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Creative & Design Director

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Creative and Design Director with 15+ years of experience leading brand strategy, creative operations, and integrated marketing initiatives across global, multi-brand organizations. Proven ability to translate business objectives into compelling visual systems that drive brand consistency, revenue growth, and audience engagement. Expert in managing cross-functional teams, optimizing creative workflows, and delivering high-impact 360° campaigns across digital, print, experiential, and social channels. Trusted partner to senior leadership, marketing executives, and external agencies.

Core Competencies & Expertise

- Creative & Design Leadership
- Brand Strategy & Governance
- Integrated 360° Marketing Campaigns
- Digital, Print & Experiential Design
- Cross-functional Team Leadership
- Stakeholder & Executive Collaboration
- Project & Resource Management
- Vendor & Agency Management
- Web, Landing Page, UX/UI Design

Professional Experience

CMA Results – East Windsor, NJ (Hybrid)

Creative Director | 2024 – Present

Own creative strategy across digital, print, social, and video platforms, incorporating AI-enabled tools as needed to accelerate ideation and execution, partnering with leadership to align creative output with business priorities.

Key Achievements

- Directed end-to-end creative development for integrated marketing campaigns and led the creation of a new design across three magazines, resulting in increased reader engagement and improved on-time delivery rates by 10%.
- Optimized creative intake and archiving workflows, reducing turnaround times by 10% and expanding team capacity without additional headcount.
- Directed brand storytelling post-rebrand, ensuring 100% visual and messaging consistency across editorial, digital, and customer-facing channels.
- Provide creative leadership through collaboration, influence, and hands-on execution across cross-functional teams.

Anywhere Real Estate, Inc. – Madison, NJ (Remote)

Creative & Design Manager | 2020 – 2024

Directed creative strategy for international real estate brands Better Homes and Gardens® Real Estate and ERA® Real Estate, partnering with the CMO and agencies to deliver integrated print, digital, and social campaigns. Led end-to-end creative execution for sales, product, event, and 360° brand initiatives while optimizing resources to improve service levels and reduce costs.

Key Achievements

- Led creative design & strategies across 3 global brands (CENTURY 21®, Better Homes and Gardens® Real Estate, ERA® Real Estate), supporting thousands of agents across multiple markets.
- Reduced creative spend by 5% through agency and workflow optimization while improving service levels.
- Streamlined submission and archiving processes, cutting turnaround time by 15% and increasing asset reuse by 20%.
- Delivered high-impact print and digital graphics, driving increased gains in campaign engagement.

MC² Brand Experience – Paramus, NJ

Senior Graphic Designer | 2015 – 2020

Delivered experiential, tradeshow, and large-scale brand environments for global clients including Lexus, Toyota, and Motorola Solutions.

Key Achievements

- Designed and managed experiential projects with budgets exceeding \$1M, contributing to long-term client retention and repeat engagements.
- Engineered 53' tractor-trailer design display for the Lexus Racing Program, supporting national tours and increasing consumer engagement at live events.

- Led creative design and production management for Lexus Racing Pavilion, helping secure consecutive contract renewals.
- Developed high-impact tradeshow and lifestyle environments that increased brand visibility and audience interaction at major industry events for Toyota.
- Developed creative design for Motorola Solutions tradeshow initiatives, elevating brand presence and engagement across internal and external audiences.

KPMG, LLP (Management Consulting) – Montvale, NJ

Senior Graphic Designer | 2014 — 2015

Supported management consulting initiatives through high-quality creative solutions across digital and print platforms.

Key Achievements

- Produced integrated 360° campaigns including HTML emails, interactive PDFs, UI assets, whitepapers, and infographics.
- Won the 2015 American Inhouse Design Award for event invitations and materials for the U.S. Cross-Border Tax Conference in Miami, FL.
- Led design for proposals, presentations, and sales materials while maintaining strict brand compliance.

MC² Brand Experience, Chestnut Ridge, NY

Graphic Designer | 2009 — 2014

Developed high-impact proposals and client presentations, managing production with internal and external vendors to deliver innovative design solutions for Canon, Bloomberg, and Caterpillar.

Key Achievements

- Assisted with Canon's internal tradeshow program, providing on-site support for multiple annual events, ensuring consistent brand execution and operational efficiency.
- Conceptualized and delivered "The Kobe Bryant Gymnasium" experiential environment, transforming large-scale interior spaces through historic photo montages and custom graphics, increasing internal engagement and brand storytelling impact.
- Expanded Bloomberg's internal tradeshow program across 30 business units, designing modular structures and high-impact graphics that improved brand visibility and cross-department alignment.
- Advanced Caterpillar's brand visibility across construction, resource, and transportation markets through high-impact tradeshow design and production initiatives.

Additional Experience

Freelance Graphic Designer — Rutgers School of Nursing

Freelance Graphic Designer — Seton Hall University

Freelance Graphic Designer — Fort Group Inc.

Education

Bachelor of Arts — Seton Hall University

Certificate in Web Design

Technical Skills

- **Design & Creative Tools:** Adobe Creative Cloud (Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, Premiere, Acrobat, XD)
- **Web & Digital:** WordPress, CMS, Adobe Experience Manager, CSS, HTML5
- **Collaboration & PM:** Canva, Asana, Figma, Box, Dropbox, CADtools, Perfect Resize, Sharefile
- **Business Tools:** PowerPoint, Teams, Excel, Word, Outlook, SharePoint, OneDrive
- **AI Tools:** ChatGPT, Gemini, Midjourney

Awards & Recognitions

- American Inhouse Design Award (2015)