

Design • Illustration • Photography • Video • Customer Service

Technical Skills

- 20 years experience as a well rounded graphic designer/illustrator/problem solver creating collateral items, **logos**, **brochures**, **posters**, **package design**, **book covers** plus **digital** and **freehand illustrations**.
- Programs used: Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, (Adobe CS5), Quark, Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Office.
- 5 years experience in web design using Dreamweaver.
- Skilled with photo retouching, manipulation and enhancing using Photoshop.
- Ability to create animated web banners using Adobe ImageReady.
- Comprehensive knowledge of digital file preparation and output for prepress.
- Excellent eye for detail plus high level of accuracy in proofreading.
- Exceptional photography skills with ability to capture high-quality photos of products, people, architecture, etc.
- Highly skilled with **traditional art** mediums: watercolor, pencil, marker, etc.

Organizational Skills

- Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously meeting required deadlines.
- Organized, color corrected, reformatted and cataloged over 1500 digital images for medical supply company's online catalog making work flow smoother for internal employees.
- Excellent organizational skills as **Art Director**, coordinating freelance designers, illustrators and sound engineers.

People Skills

- Excellent people skills as **Art Director**, communicating with freelance designers, illustrators, photographers and sound engineers.
- Talent Search skills: Auditioned candidates for voice-over work, hiring and co-producing various audio books.
- Worked at numerous trade shows in major cities, speaking with potential customers by **promoting** and **selling** products.
- Professional and courteous customer service skills showing interest, patience and helpfulness.

Additional Experience

- Video editing: Comprehensive knowledge and use of iMovie/iDVD software (MacIntosh)
- Audio: Comprehensive understanding/usage of professional sound recording equipment: ProTools, Garage Band, Audicity (for mastering) AudioLobe, mic placement, equalization as well as using analog recording equipment.
- Conceptual design, construction and painting large scale scenics for conventions, trade shows and plays.
- Operated large quantity, full color disc printing of CD /DVDs (typically 1000+ discs per job), maintaining consistent print quality.

Awards and Recognition

- iParenting Media Awards 2006-2007 Winner of prestigious consumer awards for 4 illustrated books.
- The Communicator Awards 2004-2006, Winner of international competition for 4 audio/story books.
- 1st place winner of national competition for short video titled "Wild Africa" on DVD, produced from original footage filmed while traveling in Africa.
- Winner of world-wide photo competition for original photo taken in **Egypt** and submitted to Intrepid Travel-New Zealand. Photo printed in company travel catalog and on company website.

Employment

- 7/08 Present Freelance graphic design and photography Nashville, TN / Boise, ID / Las Vegas
- 5/07 7/08 Graphics Coordinator / Designer Sifford Video Services/VSG Inc. Nashville, TN
- 11/06 5/07 Freelance graphic design and photography Nashville, TN
- 2/99 11/06 Book Illustrator/Graphic Designer Toy Box Productions / Custom Products, Inc. Whites Creek, TN
- 5/98 2/99 Graphic Designer Sound Impressions, Inc Nashville, TN
- 6/97 5/98 Freelance graphic design and photography Nashville, TN
- 1/94 6/97 Art Director Lifetime Classics, Inc. Nashville, TN

Life Passions

- Creating music for iPhone/iPad games. (available on iTunes)
- 10 yrs service with 'Big Brothers, Big Sisters' mentor program demonstrating dependability, patience and compassion.
- World travel visiting 6 continents and numerous countries.