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EDUCATION

May 2007: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

WORK EXPERIENCE

Web Designer, Conceptual Artist for the Astronomy Department at the University of Illinois (October 2007-May 2008)
Create logo and website for the cosmology project PICO (<http://cosmos.astro.uiuc.edu/pico>).
Redesign cosmologyathome.org, a distributed computing initiative.
Create subject-driven illustrations for cosmology lectures.

Art Director, Photographer, Writer for Buzz Magazine (www.the217.com) a local arts/culture weekly (January-September 2007)
Oversee and contribute to all steps of magazine production, from early brainstorming meetings to final edits.
Carry out journalistic research. Write engaging narratives for publication. Photograph a wide array of events and people. Work in studio on photo-illustrations. Direct a complete redesign of the magazine.

Layout Designer and Illustrator at Buzz Magazine (March 2005-September 2007)
Produce dynamic magazine layouts. Adhere to established styles, formats, and weekly deadlines.
Edit photographs, create original drawings, collages, and eye-catching magazine covers.

Print/Web Designer at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (May 2006-May 2007)
Design web pages for upcoming conferences and online feature articles. Create three-dimensional models to be used in Google Earth. Create information graphics, posters, and brochures for various internal clients and initiatives.

Print/Web Designer for 9th Letter (ninthletter.com), a literature & arts magazine published by the Graphic Design and English Departments at the University of Illinois (August 2005-May 2006)
Work with digital and analog media to produce a graphically stunning, award winning magazine that synthesizes print and image. Work in Apple Final Cut Studio, Adobe Flash, Dreamweaver, and AfterEffects to produce interactive Internet content.

Animator (June 2005-April 2006)
Use experimental animation and rotoscoping techniques to produce the pilot episode of a new zombie cartoon for Adult Swim on Cartoon Network.

SKILLS

Adobe CS3, Apple Final Cut Studio, Quark XPress, Microsoft Office, photography, drawing, painting, writing (expository/argumentative). Musical performance (violin, guitar, drums, keyboard, vocals).

AWARDS

- » Buzz Magazine awarded General Excellence Award for non-dailies with a circulation over 4,000 by the Illinois College Press Association (2007).
- » Ninth Letter awarded a UCDA Gold Medal (2005) for Complete Unit Design.
- » Ninthletter.com selected as a finalist in the "art category" of the South by Southwest Interactive Competition.
- » Ninth Letter selected for Best Publication Design at 2005 Chaamps: a Celebration of White Space; Ninth Letter also selected as best of show for the entire competition.
- » Ninth Letter selected as Best New Literary Journal of 2005 by the Council of Editors of Learned Journals, Modern Language Association.

EXHIBITS

- » 2007 Graphic Design Exhibition at the iSpace Gallery in Chicago, Illinois.
- » 2007 Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition at Krannert Art Museum, at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- » 2007 Hip Hop Dezyne Exhibition at the Illini Union Art Gallery, at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

LANGUAGES

Bilingual (Russian and English)

REFERENCES

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