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**EDUCATION**

BA in Visual Communication with an Emphasis in Multimedia Design 2004

Adobe® Certified Expert (ACE) Photoshop VII 2004

Quark Certification 1999

**EMPLOYMENT**

2000-Present *Freelance Graphic Artist/ Art Director*

*I have created a variety of freelance graphic work for web and print. I have worked on everything from full-commerce websites, to print advertisements, to CD-ROM's. I also assist my clients after the design process and help them finish thier job by setting them up with vendors and printers that are dependable. Recently, I set up and initiated a fully functional art department for a large screenprinting company setting up new offices in the Chicagoland area.*

2003-2006, 2007-Present *Art Director, Raza Communications - Chicago*

*I am involved in the creation and production implementation of all phonecard products, POP, and print and commercial advertisements, as well as front-end design of several e-commerce websites. I handle the design & ordering of all printed material, including signage, phonecards, POP, vehicle wraps, tradeshow displays, and brochures. I have become affluent in several programming languages, including ASP and some understanding of the Microsoft .NET framework. One of my more notable achievements is that I researched and located a new vendor for our in-house cards, saving the company over \$240,000 a year.*

2006-2007 *Senior Graphic Designer, Cormark Inc. - Chicago*

*I currently create graphics for POP displays for major chains across the US such as Home Depot and Foot Locker. I also set up prototype and presentation boards for clients and pre-flight all incoming files for press and digital print. I work side-by-side with project managers and engineers to develop displays based on client ideas. I also created and maintain the company website and subsidiary sites.*

2003 *Graphic Designer, Grace Printing - Chicago*

*I was involved in the design and production of various printed materials, including magazine and newspaper advertisements, corporate identity packages, food branding, logo design, brochure design, and more. I set up files for output using current printing techniques including, but not limited to: typesetting, trapping, color separations, bleeds, screens, etc. I was also client liason and sales person, dealing with walk-in traffic, and general office duties.*

1999-2003 *Digital Media Specialist, Fast Signs- Downtown Chicago*

*I participated in the design and supervision of many different types of advertisement and print projects, including billboards, tradeshow and informational displays, publications and building graphics. I aquired heavy experience in file conversion, as well as photo manipulation and digital re-creation. I worked with both Macintosh and Windows OS, running several different printers, including a fifty-three inch Hewlett- Packard Design Jet 3500, HP5500, and a Millennium 590 ribbon printer, as well as varioussmall format printers. I also acted as Network Administrator, managing the office's computer system and troubleshooting software and hardware problems.*

**SKILLSET INCLUDES:**

In-depth understanding of printing techniques including, but not limited to: trapping, bleeds, spot colors, screenprinting, four color process, litho printing and large format printing.

Also well versed in all aspects of the following: multimedia web development, newspaper and catalog layouts, sign system design, GUI design, industrial design, POP design and collateral design.

**PROFICIENT WITH:**

Adobe Creative Suite 3, Javascript, HTML, XML and some ASP, PHP, FlashScript and Microsoft .NET experience. Microsoft Office Suite, Gerber Graphics Advantage Omega, Corel Draw 11, 3D Studio Max 6.

Linux, Mac 10 and Windows Vista OS proficient, and knowledgeable in network administration and computer repair.

**Past Clients**

Astra Zeneca

Baird & Warner

Chicago Park District

Con Agra Foods

Embassy Suites

Epitaph Records

Greater North Michigan Avenue Association

Indian Garden

Make It Records

Noon O Kabab

Pepper Construction

Raza Communications

Tampa Boatyards

Victory Records