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OBJECTIVE

Freelance graphic/web designer and photographer seeking challenging, team-oriented, long-term position utilizing his passions and abilities.

SKILLS

- Over 8 years professional experience in graphic and web design; over 6 years in photography and print media production.
- Able to develop web designs by hand using standards-compliant XHTML/CSS. Able to develop specialized sites geared for specific needs (i.e. visual impairment, mobile devices, backwards compatibility)
- Experience with Document Object Model (DOM) to create dynamic content on web sites. Basic knowledge of JavaScript and PHP.
- Extremely capable in professional design software i.e. Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and Quark as well as Microsoft Office suite.
- Equally comfortable in Mac or PC environments. Experience with Mac OS X, Windows and Linux platforms.

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Team Member, Châteauguay Theatre Project, Châteauguay, QC — October 2006–May 2007

Contact: Laurie Forget, lforget.cvespa@bellnet.ca

On a team of 10 people, produced and performed original theatre productions, music and creative projects.

- Wrote and assisted script development and original music production
- Took photos and designed press kits and promotional material
- Constructed and sourced stage sets, props and costumes
- Designed scenery and transitions for a 'digital set'
- Studied lines, blocking and choreography, rehearsed and acted in productions
- Received theatre acting and stage voice/musical training
- Toured primary schools across Quebec performing a children's play and performed a reality-based musical play

Web Designer, 10 Point 10 Media, Los Angeles, CA — February–May 2006

As part of a small team, developed designs for commercial websites for clients in industries such as web broadcasting and film.

- Wrote HTML and CSS by hand to strict and specific compatibility standards.
- Gained experience in configuring, customizing and maintaining sites driven by content management systems (CMS) such as WordPress and Coranto

Graphic Designer and Assistant, R&D Consulting, Montreal-West, QC — January 2005–January 2006

Contact: Ron Moroney, 514.482.2227

Part-time position serving small- to medium-size business clients, local, nationwide and in the United States.

- Produced commercial designs (stationery, newsletters, posters, packaging) for offset and digital printing
- Maintained computers, file servers, wired and wireless local area network
- Learned to use large-format digital printers and arrange documents and designs for proofing and prepress

Web Designer/Developer, Seven Seas Entertainment, Los Angeles, CA — November 2004–September 2006

Contact: Adam Arnold, omega@animefringe.com; URL: <http://gomanga.com/>

Created the web site for a new comic book company, maintained and revised the design as a part-time position.

- Developed company's web presence from the ground up
- Produced dynamic book preview system and image galleries using PHP, JavaScript and DOM
- Subcontracted PHP programmers for backend and a flash animation specialist to provide animated content

Graphic and Web Designer, Digital Dreamcatchers, Kahnawake, QC — March 2003–March 2005

Contact: Sharon Cross, 450.638.8890

Clientele consisted of small businesses and individuals in the native community of Kahnawake.

- Designed and developed small personal and commercial websites
- Produced, edited and converted digital video
- Arranged product photo shoots and performed photo scanning, retouching and formatting

Reporter and Production Assistant, The Eastern Door, Kahnawake, QC — May–August 2002

Contact: Kenneth Deer, 450.635.3050

Received position through a summer student employment program. Newspaper issues were produced weekly.

- Wrote news and interest articles, conducted interviews, took news photos
- Designed newspaper advertisements
- Filed, faxed, answered phones and performed various office tasks

Senior Design Editor/Team Member, Animefringe Magazine — January 2000–December 2005

Contact: Adam Arnold, omega@animefringe.com; URL: <http://animefringe.com/>

Co-founder and member of a volunteer team producing a non-profit monthly online magazine. All articles were proofread and corrected by an editing team for facts, spelling and grammar. Issues were released monthly.

- Designed website, covers and graphics, including custom colour schemes for each new issue
- Wrote and proofread articles, conducted interviews
- Coordinated and periodically updated issue production process with goals of maximum quality and efficiency
- Produced templates and guidelines for article consistency
- Maintained web server
- Assisted new staff members

Freelance Graphic Design, Web Development and Design, Photography — 1999–present

Undertook assignments for various clients, ranging from corporate to the individual.

- Designed, coordinated development and maintained commercial, personal and creative portfolio websites
- Organized teams to undertake special or complex projects, acting as both project coordinator and designer; subcontracted advanced PHP and JavaScript programmers to develop custom web site features
- Converted Photoshop mockups made by other designers into working web designs
- Designed logos, promotional and printed media including business cards, flyers, posters and advertising
- Acted as print broker for clients, arranging print runs through business connections for best quality and price
- Organized and undertook photo shoots, scanning and retouching
- Provided web presence consulting

E D U C A T I O N

Dawson College, Montreal, QC — Completed 1 year in Visual Arts program, 2004

Howard S. Billings High School, Châteauguay, QC — Graduated 2001