SARA DELAHAN

CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION

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SKILLS HIGHLIGHTS

GRAPHICS/PRINT...

Photo retouching, color-correction, technical illustration, brand consistency, version control, digital asset management, pre-flight checking, page layout, typesetting, style-sheets, proofreading, copyediting

WEB/MULTIMEDIA...

Presentations, video editing, front-end web development, transcoding, media deployment/publishing, content management population

GENERAL...

Solid oral and written communication skills, excellent troubleshooting and problem solving abilities, creative thinking, spreadsheets, logistics, resource management, workflow systems, checklists, archiving systems, social media, Macintosh expert, PC capable, in touch with emerging technologies, a quick and avid learner

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

City of Seattle, Department of Transportation (SDOT)—Seattle, WA

TEMPORARY SENIOR PUBLIC RELATIONS DESIGN SPECIALIST—Dec. 2012 to Feb. 2013

 Design: Created design solutions from concept to finished product including brochures, maps, collateral materials, public displays, etc. for all SDOT divisions.

creativeLIVE—Seattle, WA (an online training company, specializing in design and photography)

VIDEO EVENT PRODUCER — Sep. 2009 to Jan. 2011

- Design and Web: Created and organized promotional icons, banners, and ads for the website. Updated the website on a regular basis to promote upcoming courses. Prepared HTML email using MailChimp. Assisted in the migration to a content management system.
- Project Management: Created/maintained spreadsheets, documentation, and naming
 conventions for event management, video project workflow, web graphics, and the
 online chat room. Coordinated equipment, vendors, sponsors and crews of up to
 40 people (including models, contractors, sponsors, students, and volunteers) for
 video workshop events.
- Social Media: Promoted events via Twitter and email. Researched hashtags and mailing lists to reach targeted audiences of photographers, designers, developers, etc. Served as liaison and spokesperson for online students by interpreting chat room and other user-submitted questions for the instructor.
- Video: Prepared class video recordings for online distribution, including editing, transcoding, and uploading, and archiving.

<u>BEHRINGER</u>—Bothell, WA (an audio equipment manufacturer)

INTERACTIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION—Sep. 2008 to Mar. 2009

- Multimedia and Web: Produced and edited video and Flash presentations on tight deadlines for use on the company's website and in trade show presentations. Prepared web banner ads. Assisted in the migration to a content management system.
- Image Editing: Color-corrected and manipulated product photography.
- Research: Sourced vendors, software, and equipment for recommended purchase.

DIRECT MAIL DESIGN—Seattle, WA

PRINT PRODUCTION SPECIALIST — Dec. 2007 to Sep. 2008

 Photo Editing: Built Photoshop composite files, provided color correction, and performed extensive image manipulation.

SOFTWARE SKILLS-ADVANCED

GRAPHICS

Adobe InDesign

Adobe Photoshop

Adobe Illustrator

Adobe Lightroom

OuarkXPress

ArcReader (GIS)

PRE-PRESS

Pitstop Pro

FlightCheck

Adobe Acrobat

OFFICE

Microsoft Word

Microsoft PowerPoint

Microsoft Excel

Google Docs

Keynote

WEB

Adobe Dreamweaver WordPress

VIDEO

Final Cut Studio

EDUCATION

GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

Degree – Associate in Arts

Certificate – Commercial Music / Recording Arts: Recording Arts Option

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON COURSES (TOWARDS BACHELOR'S IN COMMUNICATION)

Intro to Mass Communication
Intro to Linguistics

ADDITIONAL

Attended numerous seminars, workshops, and classes covering a variety of creative media topics, such as web development, multimedia, Photoshop, etc.

At creativeLIVE, assisted the instructor with communication to an online audience of photographers, graphic designers, programmers, etc.

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- Print Production: Worked closely with designers and clients to translate sketches and layouts into print-ready mechanicals.
- File Management: Built complex style sheets, templates, and folder structure in order to layout high-end marketing catalogs of over 100 pages.

IMAGINE COLOR SERVICE—Seattle, WA

FREELANCE PHOTO RETOUCHER — Jun. 2007 to Nov. 2007

- *Image Editing*: Modified electronic images for print and web, based upon client instructions, including extensive cloning, compositing, and image repair.
- Color Correction: Corrected for "pleasing color" and color-planner instructions.

J&L DIGITAL IMAGE—Seattle, WA

PRE-PRESS SPECIALIST - Mar. 2006 to Jun. 2007

- Pre-Flight: Checked and output client documents for Kodak contract proofs.
- Color Correction: Corrected for "pleasing color" and color-planner instructions.
- Client Support: Continued to operate as a vendor to Microsoft. (Refer to the "ArtSource" employment entry below.)

PACIFIC ART PRESS—Edmonds, WA

DESIGNER AND PRE-PRESS SPECIALIST — Feb. 2004 to Mar. 2006 and Feb. 1992 to Oct. 1994

- Design and Pre-Press: Typeset projects such as newsletters, business stationery, flyers, and logotypes. Converted client documents into print-ready mechanicals for high-resolution film output and multi-color printing. Scanned photos and images, preparing them for print projects.
- Project Management: Established archiving/back-up/digital-asset-management system and procedures. Occasionally interviewed and hired team members.

ARTSOURCE—Bellevue, WA (an employment agency for creative professionals, now known as Filter)

ELECTRONIC PRODUCTION — Jul. 2002 to Jul. 2003 (contracted to MICROSOFT)

- Pre-Press: Revised internal and agency-supplied native artwork files within a 24-hour turnaround in order to meet Microsoft's technical printing standards, vendor guidelines, and release criteria. Created press-ready PDF files. Wrote print specification documents.
- Client Support: Handled client communication and coordinated proofing cycles.
- Vendor Support: Provided post-release vendor support for supply chain issues.

MACKIE DESIGNS INC.—Woodinville, WA

(an audio equipment manufacturer, now known as LOUD Technologies)

NEW MEDIA SPECIALIST — Oct. 1994 to Jul. 2001

- Print Production: Produced, edited, and managed a variety of projects including complex full-color brochures, product packaging and point-of-purchase displays, technical sell sheets, trade show graphics and giveaways. Created and modified layered technical illustrations.
- Proofreading: Responsible for full document review of marketing materials to achieve technical accuracy, correct grammar, and trademark/brand consistency.
- Web: Developed Mackie's first website, managing it as webmaster for 2 years.
- Multimedia: Produced and edited computer-based presentations and videos for financial meetings, trade shows, and end-user training.
- Client Support: Coordinated with managers, executives, coworkers, and vendors to complete projects on time within specified budgets and tight deadlines.
- Workflow: Organized and cataloged several types of media for archiving.

SOFTWARE SKILLS-INTERMEDIATE

GRAPHICS

Adobe FreeHand

WEE

Adobe Flash ActionScript 3 HTML/CSS TextWrangler

VIDEO

Avid Media Composer Compressor

MEMBERSHIPS/ SUBSCRIPTIONS

National Association of Photoshop Professionals Seattle Final Cut Pro User Group Seattle InDesign User Group Seattle Photoshop User Group Lynda.com