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PERSONAL SUMMARY



Student, Designer, Illustrator, Concept Artist, Printmaker. I've been many things on my road to illustration but I never stop absorbing as much knowledge as I can. I am fascinated by the way the world works. Everything from the human mind to the meiosis of a cell. It dazzles me and I incorporate my fascination into my work. Juxtaposition, contrast and clean lines are where my heart lies. Splatters, rough lines and unforeseen results are where I play. I never stop experimenting. I'm Mika, and I love to learn.



WORK EXPERIENCE



AUG. 2012 - PRESENT

FREELANCE DESIGNER - MIKAS STUDIO

As a freelance designer, I've worked on logo designs, beer labels and mock ups for many different projects. I'm experienced in many different types of media including digital design, motion graphics, vector illustration and traditional printmaking techniques.

JUL. 2017 - AUG. 2017

FREELANCE DESIGNER - BLACKDOG ADVERTISING, MIAMI

During my time as a freelance digital designer, I worked on various design tasks that were both digital and physical. Major projects included brochure and advertisement design, digital and traditional illustration, video design and social media memes.

MAR. 2016 - DEC. 2016

LEAD DESIGNER - SIGNPRO, MISSION KS

As the lead designer, I worked closely with some of our biggest clients ranging from the Kansas City Royals, Aramark, Kansas City Chiefs and Ward Parkway. I ran a variety of tasks, including design work, running large format printing for many different substrates, as well as plotter machines for vinyl cuts.

AUG. 2011 - MAY. 2015

GALLERY ASSISTANT - H&R BLOCK ARTSPACE, KANSAS CITY

As a gallery assistant I have worked as a host during gallery openings, as the spokesperson for multiple galleries as well as the lighting technician for the display of all works. I have previously worked for the H&R Block Artspace, Gallery 142 and Birke Art Gallery.



SKILLS

- ADOBE AFTER EFFECTS
ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR
ADOBE PHOTOSHOP
ADOBE LIGHTROOM
ADOBE INDESIGN
ADOBE MUSE
ADOBE XD

- TRADITIONAL PRINTMAKING
CHARACTER DESIGN
MICROSOFT OFFICE
MOTION GRAPHICS
TYPOGRAPHY
LOGO DESIGN
SKETCH



EDUCATION



ILLUSTRATION BFA, KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE 2014-2017

During my Illustration degree I narrowed my focus to web design, character design, motion graphics and vector based illustration with minimalist design.

GRAPHIC DESIGN BFA, MARSHALL UNIVERSITY 2011-2014

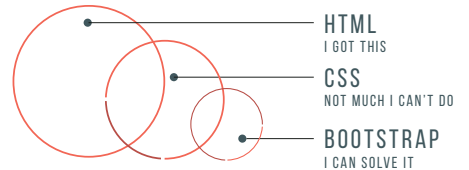
Focusing on Graphic Design. I quickly realized I had an eye for detail, Swiss Design and typography.

PHOTOGRAPHY, FREELANCE 2007-2011

Throughout high school, I owned and operated my own photography business. I worked closely with wedding photographers and focused on senior photos.



CODING LANGUAGES



PUBLIC WORK

- JUROR FOR S.C.O.R.E.S COMPETITION SPRING 2017
SCARRITT ELEMENTARY MURAL FALL 2015
GALLAHER VILLAGE SQUARE SIGN SUMMER 2013
4TH AVENUE MEDALLIONS FALL 2012-2013
JURIED EXHIBITION SPRING 2012
BIRKE ART GALLERY FALL 2012