

GRAHAM DENISON

Curriculum Vitae



In brief

I am a Graphic Designer/Illustrator, highly trained with over 20 years commercial experience. Working mainly during this period for The Walt Disney Company, The Disney Store, Disney Consumer Products and Warner Bros Consumer Products. Skills include, Graphic Design, fully competent in latest Adobe Design software on Mac Platform, Illustration both by hand, on computer and also Fine-Art.

Work Experience earliest first

COMPANY David Clarke Design Group, Bournemouth, Dorset, U.K.

1987 - 1990

TITLE Studio Junior - Head Artist upon leaving

JOB DESCRIPTION Familiarizing with all aspects of working within a busy Design Studio, providing support within whilst learning essential all-round Design and Illustrational skills, providing Artwork and Design for large brand leading multi-National Companies.

SKILLS GAINED Trained in Illustration, Graphic Design, cut & paste, typesetting, camera/dark room Photo Ready Artwork, Layouts, Cartoon Character development, Apple Mac, communication, work within a team, problem solving, client relations and deadline awareness.

COMPANY Atlantis Illustration, Poole, Dorset, U.K.

1990 - 1997

TITLE Self employed / Freelance

JOB DESCRIPTION Offering Illustration and Design services to Design Agencies, providing Art and Design for own prestigious client list for Publishing, Advertising and Consumer Products. Own clients: The Walt Disney Company, Warner Brothers, Proctor & Gamble, Hanna Barbera, Hasbro, Marks & Spencer, Tesco's, Sainsbury's, Ladybird Books and more. . .

SKILLS GAINED Valuable experience in running of own business, day to day scheduling, direct client relations, deadline importance, accounting, training by Walt Disney and Warner Brothers in Character development and design, budgeting, brand awareness and understanding of Copyright.

COMPANY Toon Time Studio, Poole, Dorset, U.K.

1997 - 2000

TITLE Director / own business

JOB DESCRIPTION Director of successful own Design Studio, working for world recognized Corporations at executive level, reporting directly to Creative Director, Disney Consumer Products, Paris, France. Working internally for Walt Disney Consumer Products, Europe, South Africa and Middle East, providing Artwork and Design services for leading brand companies on licensed Consumer products such as Nestlé, Waddingtons Games, Hallmark Cards, International Olympic Committee, Staffordshire Tableware, McDonalds etc. Providing Art for Disney and Warner Brothers Style Guides used as quality reference for other artists and Studios to follow.

SKILLS GAINED: Direct client relationships, Brand identity and awareness, adherence to deadlines, problem solving and solutions, working with different cultures, high level Illustration and Design training, print management and quality control, trust having dealt with confidentiality agreements for up-coming programmes not yet in the public domain, Directing, nurturing and inspiring other Artists.

Contd . . .





Work Experience Contd . . .

COMPANY Toon Time Studio, Poole Dorset, U.K.

TITLE Director / own business

JOB DESCRIPTION This period working mainly for the Disney Store and Licensees, providing Artwork and Design for various consumer products including, Apparel, Limited Editions, Tableware, publishing, Plush / Soft Toy design and packaging sold worldwide and within the Disney theme parks. Other clients included, Smith Kline Beecham, Johnson & Johnson and Colgate-Palmolive.

SKILLS GAINED Leasing with department directors, providing and negotiating competitive quotes, packaging and Soft Toy design, different stages of product development. Communication at Executive level.

2000 - 2002

COMPANY Denison Design Marbella, Spain

TITLE Director / own business

JOB DESCRIPTION After moving to Spain having designed and built a new home, I provided Graphic Design and advertising services for various companies in the Marbella area, development of new Mijas Golf Logo and brand image, Kristina Szekely, Glass Curtains, Minerva construction company, The Beach House Restaurant, Viva and Maurice Boland etc.

SKILLS GAINED Concentrated more on Graphic Design and layout, working with different cultures, understanding invoicing and tax in a foreign country and obtaining and using to some degree, another language.

2002 - 2005

COMPANY Denison Fine Art

TITLE Director / own business

JOB DESCRIPTION After a very successful period decided to enjoy and develop my Fine-Art painting, painting oil on canvas with palette knife Impressionism, obtaining international recognition with prestigious exhibitions both locally and in New York, appeared on Radio, Television and in various publications. see www.denisonart.com

SKILLS GAINED Own Marketing, Web design and knowledge of world Fine-Art market.

2005 - 2008

Education

Purbeck Upper School, Wareham, Dorset, U.K.

1983 - 1987

O-Levels obtained: Geography, Technical Drawing, Art and Design, French and English

Sandford Middle School, Sandford, Wareham, Dorset, U.K.

1980 - 1983

Sandford Primary School, Sandford, Wareham, Dorset, U.K.

1976 - 1980

Skills

Versatile, competent, confident, fully capable and accomplished with all aspects of Art and Design, willing to learn and embrace new skills to further my capabilities and output, at ease with Mac Platforms, Adobe Software and just as comfortable with a pencil and paper! Considered to be amongst the top Line Artists/Inkers, good with Character development, understanding of product development, Layout, Clean-up, final rendered Print-Ready Art. Directing others, Digitally Prepared Artwork and Print knowledge. Good communicator, people skills, professional and presentable.

Interests, Activities and Hobbies

I like travelling where I can embrace different cultures and studying people, I enjoy Fishing, Painting, Dancing, music, dining out, cooking at home and observing Nature with its many forms and colors.

References (available upon request)

Mr. Carson Van Osten (Vice President) Creative Services Disney Consumer Products. 1993 - 1996

Mr. Neil Ingram (Managing Director) Glass Curtains S.L. Spain

