# SARAH SEARS

# SKILLS

Expert in CC Creative Suite Extensive presentation experience Painter | Illustrator | Typographer Status quo pusher Natural leader Weird in a good way

# EDUCATION

The Illinois Institute of Art Chicago BFA Visual Communications | 2007 - 2010

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT Do the Werq Panelist | Creative Director | 2020

Joliet Junior College Design Seminar Speaker | 2019

> Illinois Institute of Art Chicago Seminar Speaker | 2017

AIGA Mentorship Program Mentor | 2015-2017

Chicago Creative Review Reviewer | 2014

Pixels of Fury Competition Hosted by Shutterstock Competitor | 2014

> EXHIBITIONS Sidewalk PDX Blazers Pre-Game Event Artist | 2020

> > The Martin Launch Artist | 2018

> > > *WHCO Series* Artist | 2016, 2017

Туређогсе 6 Exhibition Artist | 2015

> AIGA Mentorship Wrap-Up Party Designer | 2015, 2016

UNICEF Next Gen Art Party Artist | 2015, 2016

# PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

### Laundry Service, Portland, OR CREATIVE DIRECTOR

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- Client List: Hennessy, Nike, Jordan Brand, Amazon, T-Mobile, Banfield Pet Hospital

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- Operated as the most senior creative in the PDX office, leading and managing the creative process, culture, and team within first year of position.

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- Implemented new processes to manage and organize the workload of creatives within the PDX office. Processes were taken and implemented across LA, NYC, and London offices.
- Directed, presented, won, and launched multiple new business initiatives over the course of a year by unifying and inspiring the creative team to deliver brilliant and well-crafted creative.
- Directed and lead numerous creative executions across Hennessy, Amazon, Jordan, and Nike including photoshoots, video shoots, script writing, all contributing to flawless final content delivery.

# ARC Worldwide, Chicago, IL ASSOCIATE CREATIVE DIRECTOR

- Client List: Miller Coors Miller Lite, Coorslight, High Life, Blue Moon, Sol, Keystone Light
- Led, directed, and managed all high level projects and photoshoots for Miller High Life, Blue Moon, Keystone, and Sol from team briefing to final delivery, with flawless ideation and creative execution.
- Worked seamlessly with social, PR, and digital agencies to create full 360 campaigns.
- Managed, concepted, directed, and finalized over 10 custom illustrations for Blue Moon for cities across the US to create a local connection with our consumers. Initiative became a best in practice and brand influence for future brand campaigns.
- Proposed to creative leadership additional ways to build teams through camaraderie and creativity. These methods were implemented across the agency.

# DNAinţo, Chicago, IL CREATIVE DIRECTOR

- Managed and cultivated client relationships with over 150 clients across Chicago and New York offices.
  This included onboarding, asset collection, brand identity development, digital advertising campaigns, and custom creative ideation.
- Built an entire creative team and implemented a straightforward creative process while working with leadership in Sales, Ad Operations, and Editorial.
- Spearheaded and supervised all creative projects, from concepting and selling in ideas to a client, to flawless execution.

# The Integer Group, Chicago, IL SENIOR ART DIRECTOR

- Client list: Wrigley Skittles, Starburst, Lifesavers | Mars Snickers, M&Ms
- Developed script writing and video production experience on large productions for Skittles, Snickers, and M&Ms.
- Managed all projects from concepting, to selling in the idea, to launch.
- Handled all design tasks including type treatments, photography, and illustrations while managing in-house designers and illustrators to ensure all final products were of the highest quality.

# Upshot Inc, Chicago, IL SENIOR ART DIRECTOR

- Client list: Casa Noble Tequila, Core Power, New Balance, Crown Imports, Subway, P&G, Nuveen Investments, Disney
- Art directed multiple successful photo shoots for Casa Noble, Core Power, New Balance, Subway, Omron, and Nuveen Investments.
- Managed all projects from concept to creation. Was responsible for the visual quality of all designs and pre-press materials produced for all clients.

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PORTLAND, OR

# January 2018 - March 2019

# January 2017 - November 2017

May 2016 - January 2017

October 2010 - May 2016

August 2019 - December 2020