

DERRICK SMITH



Comic Art and Illustration
Character Design
Story and Visual Development

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EDUCATION

- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ART**
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
BACHELOR OF FINE ART IN ILLUSTRATION
2012
- MARWEN ART ACADEMY**
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
2008
- DE LA SALLE INSTITUTE**
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
2008

EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE COMIC BOOK ILLUSTRATOR

JULY 2011 - PRESENT

- PRODUCE PORTFOLIOS OF ARTISTIC WORK TO DEMONSTRATE STYLES, INTERESTS, AND ABILITIES.
- DEVELOP AND STREAMLINE VISUAL ELEMENTS.
- UTILIZE MATERIALS SUCH AS PENS AND INK, ACRYLICS AND WATERCOLORS, ADOBE PHOTOSHOP AND ILLUSTRATOR.
- ANALYZE INFORMATION AND EVALUATING RESULTS TO CHOOSE THE BEST SOLUTION AND SOLVE PROBLEMS.
- RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VISUAL CONTRIBUTION OF FOUR CURRENTLY UNPUBLISHED GRAPHIC NOVELS.

EVERYTHING STUDIO

PRINT DESIGNER

MAY 2015 - APRIL 2016

- CONNECTED IMAGES AND TEXT TO PRODUCE THE LAYOUTS FOR OVER FIFTY ADVERTISING AND MARKETING CAMPAIGNS.
- GENERATED COLORS, IMAGES, TEXT STYLE, AND LAYOUT.
- INCORPORATED CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE CLIENTS INTO THE FINAL DESIGN.

DC COMICS, INC.

RETOUCH ARTIST/ASSISTANT

JULY 2014 - MARCH 2015

- OPTIMIZED INK WORK AND SHARPENED PENCIL ART FOR ALMOST A HUNDRED PAGES OF SEVERAL ARTISTS.
- IMPROVED PENCIL, INK, AND TEXTURAL ELEMENTS ON GIVEN DESIGNS FOR MAXIMUM IMAGE OPTIMIZATION.
- CONTRIBUTED TO IMAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS AND MET ALL DEADLINES.

THE UEI GROUP

PRODUCTION ARTIST/GRAPHIC DESIGNER

MAY 2013 - JUNE 2014

- ADAPTED FORMATS OF MORE THAN TWENTY PROJECTS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF PRODUCTION AND ENSURE THAT STANDARDS ARE MET.
- RESPONSIBLE FOR SCALING, CROPPING, RETOUCHING, AND ELIMINATING DEFECTIVE AND EXCESSIVE IMAGING.
- ARCHIVED AND UPDATED GRAPHIC FILES FOR FUTURE USE.

EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

KNOED CREATIVE

DESIGN INTERN

MAY 2012 - DECEMBER 2012

- HELPED DEVELOP OUTSTANDING DESIGNS, ANIMATIONS, AND ILLUSTRATIONS FOR BRANDED CONTENT.
- PARTICIPATED IN BRAINSTORMS WITH OTHER DESIGNERS AND ILLUSTRATORS FOR SEVERAL HIGH-END PROJECTS.
- REVIEWED FINAL DESIGNS AND LAYOUTS.

GALLERY SHOWINGS

NEW YORK COMICON - ARTIST ALLEY

- JACOB K. JAVITZ CENTER, NEW YORK, NY
- 2015, 2016

PLANET COMICON - ARTIST ALLEY

- BARTLE HALL CONVENTION CENTER, KANSAS CITY, MO
- 2014

ROC-CON COMIC BOOK CONVENTION - ARTIST ALLEY

- KODAK'S THEATER ON THE RIDGE, ROCHESTER, NY
- 2013

MISSION ARTWALK 2013

- JOHNSON DRIVE, MISSION, KS
- 2013

POP UP ART FIRST FRIDAYS

- CROSSROADS ART GALLERY, KANSAS CITY, MO
- 2013

MARWEN ART FAIR

- MARWEN ART ACADEMY, CHICAGO, IL
- 2012

TEMPTATION EXHIBITION

- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ART, CHICAGO, IL
- 2012

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS EXHIBITION

- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ART, CHICAGO, IL
- 2009 - 2012

END OF SEMESTER EXHIBITION

- MARWEN ART ACADEMY, CHICAGO, IL
- 2006 - 2008

SKILLS / SOFTWARE

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP

ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR

ADOBE INDESIGN

ADOBE DREAMWEAVER

FINAL CUT PRO

CLIP STUDIO PAINT

MICROSOFT WORD

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT

MICROSOFT EXCEL

GOOGLE SKETCHUP

HTML/HTML5

CSS/CSS3

JAVASCRIPT

JQUERY

BOOTSTRAP

DIGITAL PHOTO RETOUCHING

LARGE FORMAT PRINTING