Resumé

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Objective

Seeking full-time employment as a Brand Designer.

Capabilities Personality

Brand & Identity Design DISC Profile: S/C Logo Design Enneagram: 9w1

Brand Guidelines Working Genius: Wonder/Invention

UX/UI Design

Web Design Dedicated to craft

Print Sets a high bar for quality

Packaging Detail oriented

Typography Team player, no ego

Illustration Positive, creative thinker

Layout Dependable, reliable, and loyal

Concepting Committed to lifelong learning

Strategy Driven, hungry, and scrappy

Brand Naming Highly organized

Tooling

Highly proficient in Adobe illustrator
Highly proficient in Figma
Highly proficient in Adobe Photoshop
Experienced in Adobe InDesign
Fundamental skills in Blender and C4D
Fundamental skills in Adobe AfterEffects

Work Experience

Brand & UI Designer at Focus Lab May 2020 - October 2023

Led countless brand and web projects, always two simultaneously, and owned the work from start to finish. Each project involved strategic thinking, concepting, and the crafting of original design directions. With each project, I met weekly with C-level executives, VPs of marketing, and founders. We worked through an iterative process which entailed client meetings on Tuesdays and we delivered new work every Friday. We'd deliver a PDF presentation with written rationale and present it in a Loom video. Once identity elements were approved, we'd work to create assets, brand guidelines, and production pieces. As part of the design team, I was active in weekly critique sessions, as well as asynchronous Slack messages, to ensure our work was of the highest quality. I was a part of bi-weekly team meetings to identify, discuss, and solve improvements to process.

Work Experience (cont'd)



UI Designer at Lewis Communications October 2016 - May 2020

In 2016, my employer, Caddis Interactive, was acquired to work as the digital team for Lewis Communications, a full-service, kind of old-school ad agency based out of Birmingham, AL. With the acquisition, my role switched from that of being a swiss-army type of designer to one more focused on work in the digital space. As part of the UX/UI team at Lewis, I worked to design client websites, with an emphasis on design thinking, user experiences, and I let visual design be the icing on the cake. In this role, I worked on dozens of different projects including web design from scratch, campaign landing pages, redesigns, and even some product design work. In doing so, I helped hone in our team's process and approach to not only producing pixel-perfect comps but also our approach to project management, internal review, and client presentation.

Designer at Caddis Interactive January 2016 - October 2016

In late 2015, I reached out to Caddis Interactive, based in Franklin, TN about an internship opening they had posted on Dribbble. Sparing you the long of it, after couple of interviews, I got the spot and started the first week of 2016. I joined a great team comprised of 3 other designers and after a few months of work, I earned a full-time spot on the team. At Caddis, I took care of the odds-and-ends of various branding projects, handling a lot of print production work, and even a couple of different web projects of my own, client presentations included.

Freelance Graphic Designer April 2011 - Present

With humble beginnings, I started working with several friends and colleagues in college while finishing up my degree. Post-graduation, many of them went on to work for churches that could pay for my work. Eventually, those same friends went on to refer me to others, growing my client base. Through the years, I've created design content across all disciplines for print and web, including but not limited to: branding and identity design, logo design, newsletters, publications, presentation slides, event promotion materials, brochues, business cards, t-shirts, web banners, social media assets, etc. Additionally, beyond the design work, I handle all client relationships and communication, as well as manage estimates, invoicing, and finances. Lately, over the last several years, I've had the ability to focus my efforts, being more selective and only working on brand & identity projects.

Education & Additional Information

B.S. Degree in Bible, Emphasis in Youth MinistryMay 2012Freed-Hardeman University

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Education & Additional Information (cont'd)

Eagle Scout
June 2008
Boy Scouts of America

As a Boy Scout, I led peers in multiple leadership roles, eventually completing all of the merit badges and requirements necessary to earn the Eagle Scout badge, something less than 2% of those involved in the Scouts go on to do. I also served with the Order of the Arrow, a special service organization within the BSA.

References

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