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About Me

I grew up in Colorado Springs and then attended college in Fort Collins. I have lived in Japan (amazing) and Italy (amazing and delicious) as an art-teacher. I've had a great time learning new skills and having the possibility to work with big-name clients. I have been doing 2D cartoons in my free-time and they have been just way too much fun. I love comics, anime, road bikes, cars, coffee, reading and drawing.

Work Experience

Crispin, Porter & Bogusky – Interactive Digital Artist – May 2008 - Current

I Designed and Created web page elements in a deadline-driven (insane at times) fast-paced environment. CP+B employs some amazing industry-leaders; I created work for Volkswagen, Microsoft, American Express, Old Navy and Best Buy. It demands many late-nighters and weekends to produce work at the high calibre expected. It is hectic, fast, fun, stressful, amazing, horrible, and invigorating at the same time. I am only 30% insane from it... not bad.

Freelance Illustrator/Animator – August 2004 - Current

Being fully-employed affords me the luxury of being picky. I do storyboards and backgrounds for Clients at CP+B (my current employer) but also for Fox Searchlight and Snowy Mountain Publishers on my own time. I've animated TV spots for Water-Valley and Dingo Travel.

Memolink – Web Designer – August 2005 - December 2005

My first design job where I created web banners and other various elements. It taught me HTML and office skills such as water-cooler chatting, and making bad coffee on the fly, but also so many super-crucial design basics for how to run a personal workflow. Great first stint.

Wirestone – Intern – January 2005 - July 2005

This was a great internship where I learned real-world design under the close-eyes of art directors for clients Hewlett Packard and Jack Daniels (sadly, no free-samples). This was probably the best design house in Fort Collins (GO RAMS!)

Colorado State University Printing and Publications – Intern – May 2003 - December 2005

Wow, so long ago. My very first internship where I learned such amazingly-advanced things such as marquee tool, type tool and 'save for web'. I actually worked here as a sophomore which was pretty good for a design major. Fun times learning the basics.

Technical Knowledge

I am an expert in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator.

I am knowledgeable with XHTML, CSS and javascript.

I also know Adobe After Effects and Indesign and am decent in flash and writing HTML/CSS.

I can draw really really well too.

Education

Colorado State University

Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts concentration in Graphic Design and Drawing – May 2005