

- 5 years: project-based graphic - print design - lead role in elated-client satisfaction and successful business milestones
- Web-Content: landing, email, banner, development & project liaison, social media marketing - analytics research - findings
- Efficient in CRUSHING tight deadlines with accuracy
- Brand design-position, and marketing message / copy
- VX-UI / Human-Devise Interactive - Experience design
- Evidence-based, design thinking and strategic creativity
- Ability to brainstorm, sketch, conceptualize **BIG** ideas and 'Trend-Blazer' with my novel designs solutions
- Lead organizer in advertising project management & accurately QC-ing the team's work
- DSLR Photography & photoshoot lighting/setup
- Video Editing / VFX
- 'Principles' and professional execution in design, color, typography & finishing
- Creative arts skills: drawing, painting and illustrations
- Pixel-level manipulation & pin-point accuracies with a super-keen 'eye for design'

## AFC, INC. | carson

10/2015 - Present

Lead Graphic Designer - UXUI Design

<u>Graphics for in-house advertising agency</u>: My role includes design collaborations for business marketing objectives including: print, packaging, interactive UI & Web. Successful accomplishments in translating business goals into nationally recognized outcomes.

<u>Clear & compeling campaign solutions</u>: brochures, multi-page booklets, manuals, identity-branding, proposals, POS, B2B-B2C, tech-sheets, packaging design, posters, exhibit design & signage. Project skills in video shots, editing, motion graphics, and Digital Photography.

<u>**UI Design:**</u> for Internal Corporate Website-Mobile, as well as, Desktop-Mobile friendly Interactive Project with Sanrio, Inc. / Hello Kitty / Social Media.

# **CONTRACT-FREELANCE** | los angeles 2009-2015

#### Print Graphics / Visual and Interaction Design/ Video Editing, Motion Graphics

Design & creative art direction for print, web, interactive and animation projects. Designed each project from ideadiscovery and creative scope through final execution. Proven abilities in multi-tasking and coordination of projects; consistently meet client deadlines.

**Projects and Clients included:** Ford, Lexus, Toyota, Kappa Studios, Encore Hollywood-Deluxe, CBS Digital, Yu&Co, Producto Studios / eCornell University, Escape Studios, Prime Focus, Identity

RTT USA, INC. | pasadena

2006-2009

#### **Graphics Artist & Visual Designer**

My accomplishments uplifted business milestones and KPI results while increasing revenues through exceptional selfdirected initiatives.

<u>Successful accomplishments:</u> Graphic Design & interactive web movies graphic design collaborations with Saatchi & Saatchi - LA. Nationally-recognized marketing campaign.



**Bradley Academy of Visual Arts** York, PA BFA Communication & Visual Design Degree

#### University of Minnesota | IxD - UX - UI

Distance-Ed / Specialization in Interactive Design

# **rick**makoul graphic design designer of user interface

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# My Applied Direction of Art, Design & UXUI-D

- Defining the Problem Space, Rationale, Requirement Gathering and Critiques
- Project Insight & Strategies
- Speak design language & communicate motives
- Guerrilla-Research, Card Sorts, Affinity Mappingand Synthesis
- Case Studies, Design Brief, Storytelling, Functional Specs., Emotion - Color Palettes- Style Guides
- User: Personas, Scenarios & Storyboarding
- Hand Drawings, Sketches, Ideation, User Journey, Maps, Paper Prototyping-Interaction Design

# **UI Marketing Design Exploration & Skills**

- Ideation, Systematic Design Strategies and Iterative Designing. Improving the User Experience.
- Refinement of Low to High Fidelity prototypes based on Project Scopes (paper/digital) Wireframes, Diagrams, Mock-ups & Pixel-Perfect UI Designs, UI Elements, Illustrations & Iconography
- Animations and Motion Studies, Style-Tiles, Flat UI Design (look/feel) & Contemporary UI Aesthetics

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### Expert-Level:

- (Adobe CC) InDesign-Photoshop-Illustrator, Premiere, Fireworks, Lightroom, Bridge, After Effects.
- Powerpoint, Excel, Word, MsOffice, Excel, Outlook
- Omnigraffle, Balsamiq, Keynote, SKETCH, UXPin, InVision, AxureRP, Muse, Adobe XD