BRIAN WEST

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EXPERIENCE The Company Store, Hanover Direct Inc., Weehawken, NJ

[2000-Present]

Senior Graphic Designer Lead designer in production of two full-color monthly catalogs:
The Company Store[®] and Company Kids[®].

- Collaborate with buyers to design The Company Store® packaging for new bath product line.
- Create and illustrate Company Kids® "superhero" characters for new kid's bedding.
- Departmental liaison with corporate vendors.
- Designed promotional ads and marketing materials to encourage sales with customers.
- Collaborate with internal departments to insure catalog accuracy.
- Supervised and trained freelancers on internal design process on catalog production.
- Designed The Company Store®/Company Kids® credit card and corresponding inserts.
- Design splash pages, web banners, e-mail blasts and managed web content for thecompanystore.com and companykids.com.
- Reduced costs over 80% with personal retouching and image manipulation.
- Developed and implemented a CMYK color swatch library to reduce color separator costs.

[1997-2000]

H. George Caspari, New York, NY

Designer

- Illustrated instructions and created die-cut cards, gift wrap, and other accessories.
- Conducted press-checks and oversaw production of catalog.
- Created numerous brochures for national and European distribution.
- Designed and created comprehensives for sales presentations.
- Extensive scanning, retouching, and color correction.

Freelance

[2007] The Murderers' Accordion

• Art direction and design of packaging for recently released music CD "The Heart Wants".

[2006]

Comprehensive NeuroScience, Inc.

• Created various promotional and marketing pieces highlighting various doctors and programs.

[2006]

Saint Michael's School

• Designed a marketing/admissions folder for prospective new students.

[2005]

Greenridge Investment Advisors, LLC.

Redesigned corporate identity and created press kit including folder, booklet, and one pagers.

[2004-2007]

Republicans for Township Committee

• Worked on four separate campaigns: Donovan & Plick '04, Plick & Puhak '05, Robinson '06 and Smith & Garcia '07. Designed logos, banners, bumper stickers, ads, and brochures.

Other clients include: TermiCare Pest Control, Tirelabs, The Rittenhouse Group, Fetch-A-Flick, Cornell University, SYNARC, DHC Consulting, LLC. and Collegiate Sprint Football League.

Various illustration and fine art commissions.

EDUCATION

Cornell University, College of Architecture, Art, and Planning

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree '97

Additional coursework at School of Visual Arts, New York, NY and Pratt, New York, NY

SPECIAL SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite 2 (InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Fireworks, ImageReady, Dreamweaver, Acrobat), Microsoft Office, QuarkXpress, Corel Painter, HTML, CSS