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Work Experience

Multimedia Specialist

Aurora, CO
Sep 2017 - Present

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As a Multimedia Specialist who possesses an active Top Secret/SCI clearance, I continue my Senior Graphic Designer II roles of designing and creating artwork or graphics for print, electronic products, exhibits, and displays - but now add animation and video production capabilities to my customers requested product line.

Utilizing my proficiency in Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere, After Effects, Lightroom, Animate, and Final Cut Pro X, I regularly provide operational, training, and documentation (b-roll) footage to customers to help take very complex stories within the Intelligence Community (IC) and turn them into understandable final products for a wide variety of personnel within the IC, military organizations, and senior decision makers. These products incorporate video interviews, manipulated graphics, and animations for effective impact and feature manipulated audio, sound effects, and music production using industry standard best practices.

I also maintain audio, video, photography, and lighting equipment (ZOOM H4N, Sony FS7, Canon Mark iii, Canon Mark iV, and additional video production tools), establish proper lighting for interview and green screen settings, and provide customers with final rendered products that will play optimally on a wide variety of computer systems and networks.

In addition, I promote the above productions, upcoming facility events, and strategic communication messaging through digital signage development where I use static graphics, kinetic typography, and animated elements to emphasize key aspects of this messaging.

Senior Graphic Designer II

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Aurora, CO
May 2013 - Sep 2017

As a Senior Graphic Designer II, I design and/or create artwork or graphics for print, electronic products, exhibits, and displays. I also analyze customer requirements and design communication campaigns and strategies, integrating text, computer graphics, conventional art, photographs, and other media into effective end products for the customer.

In addition, I keep up to date with the latest design, illustration, and photography technology and trends utilizing software such as such as Adobe Creative Cloud, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Flash, Animate, Dreamweaver, and Lightroom.

In 2016, I was an ICy Award finalist for a 3-D Anaglyph photograph I had taken of a C-5 Galaxy military transport aircraft. I was also presented an ICy award for a Primary Data Path infograph that I developed for the Aerospace Data Facility Colorado (ADF-C). The ICy Awards receives over 400+ submissions of media related products per year, so being honored for my work has been a career highlight.

Education

Bachelor's Degree

Platt College

Aurora, CO
Sep 2006 - Jul 2009

Bachelor's Degree in Advanced Interactive Computer Graphic Design.

Qualifications

Certificates and Awards

• Bachelor's Degree in Interactive Computer Graphic Design
• Top Secret/SCI clearance with the Department of Defense
• Adobe Certification in Premiere
• Ledet Certification in Adobe After Effects
• ICy Award Winner in Infograph Design
• ICy Award Finalist for Photo Manipulation
• Boulder Digital Arts Certification in Video Production

Accomplishments

Produced quarterly National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Ops Update video productions highlighting real-world events and how the Intelligence Community (IC) plays a direct role in keeping our nation safe. Several are considered to be the most widely viewed productions throughout the IC.

Assisted in the development of Inside the Mission, an NRO video production documenting the last Delta IV Heavy reconnaissance satellite to be launched from Vandenberg Space Force Base.

Designed the launch campaign materials for NROL-55, which included posters, banners, floor stickers, digital signage, and web graphics.

Designed the Navy Information Operations Command Colorado (NIOC) official seal and coin that is now featured on official US Navy military uniforms.

Received an ICy Award for the development of a Data Path infograph along with being an ICy Award finalist for the photo manipulation of a C-5 Galaxy in transport.

Application Proficiency

Mac and PC Formats
Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere, After Effects, Lightroom, and Animate)
Final Cut Pro X
Microsoft Office Suite