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HELLO! I'm an innovative Art Director known for spearheading futuristic brand experiences, campaigns, and digital designs. Leveraging a BFA in Design and Photography, I've collaborated with iconic brands like PacSun, Taco Bell, and 5.11 Tactical, demonstrating strategic ideation and empathy-driven leadership. Embracing the ethos of being a "jack of all trades," my diverse background in photography, design, fashion, videography, and fine art enriches my ability to foster extensively creative brand campaigns. Beyond work, I'm a hobbyist who enjoys Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, skateboarding, pickleball, and scriptwriting. *Cheers!*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TACO BELL® 2020 - PRESENT

ART DIRECTOR

- Led large brand experiences (ex. Big A** Mexican Pizza Launch Party).
- Redesigned core uniforms.
- Led a team of creatives to create successful projects and campaigns.
- Demonstrated strategic thinking and ideation in developing compelling brand visions.
- Art directed extensive campaigns (ex. Crocs collab, Dragon Paradise launch, etc.).
- Created award-winning digital designs (ex. W3 Awards 2021).

PACSUN® (VIA DOMESTIC CONCEPTION) -------2019 - 2020

FREELANCE APPAREL DESIGNER

- Translated the provided mood board clothing concepts in line with Pacsun's trend.
- Presented the graphics to Pacsun for consideration.
- Pacsun selected the designs they wanted to proceed with after the presentation.

ART DIRECTOR

- Rebranded Fullerton Free including look & feel, logo, website, app, and signage.
- Lead the creative team through all art initiatives.
- Art directed for design, photography, film, installations, and creative arts.

FREELANCE 2014 - PRESENT

ART DIRECTOR + DESIGNER + PHOTOGRAPHER

- Collaborated with brands including FashionNova, Pacsun, 5.11 Tactical, and Black Diamond in freelance art direction, design, and photography.
- Provided creative expertise to bands such as SWMRS, King Shelter, and Fake Parents, as well as various local companies and non-profits.
- Offered professional photography services to Selkirk, a leading brand in the pickleball industry.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Majors: Design and Photography Biola University

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING CERTIFICATION

HubSpot

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Campaign Ideation
- Concept Development
- Team Leadership
- Visual Storytelling
- Branding Strategy
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Figma

GALLUP STRENGTHS

- 1. Futuristic
- 2. Ideation
- 3. Strategic
- 4. Relator
- 5. Empathy