# JAMES HOLLEDGE DESIGN

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# QUALIFICATIONS

# BA(Hons) Graphic Design: 2:1

2000 - 2003 Falmouth College of Arts, Cornwall

# B-Tec Diploma: Foundation in Art Studies

1999 - 2000 Ravensbourne College of Design & Communication, Kent

# A-Level: Art: A, English: C, Business Studies: C GCSE: A\* - B (10)

1992 - 1999 Dulwich College, London

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Photoshop Adobe Illustrator Adobe InDesign Adobe Flash Adobe Dreamweaver\* Adobe Acrobat Pro QuarkXPress Microsoft Office Axure (BASIC) HTML / CSS (INT) Mac / PC literate

\*NIAT (National Inter-Action Trust) Intermediate Certificate in Adobe Dreamweaver and Web Design (course attended Feb 08 - Apr 08).

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### FREELANCE DESIGN LEAD LONDON / SYDNEY

Spark44 / Baber Smith / SampsonMay / AKQA / Instinctif Partners DDB Remedy / Imagination London / Edelman / Base One SapientNitro / Mnet / Imagination Sydney / Trademark Design Uberbrand / Microsoft JAN 13 - MAR 13 / JUL 13 - DEC 13 / AUG 14 - PRESENT

- Worked on a number of responsive website design projects including a \$2,200,000 global site redesign for sleep apnea specialists ResMed.
- · Took lead and presented work in client meetings.
- Produced design concepts for an in-store iPad app for OPSM, the largest opticians in Australia and New Zealand.
- Print brochure and range card design for Jaguar Land Rover.
- Took UX lead on development and wireframing for a new multimedia content platform for Qantas airlines.
- · Redesigned Uberbrand's agency website.
- · Complete design of an iPad presentation sales tool for Jaguar Land Rover .
- · Designed bespoke direct mail for credit reference agency VEDA.
- · Worked from Australia with MSN in London on an interactive employment tool.

# **UK DESIGN LEAD**

Microsoft / MSN SEP 12 - DEC 12 [RELOCATED AUSTRALIA]

- Responsible for coordinating all design activity for MSN UK, a multimedia platform with over 28 million monthly unique users.
- Worked on design and UX projects that were rolled out internationally across 39 MSN markets including a new editorial blogging tool.
- · Liaised with teams and stakeholders at all levels both in the UK and abroad.
- · Helped recruit a senior graphic designer.
- Heavily involved with the development of ideas and design concepts for new portal features and channels including work on the MSN UK homepage redesign.
- Attended regular client and agency meetings.
- Worked closely with the MSN Global UX team on multiple projects to ensure alignment with global MSN standards and guidelines.
- Chaired a weekly design meeting in order to coordinate and brief design work across all departments.

# SENIOR DESIGNER

Microsoft / MSN AUG 11 - AUG 12

- Worked as part of the Creative Solutions team in a fast paced in-house agency environment to produce online advertising solutions for clients including Ford, Samsung, Sainsbury's, Virgin, O2 and Xbox.
- Produced concept artwork for pitches whilst working to extremely tight deadlines and on multiple projects at once.
- Designed pitch artwork and subsequent website designs for an O2 campaign that formed part of a deal worth in excess of £1,000,000.
- Involved at all stages of the project development process including brainstorming, site planning, mapping and wire framing.
- · Responsible for managing a junior designer.
- Heavily involved in the pitching process and subsequent live work for a £1,000,000 partnership between MSN Exclusives and Capital One.
- In addition to my day-to-day duties, I also carried out extensive additional work for the MSN Portal Leadership team, including a considerable amount of work

### AWARDS / ACHIEVEMENTS

# YCN (Young Creative Network) Award

Won an award for a design brief set by Saatchi & Saatchi on behalf of the NSPCC. My work was showcased in the YCN yearbook and also published in Computer Arts Magazine.

# Yates Thompson Prize for Art

Awarded by Dulwich College.

INTERESTS

Web design, photography, mountain biking, travel, gym and swimming.

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### REFERENCES

Available on request.

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I have very much enjoyed working with James, who is always cooperative and helpful and who has proved an extremely popular member of the team.

Terry Lambert, Group Editor Newsquest Media Group during the run-up to the relaunch of MSN UK. My work here was fundamental in identifying the need for a permanent design lead for MSN UK.

#### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### **GRAPHIC DESIGNER / ACTING DEPARTMENT MANAGER**

Northamber MAR 09 - JUL 11

- Managed Northamber's marketing and design department working with clients including IBM, Microsoft and Fujitsu. This involved planning schedules and quarterly budgets of up to £100,000, holding client meetings and overseeing all design work.
- Design and production of regular HTML emails. Reorganised and redefined email databases, increasing the total number of contacts by over 3,000 and introduced new email templates which led to a 5% (average) increase in open rates.
- Redesigned the Northamber website adding a series of new features including a new shopping basket and checkout procedure.
- Restructured the marketing department, implementing new production time scales, a new briefing process and new digital and paper filing systems.
- Regular production of print projects including press advertisements, a quarterly product catalogue and the company's annual report and accounts.
- Recruited a junior graphic designer.
- Created the brand identity for Northamber's new IBM division. From my designs a website and range of print collateral were created.

# FREELANCE DESIGNER

ESPA International JUL 08 - NOV 08

- Produced templates and extensive style guidelines for a set of promotional spa literature that was used globally throughout The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Group.
- · Created the brand identity for ESPA's new recruitment division, ESPA People.
- Designed POS artwork, wrap boards, price menus and event posters to promote the ESPA Gift Range that were used at premium retail locations including John Lewis and Liberty.
- Produced a range of print collateral including advertisements, a product brochure, a corporate gift guide and an introductory guide to the new ESPA website.

# FREELANCE DESIGNER

Blac Marketing Agency / P&G (Procter & Gamble) PRP Architects / Finesse Group MAY 08 - JUL 08

- Designed print advertisements for a luxury London watchmaker.
- · Sourced images and prepared artwork for a PowerPoint presentation.
- Assisted in the production of a Design and Access Statement for a new housing development.
- · Designed display board layouts for an architectural exhibition.
- Prepared exhibition display graphics and large format signage for clients including Hewlett-Packard, Siemens and BT.

# **GRAPHIC / STUDIO DESIGNER**

Newsquest Media Group SEPT 03 - DEC 07

- Working to strict print deadlines, I designed advertisements, advertorials, features and supplements for a series of newspaper and magazine titles.
- Responsible for the design and production of a number of periodical magazine titles.
- Designed bespoke visuals in order to attract new clients to Newsquest and boost advertisement revenue. Work I created was fundamental in securing a B&Q store opening campaign worth £20,000.