# CONNOR CHIN

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Creative Graphic Design Professional with 10+ years of experience in the publishing and consumer goods industries. Specializes in print, catalog, and book design, with a skilled background to work collaboratively with both large to small groups and independently on projects that are then brought to critique by peers and superiors. Skilled in both fast-paced work environments and projects with longer project timeframes.

Proven ability to design, deliver, maintain and support innovative, creative branding solutions.

#### Core Competencies:

- Graphic Design
- Visual Brand
- Digital Media
- Digital Illustration
- Creative Content
- Project Management
- Brand Identity
- Creative Direction
- Marketing Trends
- Client & Customer Satisfaction
- Detail Oriented
- Communication Skills
- Conceptual Thinking
- Interpersonal Communication
- Time Management

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Filson

The leading outfitter and manufacturer of unfailing goods for outdoor enthusiasts, offering reliable and authentic products.

**Graphic Designer,** Seattle, WA

4/2019 - 3/2021

4/2018 - 3/2019

Contract Graphic Designer, Seattle, WA

- Served as a main member of the catalog team that consisted of a production designer and art director.
- Self-led and managed projects such as a buyer's catalog while collaborating with other coworkers both in and outside
  of department.
- Responsible for collecting all the final documents and for each catalog in order to send off to color house for work and final preparation for the printer.
- Handled catalogs that consisted of collaboration within coworkers involving a larger sized design department.
- Assisted content team in working on articles to input into catalogs, including the merchandising department to add the correct merchandise for that catalog and season.

### becker&mayer!

A leading creator, producer, and manufacturer of innovative books for adults as well as engaging books and toy products for children.

#### Freelance - Graphic Designer, Bellevue, WA

11/2017 - 3/2018

- Served as part of a larger design team and worked independently on projects from start to finish with some input and reviews from superiors.
- Assisted in balancing of various ongoing workloads, ultimately filling in for and assuming occupancy over projects of a
  designer headed for leave.
- Responsible for handling full packaging design and 3-D renderings in order to provide instructional direction belonging to a book layout included in kits.
- Researched existing market trends and aligned design styles for specific genres to stand out amongst all other products offered from competitors.
- Worked collaboratively with outside companies such as Disney and Pixar to ok licensing and use of characters.
- Participated in providing assistance for a company subsidiary; "Smart LAB", which was a science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) toy producer, and assisted in project collaboration as needed with other designers and writers.

## Martingale

An industry-leading publisher of quilt, knit, and craft books and patterns by top authors.

Graphic Designer, Bothell, WA

10/2011 - 9/2016

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• Collaborated on multiple, simultaneous projects involving no less than four to five books in various stages of development and/or design.

- Contributed to self-handled projects and photoshoots but those of other designers as well.
- Provided critiques and contributed suggestions to assist in elevating creative work.

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Paint Escape
Store Associate
Freeland, WA
2005 – 2006

# **EDUCATION**

# Western Washington University

Bellingham, WA

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Graphic Design

# **Everett Community College**

Everett, WA

- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Adobe Photoshop CC

- Adobe InDesign CC
- Adobe Illustrator CC

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Excel

- Apple Pages
- Apple Keynote

# **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE & AWARDS**

- 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Book Show Award: "Crochet a Zoo" (Special Trade) Publishing Professionals Network, 2013
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Book Show Award: "Sew Merry and Bright" (Special Trade) Publishing Professionals Network, 2012