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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mob Entertainment, Los Angeles, CA / St. Louis, MO

July 2022 - Present

Mobile Division Director / Game Director

Survival horror developer making AAA debut

- Originating artistic, narrative and game design vision / driving production lifecycles of subsequent products
- Primary design (systems, features, UX, etc.) documentation / rapid feature prototyping & engine integration (UE5)
- Managing port of existing PC products to console / mobile environments
- Evaluating analytics to optimize UX, design and monetization strategies across various target platforms
- Cultivating crosspollination between art, engineering, design, CM and ops teams to streamline throughput

ReWorld, Beijing / Seattle, WA

January 2021 - July 2022

Creative Director, North America Operations

Emergent game platform leveraging user-generated content to drive infinitely scalable gaming ecosystems

- Drove design of gameplay, narrative and audio for Unity 3D integration
- Pioneered unique design / engineering workflows to accommodate complex, proprietary game engine and crossplatform functional nature of studio portfolio
- Managed end-to-end production to hold design, art and engineering accountable for hand-offs and deliverables
- Identified, interviewed and hired IC's to build out diverse, multidisciplinary team

Betta Games, Beijing / Los Angeles, CA

November 2018 - January 2021

Creative Director / Game Director

Top developer of mobile games, edutainment & photo apps

- Directed art and design, establishing standardized workflows for pipelines of various products
- Pitched original game concepts for funding / staffed and managed "incubated" teams for approved concepts
- Oversaw top-down pipeline overhaul to optimize studio production guidelines
- Drove effort to ID bloat and redundancies to streamline throughput and rein in company spending

Gamefam (formerly Playcorp), Culver City, CA

August 2017 - November 2018

Lead Game Designer | Lead UX / UI Designer

A leading metaverse game developer and publisher

- Authored primary design materials to establish fundamental game features, systems, UX, etc.
- Rapid-prototyped and implemented game features to create compelling, engaging game experiences
- Coordinated global art, engineering and design teams to ensure cross-departmental synergy
- Established guidelines for art workflow and Unity 3D / Unreal Engine integration based on project specs

Vueality, Santa Monica, CA

July 2016 - May 2018

Lead Game Designer | Lead UX / UI Designer

Indie developer servicing clients without internal publishing arms

- Core game design of various titles for game portfolios of clients such as Mattel, Nickelodeon and Crayola
- Authored primary documentation for feature-set, systems, economy and community design
- UX / UI and 2D / 3D assets and animation
- Designed and presented pitch decks to procure client bids
- Supervised internal production and managed external, 3rd party devs for larger scale projects

Heavenspot, Los Angeles, CA

March 2015 - December 2016

Producer, UX / UI Designer

Digital Creative agency responsible for a variety of media across various platforms

- Primary design / production for various mobile games and various ad-based client projects
- Generated 2d / 3d production assets
- Overhauled existing pipeline to establish standardized workflows
- Created sales presentations and pitched clients

Martini Time Productions, Los Angeles, CA

January 2013 - January 2016

Founder | CEO

Multiplayer Games (iOS)

Founded an independent production company to develop multiplayer games for iOS

- Designed and iterated UX, mechanics and assets
- Generated / integrated game assets using various digital media and Unity 3D
- Supervised UX / playtest research
- Seed investment offers from Activision and WayForward

IGT (International Game Technology), Los Angeles, CA / Las Vegas, NV

January 2013 - January 2014

Multinational gambling company specializing in gaming technologies

Game Director

- Led game development for IGT prototype device
- Authored GDD features, systems, narrative, UX and art direction
- Created interactive 2d / 3d assets, user interface and game components
- Interviewed, hired and managed development team

USC | UCSD, Los Angeles, CA / San Diego, CA

August 2011 - May 2016

Game Design Professor / Teaching Assistant

- Professorship at UCSD over summers and various TA positions at USC during the school year
- Instructed courses in the Adobe Creative Suite, Autodesk 3d software, Unity, Unreal and UX / UI Design
- Designed project-based course plans and lectures to familiarize students with industry tools / workflows
- Organized presentations and showcases, coordinated faculty strategies, graded student work, etc.

THQ, Thousand Oaks, CA

January 2007 - August 2009

QA Tester

- Usability / bug testing, copy-proofing / localization
- Play-tested, catalogued and generated design-oriented fixes for game bugs and exploits

EDUCATION

USC, Los Angeles, CA

May 2016

B.A. Game Design / Art for Games / Film Production (Cum Laude)

- "Full ride" scholarship based on game design portfolio and functional game demos
- School of Cinematic Arts President
- TA for classes including UI Design, Narrative Design for Games, Experimental Games and more
- Member of several honor societies, Dean's List, etc.

Moorpark College, Moorpark, CA

May 2011

A.A. Psychology / Art & Animation for Games

- Multimedia Club President
- Game Design Club Founder / President
- Honors society, Dean's List, etc.