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OBJECTIVE: To add that certain special ingredient: to elevate the product to the next level: to transform the *good* into the *spectacular* : to be proud of what we make.

ILLUSTRATION / ANIMATION

Professional, Highly motivated, workaholic digital artist pursuing projects in digital media - Eminently creative - Outstanding addition to brainstorming - Learns quickly - Lover of solving impossible problems - Illustration, Character Animation, Character Design, World Design, Game Narrative, Storyboarding, Teen Culture / Fashion

PERSONAL SKILLS

- Award winning illustrator - Mastery of 2D digital animation - First-rate draftsman
- Exceptional professionalism - Able to produce quality creative work under high-pressure conditions - Meet deadlines - Exceed expectations.
- Able to work well in collaboration with other artists on a team.
- Expertise in wide range of design programs including: Adobe Photoshop / Adobe Flash / Adobe Illustrator / Adobe Fireworks / Adobe Dreamweaver / Adobe InDesign / 3D Studio Max / Microsoft Word / Microsoft PowerPoint / Microsoft Outlook / Microsoft Excel / Microsoft Windows / Windows Vista / Apple OS X
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rebel Monkey Inc. - Lead Animator / Character Design / Concept Art -- 2007-2009
Handled all character-related design and animation at mid-sized casual game company. Clients included: *National Geographic Channel, Adobe Systems.*

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration/Animation, 2007
Maryland Institute College of Art - Baltimore, MD

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Society Of Illustrators 49, Alan Goffman Award, 2007
- American Illustration, disTRIBUTE Gallery, 2007
- Bunting Fox Gallery, "Sensualists, Technocrats, Gamines & Sophisticates," 2007
- Honors Studio International Workshop, 2006
- Nomination, Gelman Traveling Grant, 2006

REFERENCES - Available upon request.