

# **EXPERIENCE**

#### January 2018 – Present Art Director

Ravensburger North America, Inc. Seattle, WA

- Creative vision for all products and brands sold in North America including Wonder Forge, Ravensburger, and Brio.
- Key role in the concept and development of new and existing products, licensed and unlicensed.
- Work directly with external game design partners on strategy, creative, and game play.
  - Consulting with headquarters in Germany on design, collectibles, and trends.
  - Art direction and design for print, web, video, events, photography, packaging, in-store displays, and game components.
  - Management of contract designers and commissioning of external artists.
  - Concept and creative direction of the Jurassic Park: Danger! board game promo trailer featured on Target.com

## March 2014 – January 2018 Senior Art Director

Seattle, WA

- Catalyst Marketing Responsible for all phases of custom product development-direction, domestic and overseas manufacturer communication, design specifications, and approvals.
  - Key role in developing the creative strategy and cultivating client/licensor relationships in Catalyst's games and entertainment initiative.
  - Implemented a process for developing and manufacturing physical representations of 3D game assets that led to less revisions, faster client approvals, and higher quality products.
  - Led the design and development of a one-fifth scale replica of Valve's DOTA 2 Aegis shield which helped generate 285% in player growth.
  - Custom soft goods design for clients such as Pokémon, TEDx, T-Mobile, Bioware, Blizzard, Microsoft, EA Games, and Teavana.
  - Apparel, hard goods, plush, collectibles, branding, packaging, and collateral design for both retail and promotional markets.
  - · Collaborated with sales teams to define initial design direction/concept and led staff designers and freelancers in development of strong creative concepts that met project goals.
  - Designed a POS tablet holster for a T-Mobile store pilot program which was so successful that it was expanded to stores nationwide.
  - Creatively led online retail site and merchandise launches for multimillion dollar companies, T-Mobile and Southwest Airlines.

## May 2013 – March 2014 Art Director

Monroe, WA

A Crowded Coop

#### • Managed and mentored the design staff, and supervised department workload and deadlines.

- Established production workflow, checklists, and templates.
- Consumer product design, such as plush, soft goods, apparel, toys, and pet products, in collaboration with product development and sales team.

August 2010 – March 2013 Media Designer

**Microsoft Studios** Redmond, WA

- Concept, design, and creative management of all Collector's Editions and components.
- · Worked closely with game artists, marketing, and content publishing to construct a Collector's Edition experience that was cohesive, comprehensive, and aesthetically pleasing.
- Drove a digital collectibles initiative, and consulted with internal teams on digital goods strategies.
- UI art direction of the Halo 4 Interactive Guide, Xbox fitness, Windows 8 Minesweeper, and Solitaire.

#### November 2009 – August 2010 Graphic Designer 3

- Microsoft Game Studios Concepted and designed components of Limited Collector's Editions.
  - Redmond, WA Collaborated with the editorial team to design game manuals.

#### October 2008 – November 2009 Art Director

becker&mayer! Bellevue, WA

- Managed, mentored, and supported the design staff of the Juvenile Book Group.
- Established and managed illustration and design budgets of all projects, totaling over 50 titles per year.
- Collaborated with product development, editorial, project management, and production to optimize basic internal processes, resulting in a new project workflow.
- Developed and designed a new editorial book format, resulting in orders totaling over 250,000 copies.



August 2002 – October 2008

WizKids, Inc. (The Topps Company) Bellevue, WA

### Art Director

- Sole Art Director for a company with \$34 million in revenue, managing over 6 brands simultaneously.
- Managed two departments (4 designers/photographer, 4 sculptors/painters, 3-5 contractors).
  - Prepared and maintained design and sculpting budgets totaling over \$800,000.
  - Art direction and design for print, web, events, photography, packaging, and game components.
  - Commissioned and managed external sculptors (domestic and foreign), illustrators, and creative studios, and was responsible for administration of contracts and monitoring payment to those vendors.
  - Traveled to China to improve sculpt and print production and to scout new vendors.
  - Reduced the overall cost, production time, and revisions of the sculpting process. Reduced tooling costs by 10%.
  - Implemented an automated data-merge process, resulting in 70% time savings and fewer mistakes.
  - December 2005 August 2006: Design Manager
  - July 2004 December 2005: Art Lead
  - July 2002 July 2004: Graphic Designer

#### **FREELANCE**

- Idea Planet Collector's Edition design consulting
- Ginormous Industries Trading card, toy, logo, packaging, web, and publication design
  - Goodman Games Roleplaying publication art direction, design, and layout
    - Logo design, T-shirt design, ad layout, and web design

#### **EDUCATION**

#### The Art Institute of Seattle

School of Design, Visual Communication Associate of Applied Arts Degree

#### **AWARDS**

- 2012 Game Marketing Awards: Best Limited Edition or Collector's Edition GOLD: Gears of War 3 Epic Edition BRONZE: Forza Motorsport 4 Limited Collector's Edition
- 2012 Game Marketing Awards: Best Limited Edition or Collector's Edition Packaging GOLD: Gears of War 3 Limited Edition
- 2011 Game Marketing Awards: Best Limited Edition or Collector's Edition Packaging GOLD: Halo: Reach Legendary Edition BRONZE: Fable III Limited Collector's Edition

#### LANGUAGES

English/Spanish