Claire Giddings

clairvoyant design

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Experienced art director, designer, illustrator and educator with expertise in creating conceptually driven and strategic designs that are engaging, stylistically appealing, business focused and that produce the desired user experience. Enthusiastic leader prioritizing teamwork and the creative and professional development of team members through encouragement and constructive criticism. Skilled project manager who maintains the highest standards throughout the simultaneous creation of multiple marketing, packaging and promotional products within tight deadlines.

EDUCATION

2012 – 2014	Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, New Brunswick, NJ Master of Fine Art, Photography and Interdisciplinary Arts, Full Scholarship Teaching Fellowship
2009 – 2012	Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), Baltimore, MD Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Fine Art, Photography and Digital Media Focus
1998 – 2001	Pratt Institute , New York, NY Master of Science in Communications Design, Thesis: The History of Illustrated Versions of Grimm's Fairy Tales and An Illustrated Rumpelstiltskin Picture Book
1994 – 1998	Wellesley College , Wellesley, MA Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Studio Art, French, cum laude
1996 – 1997	Sarah Lawrence College in Paris, France Coursework in Art History, French and Studio Art. With courses at: Parsons School of Design Paris, 3D Design The University of Paris – Sorbonne (Paris IV), Art History

ART DIRECTION EXPERIENCE

2000 – present

Art Director and Principal, Clairvoyant Design, Washington DC and New York, NY

Design logos, advertising, marketing collateral, promotional pieces, packaging, event materials
and signage for national and local businesses including Garanimals, Oasis Day Camps, BORBA,
Ocean Blue Divers, Escalate Marketing and the New York Rugby Club. Illustrate greeting and
holiday cards, New York Rugby Club program covers and T-shirts. Manage the cataloging
and promotion of collected works of an established and internationally recognized

Washington DC-based artist.

2006 – 2009 **Creative Services Manager**, USA Weekend Magazine, New York, NY

Provided strategic direction to and supervised a team of designers simultaneously creating multiple integrated marketing projects for magazine and advertising clients. Conceptualized and designed promotional product campaigns for print, packaging and digital media. Directed creative and professional development internship program.

2002 – 2006 Art Director, Reader's Digest, New York, NY

Developed, designed and produced innovative sales, marketing, promotional, packaging and advertorial pieces. Directed the work of teams of freelance designers, illustrators, photographers, and outsource vendors to maintain aesthetic excellence and strategic priorities. Collaborated with project managers to consistently fulfill project objectives, meet deadlines and optimize budgets.

2000 – 2001 Graphic Designer, Children's Museum of Manhattan, New York, NY

Created educational and promotional materials for museum exhibitions and programs. Digitally illustrated take-out menus for the house play area. Designed and produced View-Master cartridges with Peanuts-themed 3D images.

PHOTOGRAPHY, DIGITAL MEDIA AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2012 – 2014	Photography Instructor, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
2012 – 2014	Graduate Assistant , Seminar in Contemporary Art and The Galleries at Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
2010 – 2012	Graduate Research Lab Technical Assistant for Photography, Video, Sound and Digital Printing, MICA, Baltimore, MD
2011	Graduate Teaching Intern, Imaging from Culture, MICA, Baltimore, MD
2009	Adjunct Professor, Integrated Advertising, The City University of New York, Brooklyn, NY
2000	Teaching Assistant, Design Procedures and Illustration, Pratt Institute, New York, NY

HONORS & MEMBERSHIPS

Gold Hermes Award for Marketing Design
Three Graphic Design USA Magazine American In-House Design Awards
Still Photography to Video Course Scholarship, Penland School of Crafts
SPE Mid-Atlantic National Conference Scholarship
Post-Baccalaureate Scholarship, Maryland Institute College of Art
Member of the Art Director's Club, AIGA, College Art Association, Society for Photographic Education (SPE),
American Alliance of Museums

SKILLS

Computer: InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Bridge, Lightroom, Premiere, Final Cut, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, After Effects, Flash, HTML, Microsoft Office, Project Management software, Exact Target email marketing software

Extensive travel in Africa, Europe and Central America, French fluency, pen δ ink and guache Illustration, digital illustration, digital collage, fine art and conceptual digital and film photography, photo retouching, prepress

REFERENCES AND SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

Available upon request