



#### **Professional Profile**

A creative marketing professional with 25 years of experience in business-to-business and business-to-consumer branding and marketing. Increasing revenue and marketing share through diligent research and effective creative.

#### **Core Qualifications**

#### **Branding and Marketing**

- Consumer insights and research for business-to-business and business-to-consumer brands
- Brand manager creating and implementing branding and marketing growth tactics
- Brand planner creating strategic outlines, agendas and plans preparing brands for national or regional marketing campaigns
- Brand awareness plan creator and director
- · Competitive marketing landscape using SWOT analysis and brand positioning methods
- Marketing plan preparation, design, and creation
- Brand discovery session designer, leader, and coordinator
- Strong background in both traditional and online sales channels
- Hands on experience using social media networks as a marketing focus
- Creating lead generation opportunities for business-to-business and business-to-consumer brands

#### Management

- Team leader of creative team and client creative lead
- Finance budgeting, forecasting plus ROI analysis
- Budget and overall financial management
- Experience managing multiple accounts in a fast-paced agency (both Business-to-Business and Business-to-Consumer)
- External relationship building and managing with outside vendors including advertising agency, graphic design firms, printing vendors, photographers, fulfillment house and technology resources
- Managerial and leadership skills including leading teams
- Management experience creating front-end and back-end of websites using HTML5, PHP, Wordpress, Joomla and ASP
- Public relations understanding and experience
- Event planning understanding and experience
- Media planner, negotiator, and buyer
- Management communications
- Strong work ethic with a passion for creative strategy and effective execution
- Proficient in Adobe CC, Microsoft products, and Google cloud environments
- Solid team leadership abilities
- Comprehensive communications skills





#### **Education**

**SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN**, Savannah, GA Bachelor of Graphic Design - 1993

## **Community Involvement**

- Member of the American Advertising Federation
- Coach for Girls On The Run Olde Providence team
- Coach for South Charlotte Baseball Association
- Provide pro bono web design service to pstrong.org
- Served on professional organization board for Business Marketing Association
- Past provider of pro bono marketing services for Charlotte Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation
- PTA board member at Olde Providence Elementary School

#### **Achievements**

- 2016 Charlotte Top Web Design Company recognition
- 2016 Charlotte Top Advertising Agency recognition
- 2015 Charlotte Top Web Design Company recognition
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- 2014 Charlotte Top Web Design Company recognition
- 2009 Communicator Award Recipient
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- 2007 Charlotte Top Web Design Company recognition
- 2007 Print Media Award Recipient
- 2006 Print Media Award Recipient
- 2006 Davey Award Recipient
- 2005 Charlotte Top Web Design Company recognition
- 2005 Charlotte Top Advertising Agency recognition
- 2004 Business Marketing Association Award Recipient
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# Experience



# Mindstorm Communications Group, Inc.

1999 - Current

**Creative Director** 

#### **Creative Duties:**

- Client brand development lead
- Creative and Senior Art Director and Manager of creative service team
- Director of interactive web design
- Creative and Project Lead for all catalog projects
- Project Lead of web design team and contract labor
- Manager of interactive development including database and web architecture
- Front End Web Designer
- Back End Designer and Manger
- Site Architecture and Wireframe Designer
- Director client photo and video shoots

#### **Manager and Business Duties:**

- Account supervisor for B2B and B2C clients
- Developed and implemented strategic marketing plans and tracked results
- Developed brand awareness and marketing strategies
- Create lead generation plans for clients
- Prepared market analysis reports for each project
- Developed and implemented client product and service strategies
- Coordination of all marketing materials
- Consulted with internal staff on strategic planning efforts
- Maintained close client communications while focusing marketing objectives
- Provided support to the marketing and design team
- Held regular staff meetings to track progress of all ongoing projects and campaigns
- Brainstorm effective ways to increase client sales
- Identified ways to increase sales of client products and services
- Worked with clients to determine realistic marketing budgets
- Managed customer relations efforts for each client
- New business and client sales developer
- Sales forecasting and growth planning
- Traffic manager and account planner
- · Responsible for project and annual client planning and budgeting
- Employee manager of full time and contract labor
- · Accounting and bookkeeper using Quickbooks





# Giordano Advertising Inc.

1997 - 1999

**Creative Director** 

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#### **Creative Duties:**

- Creative director of B2B creative services
- Photography director
- Production manager
- Traffic manager assistant
- Creative coordinator between creative and management





# Reid & Associates, Inc.

**Senior Art Director** 

#### **Creative Duties:**

- Art Director of art services
- Branding design and development
- Catalog designer and art director
- Photography direction
- Production manager
- Pre-press manager and color specialist
- Photography director

1994 - 1995

1995 - 1997

### **Bradshaw Creative Communications.**

**Art Director** 

#### **Creative Duties:**

- Lead designer for 8 automotive magazines
- Graphic design services
- Magazine production and desktop publishing
- Identity design and development
- Branding design and development
- Photography direction
- Pre-press

1993 - 1994

#### TPI (Technical Publications Inc.)

Technical Illustrator

#### **Creative Duties:**

- Technical Illustrator
- Graphic design
- Illustration services
- Desktop publishing
- Identity design and development
- Photography direction





# **Computer Application Skills:**

Expert in the following applications:

#### **Adobe CC:**

Illustrator Photoshop InDesign Dreamweaver Acrobat Fireworks

#### Internet:

Wordpress
Joomla
HTML
PHP
MySQL
SQL
myPHP Admin
GoogleAdWords
BingAdWords
Facebook Ads

#### Mise.

Salesforce.com
Hoovers.com
Quickbooks
Microsoft Office Suite
Apple Cloud Apps
Google Docs
Workamajig
QuarkXPress

# **B2B Industry Experience:**

Extensive industry experience with the following brands:

#### Apparel:

Hartwell
Blake and Hollister
Pine Island Sportswear
American Cottons
Century Place
Bermuda Sands
Carolina Made
Lebos Dancewear

#### Industrial:

Husquvarna
John Deere
Sunbelt Outdoor Products
Ingersall Rand
Barloworld/Hyster
Jaws of Life

#### **Automotive:**

Bradshaw Automotive Cerritos Automotive Sonic Automotive

# Jeff Masilun **XDEFIENCE**



**B2C** Brand Experience.





















**B2B** Brand Experience.

















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