

DERRICK SMITH



Comic Art and Illustration
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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 ARTIST

JULY 2011 - PRESENT

- MAINTAIN PORTFOLIOS OF ARTISTIC WORK TO DEMONSTRATE STYLES, INTERESTS, AND ABILITIES.
- INTEGRATE AND DEVELOP VISUAL ELEMENTS.
- USE 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- RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARTISTIC CREATION OF FOUR UNPUBLISHED GRAPHIC NOVELS.

EVERYTHING STUDIO

PRINT DESIGNER

MAY 2015 - APRIL 2016

- COMBINED IMAGES AND TEXT TO CREATE THE LAYOUTS FOR OVER FIFTY ADVERTISING AND MARKETING CAMPAIGNS.
- SELECTED 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

- SHARPENED INK WORK AND CLEANED UP PENCIL ART OF SEVERAL ARTISTS.
- ENHANCED PENCIL, INK, AND TEXTURAL ELEMENTS ON GIVEN DESIGNS FOR MAXIMUM IMAGE OPTIMIZATION.
- WORKED ON IMAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS AND MET ALL DEADLINES.

THE UEI GROUP

PRODUCTION ARTIST/GRAPHIC DESIGNER

MAY 2013 - JUNE 2014

- MODIFIED FORMATS OF MORE THAN TWENTY PROJECTS TO INCREASE 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/CSS+

DIGITAL PHOTO RETOUCHING

LARGE FORMAT PRINTING

WACOM TABLETS

FACEBOOK

INSTAGRAM

YOUTUBE