

# JOHN CHRISTENSON

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010–PRESENT

### Freelance Graphic Designer

STUDIONORTH [NORTH CHICAGO, IL]

BRAINFORREST [CHICAGO, IL]

LITTLE & COMPANY [MINNEAPOLIS, MN]

Developing brand identities and brand standards. Concepting and designing websites, motion and environmental graphics, exhibit booths, brochures, print and online advertising.

2001–2010

### Senior Graphic Designer

LIPMAN HEARNE, INC. [CHICAGO, IL]

As creative team lead designer, concepted and developed award winning products ranging from magazines, annual reports, brochures, and newsletters to interactive media and web sites for universities and other nonprofit organizations. Collaborated with copywriters, researchers, and account executives to produce compelling and relevant materials that reinforce clients' strategic objectives and communicate core messages. Created and developed logos, identity systems, and branding systems. Art-directed and managed freelance designers, production designers, web developers, photographers, videographers, and video editors. Mentored and supervised interns and design staff.

2008–PRESENT

### Industrial Designer & Owner

NUZZLES™ [CHICAGO, IL]

Designing and handcrafting custom dimensional wooden typographic puzzles, called Nuzzles™, each with their own unique characteristics. Recognized by leading design blogs such as Swissmiss and Grain Edit, over 90 Nuzzles™ have been created for clients worldwide.

## SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Digital video and animation
- Furniture design and crafting
- Photography, film and digital
- Sculpture and model making
- Painting, drawing, and illustration

## SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

- Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, Flash)
- QuarkXPress
- Final Cut Pro HD
- DVD Studio Pro
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)

## EDUCATION

2002

**Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design** (with Honors and Distinction)

**Bachelor of Fine Arts in Industrial Design** (with Honors and Distinction)

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO [CHICAGO, IL]

## CLIENTS

Achieving the Dream  
The Adler Planetarium  
The Brookings Institution  
Bryant University  
Chicago Botanic Garden  
Chicago Public Schools  
COPD Alliance  
Crown Family Philanthropies  
Dominican University  
Drexel University  
The Fletcher School  
Follett Software Company  
Foundations of East Chicago  
GEO  
The Harmony Foundation  
ICT Qatar  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Kids Hope United  
Lehman College  
Lions Clubs International  
MacArthur Foundation  
Marine Biological Laboratories  
Miami University  
Million Dollar Round Table  
Museum of Science and Industry  
Northern Arizona University  
Project Hope  
Quaker Oats  
RAND Corporation  
Roosevelt University  
Rush University Medical Center  
Rutgers University  
Scüci  
Target  
Trinity University  
University of Chicago  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Detroit Mercy  
University of Illinois  
University of Nebraska  
University of Rochester  
University of Texas Arlington  
Vanderbilt University  
VTech Kids  
Wake Forest School of Law  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
William Paterson University  
Young Epidemiology Scholars

References available upon request.

Digital portfolio available at:

<http://threeelementscreative.com>