Rachel Smedley

Creative Director | Illustrator





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Professional Summary

Problem solving creative with 7+ years experience working on and directing a wide variety of print and digital materials including layout designs, branding, e-books, magazine publications, illustrations, graphics, presentations, video, animation, and web design.

Extremely organized with a sharp attention to detail ensuring the highest quality of work, unique solutions, and impactful visuals.

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Harding University, December 2017 Major: Graphic Design

Bachelor of Science

Harding University, May 2016 Major: Psychology Minor: Art

Skills

InDesign Figma Illustrator Unbounce Photoshop Emma

Lightroom Campaign Monitor

After Effects Salesforce Marketing Cloud

Premiere Pro Creatopy Microsoft PowerPoint Procreate Microsoft Excel

Microsoft Word HTML & CSS

Achievements

Acadia Achievement Award Graduated Summa Cum Laude Outstanding Psychology Major Award Dean's List 12/12 times Showcased in ADI Gallery Show Artwork Selected for Juried Show Designed and Exhibited Artwork in Solo Show Solved Nancy Drew Mysteries on Senior Detective Mode

Work Experience

Rachel Designs

Freelance Graphic Designer, Nashville, TN | August 2016 - Present Create custom paintings, digital illustrations, and brand identities, including logos and websites. Design packaging, posters, email templates, and social media content for both print and digital platforms. Working directly with clients, I manage projects from concept to completion, delivering creative, on-brand solutions under tight deadlines.

Hammock

Creative Director, Nashville, TN | November 2022 - January 2024 Ensured quality creative projects through collaborative direction with designers, videographers, and freelancers for print, web, and video. Directly managed client relationships and executed design solutions to accomplish their goals.

Acadia Healthcare

Creative Manager, Nashville, TN | January 2022 - November 2022 Managed an internal team of designers to produce on-brand, high quality materials that achieved overall company goals related to client engagement and facility management. Products included print materials, graphics, and digital ads to be scaled across multiple brands.

Senior Graphic Designer, Nashville, TN | April 2019 – January 2022 Created logos and branding materials. Led projects and helped guide and teach fellow designers. Worked directly with print, graphic, vinyl, and signage companies. Created web display ads to be scaled across brands.

Junior Graphic Designer, Nashville, TN | April 2018 - April 2019 Created print and digital collateral. Edited and proofed existing designs. Worked in Campaign Monitor to create emails.

Contract Graphic Designer, Nashville, TN | August 2017 - April 2018 Designed print and digital collateral. Interpreted marketing material to design for mental and behavioral healthcare audience.

Graphic Design Intern, Nashville, TN | May 2017 - August 2017 Designed collateral such as brochures, flyers, print and web ads, emails, and posters.

Conley Graphics

Graphic Design Intern, Searcy, AR | August 2017 - December 2017 Designed and assisted in making vinyl decals, large scale signage, trophies, plaques, banners, and social media ads.