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Creative visionary, specializing in the design and development of highly-creative experiences for fortune 500 brands and international celebrities across all mediums including television broadcasts, digital applications, live productions, marketing & physical products.

Award-winning television producer and video editor for multiple broadcast specials which have appeared on AMC, CMT, PBS, AXSTV, & MTV/VH1. Two-time Webby Award winner with multiple nominations for the creation and development of high-profile digital products for clients such as at&t, adidas, AOL, Muhammad Ali, NFL, NHL, Brad Pitt, Red Bull, Scholastic, US Ski & Snowboarding Team, and many more.

BLACKBIRD PRESENTS

NEW YORK CITY

2014- PRESENT
2012- 2014 (CONSULTANT)

CMO / CREATIVE DIRECTOR / TELEVISION PRODUCER

Lead the creation and execution of highly successful entertainment brands centered around multi-artist concert events, festivals, tours, broadcast specials, and music/film releases. Manage the complete brand experience from initial concept through the development of live performances, sponsorship programs, broadcast premieres, merchandise, packaging, record releases, and distribution.

Executive In Charge of Production/Creative Producer overseeing the production of television broadcast specials for worldwide distribution. Networks include AMC, CMT, AXS, & PBS. Producer and editor of "Outlaw: The Music of Waylon Jennings," 2017's highest rated recorded performance broadcast on CMT in over five years. Multiple Gold & Silver Telly Awards.

Oversee digital product strategy, marketing, design, development, and social media for Blackbird Presents corporate and individual events/brand experiences.

Designed and launched Blackbird Presents' successful flagship retail boutique and ecommerce fulfillment center. Manage the design, development, and fulfillment of branded merchandise.

AOL/CAMBIO

NEW YORK CITY

2010- 2013

DIGITAL PRODUCT MANAGER / CREATIVE DIRECTOR / VIDEO PRODUCER

Co-creator Cambio.com, the #2 Comscore ranked and #1 video based/socially driven millennial entertainment platform across the AOL network, delivering over 50m PV's per month, serving 20m in paid media with 300% UV growth YOY.

Developed and managed product design, strategy, roadmap, and prioritization for all product releases. Led an Agile team of 50+ designers, developers, and video content creators. Managed the development of written and video content for web and social distribution from concept to completion. 2014 Webby Award Honoree/Celebrity Fan. Cambio was created while at MGX LAB and acquired by AOL in 2012.

MGX LAB

NEW YORK CITY

2009-2011

EVP/CIO CLIENT PRODUCTS / HEAD OF VIDEO PRODUCTION

Second in command of this digital development & branding firm focused on digital product development, branded entertainment, video production and sponsorship initiatives for some of the world's top entertainment brands and personalities.

Led an Agile team of strategists, designers, developers, video producers and marketers launching highly innovative large-scale digital products and branding campaigns. Increased productivity and revenue growth over a twelve-month period by 100%. Developed and executed award-winning campaigns for Muhammad Ali, Brad Pitt, NHL, NFL, AOL, Tom Brady, The Jonas Group. Webby Award, 2010 Activism. Transitioned to AOL/Cambio upon the launch of cambio.com.

BIG RIG CREATIVE

BROOKLYN, NY

2003-2009

CEO, PRODUCT MANAGEMENT / HEAD OF VIDEO PRODUCTION

Co-founder of this design and marketing firm. Led teams of digital product managers, designers, developers, video producers and marketers while overseeing business development, client management, and operations.

Developed Award-winning digital products, video productions and marketing campaigns for Cingular Wireless, at&t, US Ski & Snowboard Team, AOL, PR Newswire, Red Bull and more. Creating a multi-million-dollar line of interactive DVD&CD-ROM products for US Ski & Snowboarding Team. 2005 Webby Award/Professional Services. Multiple Gold & Silver Telly Awards.

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EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

DIGITAL PULP

NEW YORK CITY

1998–2003

SENIOR INTERACTIVE PRODUCER / CLIENT PRODUCTS

Led product design, development and marketing projects for the firm's largest multi-million dollar accounts. Developed client proposals, pitches and led negotiations. Managed market/consumer research and specifications phases. Created PRD & PMR documents and defined product vision and campaign strategies. Managed budgets, internal and external resources, and all aspects of design, development and roll-out. Clients included 1800flowers.com, Plow & Hearth, Scholastic, DoubleClick, Atkins Nutritional, Adidas, Smart Money, AltaVista, and NYC 2012. <http://digitalpulp.com>

PIXELBAIT

POINT PLEASANT, NJ

1998-PRESENT

PRODUCT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT / VIDEO PRODUCER

Founded this consortium of digital product innovators focused on creating consumer-centric (B2B/B2C) product solutions for start-ups to fortune 500 companies. Led design and development teams through all phases of product development including market and user research, strategy, design, development, testing, tracking and ongoing product releases. Producer and editor for corporate video clients. <http://pixelbait.com> & <http://pixelbait.net>

GANNETT

ASBURY PARK, NJ

1997–1998

DIRECTOR ONLINE DIGITAL NEWS & AD CLIENTS

Managed a team of digital designers, developers and content managers for New Jersey's second largest newspaper. Created new revenue streams through the development of online classified, ecommerce products and advertiser's mini-sites. <http://app.com>

MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH

TINTON FALLS, NJ

1991–1997

TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR

Responsible for purchasing, implementing, and managing all technology related products and services. Developed and launched the first school Web site (1995) and trained staff on emerging technologies including Web, email and online educational resources.

INDEPENDENT

ASBURY PARK, NJ

1991–1997

VIDEO ENGINEER & PRODUCER

Technical engineer for major sports, entertainment, and professional organizations including NBA Entertainment, NBC Sports, HBO, MTV, and MLB. Producer and editor of short form corporate videos for various mid to large size companies such as J&J and at&t.

SESAME WORKSHOP

NEW YORK CITY

1970–1977

CHILD ACTOR, SESAME STREET

Original cast member and semi-regular of the hit PBS TV series Sesame Street.

EDUCATION & ORGANIZATIONS

Fashion Institute of Technology
Advertising & Marketing Communications, A.A.S

General Assembly
Consultant 2014-Present
Product management consultant for Enterprise Education team.

The Product Group
Member 2014 - Present

International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences
Member/Associate Judge - Webby Awards 2007 - Present

Telly Awards
Judge - 2007 - Present

International Academy of the Visual Arts
Member/Judge - Davey Awards 2006 - Present

AWARDS

Webby Award Winner 2005 & 2010
Webby Award Honoree 2012 & 2013
Communicator, W3 Gold, Davey Award Gold & Silver 2005 - 2012
Telly Award Silver & Gold 2007, 2009, 2017
National Student Advertising Competition Finalist 1988

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