

Kirk Alberts

GRAPHIC ARTIST

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SUMMARY:

Gifted, creative, and enthusiastic graphic artist with more than 13 years experience working in a variety of media. Whether working in a team or independently can adapt to varying situations and environments while working on multiple projects and deadlines with limited resources (time, budget, instruction or content.) Strong communication skills with the ability to react well to situations regarding conflict resolution. Ability to accurately assess big picture needs versus short-term demands. Skilled at art direction and organization with a disciplined, self-sufficient attitude and a ceaseless desire to expand knowledge, abilities and skill-set.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

- Received the Coloradoan employee of the month award in Dec. 1996, Jan. 2004 and Aug. 2006
 - Honored the nationally recognized Gannett Well Done by Gannett News Media Services, 2005
 - Received 10 awards from the Colorado Associated Press Editors and Reporters Association, 2000-2006 and 6 awards from the Colorado Press Association, 2000-2004
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EXPERIENCE:

11/2006-12/2008

PLASTIC GAMES LLC

Fort Collins, CO

Lead Artist

Created 2D and 3D concept art, splash screens, storyboards and full color mock-up illustrations

Worked with programmers to implement art assets and to develop game design. Developed logos, graphic icons and user interface art

- Worked on contracts with such notable companies as Disney, Hasbro's affiliate KidGroup, and Garage Games
- Developed art for the game Bitshifter which won the Best of Show award at the Independent Games Convention

4/1995-12/2006

Fort Collins Coloradoan

Fort Collins, CO

Graphic Artist (News), 5/2000-12/2006

Responsible for all news graphics and illustrations that appeared in daily news product. Worked closely with writers, reporters, photographers and executive staff. Designed logos, promotional material, calendars, magazine covers and prototyped concepts for new media. Assigned and supervised photo shoots and oversaw the art direction of a variety of projects. Collaborated with the prepress department to ensure that project deadlines were met in a professional manner.

- Developed award-winning informational graphics and illustrations
- Improved the consistent visual appearance of print product and magazine publications
- Managed multiple deadlines in a stressful environment
- Emphasized better use of design concepts using existing styles and colors
- Managed multiple projects on tight deadlines

Graphic Artist (Prepress Production), 4/1995-5/2000

Designed ads based on specs provided by advertising and clients. Maintained quality control of the print product by proofreading content of final ads. Developed procedures for troubleshooting problematic files within customer provided ads. Attained an extensive knowledge of process, spot, and grayscale color use and perfected a broad understanding of the technical aspects of color output to printers. Liaised with the pressroom and newsroom to maintain efficiency and ensured that deadlines were consistently met.

- Consistent ad builder
- Gained a broad understanding of prepress and print operating procedures
- Learned to manage multiple projects and assignments under stressful, deadline-oriented situations
- Learned highly developed skills using graphic software
- Consistent ad builder and proofer

2004-present

FREELANCE ILLUSTRATOR

Created illustrations for magazine and book covers for publications nationally and in Europe

- Work mentioned in Spectrum Magazine's The Best in Contemporary Fantasy Art

EDUCATION:

1990-1993

Pikes Peak Community College**Colorado Springs, CO**

- Majored in Graphic Design. Minored in Liberal Arts, Pikes Peak Community College,

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

2005-2007

Colorado State University

- Conducted sessions on news graphics, layout and design
- Taught Photoshop basics to journalism, web design and graphic design students

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