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About

I'm a fresh graduate from (DJCAD) Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design, Dundee with a second class honours in Graphic design. I'm hard-working and determined, with a strong focus on creating designs that are problem solving, conceptually clever and professionally executed.

I always aim to explore the parameters, research and push the boundaries of the concept I'm working with. I also enjoy variety and working in projects of different nature, across different disciplines and mediums, exploring the versatility of the design thinking.

I work well in group and individual settings, Staying motivated and maintaining a methodical and analytical design process.

I enjoy focusing on themes of different nature using my designs as an excuse to create stuff as a maker, from upcycled objects to handmade sculptures and stop motion to create visuals for my projects.

I have a wide scope of interest in the graphic design field, from motion design to branding, and I also enjoy evolving and gaining more skills and experience within the industry.

Skills & Interests

Design

Motion design, design for print, editorial design, Illustrator, character design, branding, campaign design and web design.

Technical

Proficient in Photoshop, Illustrator, Procreate, InDesign, After Effects and Premier Pro.

Interpersonal

- Hard-working, communicative and positive team player
- Pitching and presenting skills
- Responding to constructive criticism and feedback
- Interacting with clients with confidence

Education

September 2018 - June 2022

Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, University of Dundee (DJCAD).

BDes Graphic Design - Upper Second Class Honours

September 2016 - June 2018

Visual communication (HND) Illustration Grade A. Edinburgh College. Art and Design.

September 2015 - June 2016

Art and Design. BTEC. Grade A**.

Graphic Designer/Illustrator

Work Experience

September 2019

-Visual identity, branding and logo design; Travel Factory Andalusia.

September 2016

-PASS Creative Scotland. (Edinburgh College), Various commission posters.

September 2018

-Engraved Illustrated Glima martial art convention official design (Edinburgh Crossfit).

December 2018

-Logo design and Clothing commission for Viking training system Ladies alternative gym.

2020

-The magdalen article publication. Dundee.

-The Tailored website. Various Graphic design works. I generated ideas and concepts independently and collaboratively for editorial, branding and web design projects for a range of clients.

August 2021

Graphic Design Intern at whitespace

I worked as part of the design team generating ideas and creating client presentations for print, social media post, and campaign design projects.

September 2021

Designer at Dundee Botanic Garden collaboration with Dundee Gin,

Dundee Roots "Spirit of the garden" Gin label, branding and logo design, to commemorate the anniversary of the establishment of the Dundee Botanic Gardens. dundeebotanicgin.co.uk

Achievements

- The Valkyrs "Just Like Flying With God" album cover competition.
- Design award at @salon_35_ abstract poster exhibition, Stuttgart (Germany).
- ScotLINK @ScotLINK #PictureThis; Robert Burns Illustration.
- Dundee Botanic Garden Bottle of Gin; Branding design competition.

References

References available upon request.