical documents

Monroe County Community College and the Monroe County Historical Society co-sponsored a pilot project to preserve and disseminate historical letters and photographs digitally.

- *Scanned, adjusted, formatted and archived 550+ Civil War era historical documents.*
- *Built an easy to navigate web site that catalogs these images while creating interest.*

Arts Commission of Greater Toledo (2004)

Web Designer

ACGT had an urgent deadline to post a 6 page micro-site for an upcoming exhibit. The URL for the site was scheduled to print in a newspaper story in two days.

- *36 hour turnaround helped the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo to keep its' commitment.*

Flatlanders Sculpture Supply / Art Galleries (2002-present)

Web Designer, Site Administrator, Technical Advisor

Created a web site for a sculpture supply and art gallery in Blissfield, Michigan. I remain the technical advisor and assist with major additions and alterations to the site.

- *Created an initial web site for Flatlanders. This site included information listed in its' existing print catalog. This increased awareness of Flatlanders' business and generated new referrals to the business (2003)*
- *Redesigned site to include listings of art shows to be held at the galleries, calls for artists, and related information. This helped to drive sales, interest in the galleries and also documented the work shown. (2004)*
- *Complete redesign of Flatlanders web site using an aggressive CSS-based design for easier adjustments to the site's look and feel, resulting in much lower overhead costs for updating the site (2007)*
- *Added online store functionality to Flatlanders web site, increasing sales (2008)*
- *Provided site content updates with little advance notice and turnaround times of less than 24 hours, often within several hours. (2003- 2008). This increases the usefulness of the site for posting time sensitive information*
- *Redeveloped site so it could be updated with Adobe Contribute, a template-enabled content management system for non-technical users. This allows his secretaries to update site content (2009)*