SAARI KIRSCHNER

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EXPERIENCE

KORN FERRY, New York, NY Graphic Designer, Manager Business Development Communications (Project Manager, Proposal & Presentation Design) 10/2021-10/2023

- Visual storytelling in support of business development for global pursuit teams
- Created, edited, rebranded, and upheld brand guidelines for RFP/RFI presentation and proposal responses for Fortune 100 and 500 global organizations such as: Apple, FedEx, Blackstone, Merck, Moderna, Porche, UBS, Bayer, Citi, Deloitte, Johnson & Johnson, McDonalds, Comcast, Aldi Supermarkets, Tyson Foods, Fidelity, and General Motors
- Managed multiple projects simultaneously and met strict deadlines
- Created custom graphics for client proposals, presentations, and collateral using Adobe Creative Cloud, Microsoft 365, and artificial intelligence
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams and subject-matter experts to plan, design, and execute impactful proposals leading to high win rates
- Designed and produced quarterly newsletters that were distributed to executives and other stakeholders
- Edited written material for US and UK client deliverables ensuring error-free grammar, spelling, and content
- Created custom industry templates that were used companywide
- Fostered meaningful relationships with sales team members, SMEs, and peers around the globe
- Maintained graphic and content libraries for the Business Development and Communications Center of Excellence team

GIFTBASKET.COM, Roslyn, NY Graphic Designer

1/2020-6/2021

- Planned and executed all company advertising & promotional collateral
- Supported Marketing with assets for Social Media, Email/CRM Campaigns, and Direct to Consumer print programs
- Designed brand campaign proposals and presentations for Corporate/B2B sales initiatives
- Developed detailed mockups for branded client programs to include custom swag, branded vessels, and other program accompaniments to ensure deployment of custom solutions based on client's vision
- Aided product development team with concept creation, sourcing, design, photography, and photo editing
- Designed and executed production of B to C custom packaging

BED BATH & BEYOND, New York, NY Graphic Designer

8/2017-1/2020

- Produced all event planning advertising & promotional collateral for Industry City, Brooklyn location
- Worked closely with celebrities and local government officials on book signings, cooking demonstrations, and large-scale civic events hosted and produced by Bed Bath & Beyond

FREELANCE, New York Graphic Designer 09/2005-8/2017

- Extensive client roster including: Yankee Candle, Rizzoli New York, Robert Allen Design, DMA United, and Front Row Communications
- Collaborated with creative directors, screen printers, and photographers to execute the production of fashion/lifestyle magazines and non-fiction biographical books
- Developed engaging and innovative digital and print designs for media kits, logos, flyers, posters, newsletters, page layouts, corporate identity, branding, packaging, advertising, and marketing for a wide range of industries
- Conceptualized the creation and executed the design and production of customized theme graphics and branding for promotional products, apparel, and decor for large scale events
- Managed print production and press checks
- Maintained production schedules and budgets
- Managed multiple, concurrent projects in different stages

EDUCATION

- BA, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- Noble Desktop, New York, NY, Connecticut Institute of Art, Greenwich, CT, United Digital Artists, New York, NY

SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat, Firefly), Apple iWork (Pages, Numbers, Keynote), MS365 (Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook, Teams, Sharepoint)