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Objective: Position as Graphic Designer/Web Designer

Highlights of Qualifications

- Associates Degree in Graphic Design
- Bachelors Degree in Photography
- Highly skilled in all creative Adobe applications
- Proficient in QuarkXPress and all Microsoft applications
- 3.5 yrs. as freelance photographer
- Strong aptitude for learning new skills, very deadline oriented
- Work well under pressure and have a strong customer service background

Work Experience

MGM Solutions, Bellingham, WA July 2006-December 2007

- In-house Graphic Designer, Web Developer, Photographer, and Graphical Marketing Director for an ambitious, young web-based company. Have designed several catalogs, brochures, tradeshow backdrops, managed and designed a handful of websites, directed and shot all product photography, created original graphics and illustrations, and designed/managed all e-newsletters for several different companies owned by MGM Solutions.

Freelance Designer, Bellingham, WA April 2006-Present

- Freelance projects include logo/identity, catalogs, brochures, web design, email campaigns, posters, t-shirts, flyers, postcards, and booklets. Clients include Strelcheck Chiropractic, Yamato Engines, Texture Clothing, and Mobile Medicine.

Freelance Photographer, Bellingham, WA April 2004-Present

- Have been hired to shoot photographs for several local organizations including Bellingham Technical College, Sustainable Connections, and Planned Parenthood. Have also been working as a portrait and wedding photographer for the past two summers.

Other Relevant Experience

Graphic Design, WCC Aug 2005-Aug 2006

- Have completed classes in all aspects of the layout, illustration, and print production track--this involves training in all Adobe Creative Suite applications as well as an in-depth prepress and postpress education. Have also completed web design instruction involving XHTML, Dreamweaver, & Flash.

Education

Bachelor of Fine Art, Photography University of Illinois, 2001
Associates Degree, Graphic Design Whatcom Community College, 2006