

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MuggleNet.com (*World's largest Harry Potter fan site*) Chicago, IL Feb 2000-Present
Creative Director Oct 2006-Present

- Designed 50 different design themes for Mugglenet.com
- Coordinating a new major re-design of entire website
- Created more than 25 new themes for the re-design
- Designed the framework for the MuggleNet Gallery hosting over 50,000 Harry Potter Images
- Implemented 35 advertisements to direct traffic to the various sections of MNet
- Produced a Flash countdown for every new Harry Potter event since 2005

Lead Designer June 2003-Oct 2006

- Organized and creating a full site re-design to suit various screen resolutions
- Created 30 different themes to match the new design
- Designed clothing line for MuggleNet.com
- Produced, designed, and animated a series of flash advertisements for the MNet clothing

Graphic Designer Feb 2000-June 2003

- Designed original logo for MuggleNet.com (4 major logo renovations since)
- Created Banners and Advertisements for MN

Direct Equipment Solutions (<http://www.directequipmentsolutions.com>) Houston, TX Jan 2008-Present
Web Designer/Developer

- Designed the website, logo and created promotional material

Coaches Tour 2008, 2009 (<http://www.coachestour2008.com> & <http://www.coachestour2009.com>) April 2008-Present
Web Designer

- Designed the website in 2008 and 2009 and created their marketing material as well as logo design

All Day Solar (*produces inexpensive solar*) Chicago, IL Feb 2007-Present
Creative Director

- Designed marketing material with motion graphics to explain new applications of solar technology for venture capital and government funding
- Apart of the team that built <http://alldaysolar.com> in the summer of 2008
- Created presentation to explain complicated technology easily to be seen by congress

Alan Barcus.com (<http://www.alanbarcus.com/>) Musician, La Porte, IN July 2006-Present
Web Designer/Developer

- Designed and developed alanbarcus.com
- Maintained all site changes and news and produced advertisements for Barcus's album

Unity Foundation of La Porte County (<http://www.uflc.net>) Michigan City, IN Oct 2003-Present
Web Designer/Developer

- Built original website in 2005 and was asked back for repeat business in 2009
- Consultant for all annual reports as well as maintained all news and site changes

Figment Creative Group (<http://www.figmentcreative.com>) Michigan City, IN March 2004-June 2006
Web Developer

- Sliced and coded the entire site as well as maintained all site changes and news updates in 2006

SCHOOL PROJECTS

Flashpoint Academy, Chicago IL

The Collector (*Film*)

June 2007-Feb 2008

Assistant to the VFX Supervisor Perry Harovas

- Assisted in the creation of the final special effect shots

The Heart of Gorgon (*cgsociety.com's Steam Punk based short film contest*)

Dec 2008-Mar 2009

Compositor

- Composited smoke and fog effects with the original theme
- Environment clean up throughout for two separate scenes

The Intruder (*Film*)

Nov 2007-April 2008

Assistant to the VFX Supervisor Perry Harovas

- Modeled and textured a 1950's style car

The Sound (*Student film*)

Nov 2007-Jan 2008

Compositor

- Composited a special effects shot of a bomb being dropped on the Chicago skyline

The Clockmaker (*Film*)

June 2007-Feb 2008

Assistant to the VFX Supervisor Perry Harovas

- Created cloth simulation for the curtains interacting with a pendulum on a clock
- Animated, modeled, and textured gears for a shot of gears rolling off table

A Perfect Reflection (*Student film*)

Nov 2008-Dec 2008

Visual Effects

- Created the title sequence
- Modeled text in 3D and matched reflections to environment

Don't Russian (*Student film*)

Nov 2008-Nov 2008

Visual Effects

- Consulted expertise on project flow as well as tested the visual effects for accuracy throughout film

SKILLS

- Eight years of graphic, web design, banner design, concept design for companies and individuals
- Advanced skills in creating Internet site concepts, style guides, interactive and animated web elements, corporate identity, and instructional marketing videos with design graphics
- Software Applications:

Expert

Photoshop
After Effects
Dreamweaver
Flash
Illustrator

Intermediate

XSI
Maya
3D Studio Max
ZBrush
Premiere

Beginner

Microsoft Expression
Blend 3.0
Silverlight
Microsoft Office

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Flashpoint Academy, Digital Media Arts Diploma - Chicago, IL

May 2009

- *Concentration:* Visual Effects and Animation

Mix 2009 (*Microsoft's next web now*)

- Microsoft's conference in Las Vegas that unveiled Internet Explorer 8

March 2009

Annual Pixel Conference

May 2007

- Attended 5 day conference that consisted of training workshops on the best practices for Photoshop

Edward Tufte Visual Display of Quantitative Data

June 2008

- Taught the best perceived practices on how to display visual information

AWARDS & ACHIEVMENTS

- Visited 45 cities on Mugglenet events such as: book tours, Warner Brothers red carpet movie premiers, HP conventions and promotions over the past 9 years July 2003-Present
- Designed cover for the book titled "Harry Potter Should Have Died" March 2009
- Developed the pre-visualization mock up for a major pre-production design for Fandomatic website that uses the successful mugglenet.com model to serve additional markets and fan bases Jan 2009
- Co-hosted Mugglecast (Harry Potter podcast talk show) which was ranked #1 podcast on iTunes Oct 2007
- Created and Designed a clothing line for Mugglenet.com Sept 2006-April 2007
- Helped MuggleNet to receive the JK Rowling Fan Site Award Dec 2005