## KRIS DA SILVA graphic design & management

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

SR. PROJECT MARKETING DESIGNER

SIGNATURE ASPEN (HOUSTON, TX) FEB, 2025 - PRESENT

#### **DESIGN & CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT**

- Lead in-house design for marketing, branding, POS, and promotional materials.
- Produce technical and fabrication drawings for customer projects.
- Direct wrap-department design for boats and full vehicle fleets.
- Create sample books and substrate guides for key product lines.

#### **MARKETING & COLLABORATION**

- Produce in-house branded documentation and marketing assets.
- · Collaborate with marketing teams on customer-specific branding.
- Create proposal packages for major bids and new markets.

#### **CUSTOMER & SALES SUPPORT**

- Provide design consultations and technical guidance to customers.
- Assist sales teams with proposals, pricing, and project planning.
- Ensure clear communication across all project stages.

#### PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Manage project scope, timelines, pricing, and feasibility.
- · Oversee design and tracking for major sports tournaments.
- Approve vendor pricing, timelines, and POs.
- Support sales with proposals, estimates, and engineered solutions.

## WEB, SYSTEMS & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Oversee company website development with design and dev partners.
- Design and manage the internal API-based project tracking site.
- Build file-management systems for new sectors and outsourced projects.
- Maintain product structures and pricing tables in PrintIQ.

## AI & OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Lead AI integration to streamline production workflows.
- Develop SOPs for new capabilities and processes.

## **OVERVIEW**

I am passionate about the work I do, and seek only growth and refinement through experience. I aim to instill the same dedication in those whom I collaborate, manage, and mentor.

## **MANAGEMENT**

- Initiating, implementing and managing systems and SOPs
- Overseeing design department; creative direction
- Managing production and installation departments; scheduling and directives
- Overseeing training and subsequent employee growth trajectories
- Analyzing, projecting and budgeting for staff recompense, salaries and bonuses

## **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

- Budgeting, costing, and scheduling for multiple ongoing jobs
- Delegating and tracking jobs for project success
- Evaluating changes and issuing change orders for addendums, additions, and variations from/to existing contracts
- Inventory management for in-house (general) and specified projects, including timeline tracking and sourcing
- Researching and forming relationships with suppliers and vendors to acquire best available pricing

## **GRAPHIC DESIGN**

- Multi-platform brand management
- Commercial vehicle wraps and graphics
- Commercial large format graphics
- Shop fabrication and permit drawings
- · Press and digital print media
- Screen print, HTV, DTF and light transfer media for apparel
- Digital content for web and social media
- Pre-press and file setup for production

#### **VP CREATIVE DESIGN & PRODUCTION**

BAYOU GRAPHICS (HOUSTON, TX) MAY, 2023 - DECEMBER, 2024

## **DESIGN MANAGEMENT**

- Establish procedures for graphic design and prepress departments
- Manage time allotments for design based on project scale; for internal timelines and bidding purposes
- Consultation with and subsequent assignment of customers, based on design needs and project criterion
- Overseeing shop drawings and fabrication specifications for accuracy, production, and permitting
- Ensuring efficacy in processes and systems; uniformity of file formats and records-keeping for consistency cross-platform and over time
- Heading in-house design projects, branding, and marketing for digital and print media
- Customer service, including initial meetings to meet customer expectations, proofing, editing and modifying, design support for direction and branding continuity

#### PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

- Establishing and tracking timelines for fabrication and installation to meet and exceed customer expectations
- Instructing and training personnel in the production space in advanced device/software maintenance and troubleshooting, color management and quality standards
- Overseeing production processes and SOPs, inventory management and sourcing, cross-platform consistency, timelines and maintenance
- Pinpointing avenues of growth for employees and associated training programs, seminars or classes for professional development

# GRAPHIC DESIGN & PRODUCTION ROADRUNNER VEHICLE WRAPS (BELTSVILLE, MD) SEPTEMBER, 2020 - MAY, 2023

## **GRAPHIC DESIGN**

- Use of Adobe Illustrator & Photoshop, Corel Draw & Photopaint, and SAi FlexiSign Suite
- · Design for vehicle and fleet wraps and lettering
- Branding for food trucks, including full truck wrapping, menus and signage
- Design for channel letters, back- and front-lit exterior signage, and shop drawings for use in permitting, electrical and fabrication thereof
- Prepress for large format printing and production

## **PRODUCTION**

- PSA Vinyl setup and print on HP Latex 300, 500 and 800 series printers
- Use of SAi Flexi and Onyx print and cut software for large format
- Measuring, tiling and paneling production jobs for production and install
- Providing specs for fabrication of exterior lit signs and interior dimensional signs

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SOFTWARE**

- Microsoft 365 Office Suite
- Intuit Suite (QuickBooks, Mailchimp)
- CoreBridge
- shopVOX
- Adobe Acrobat and Express
- PrintIQ

## **GRAPHIC DESIGN SOFTWARE**

- Adobe Creative Suite
- CorelDraw Graphics Suite
- SAi Flexi Design
- Figma
- Canva

## PRODUCTION SOFTWARE

- ONYX Thrive Software
- SAi Flexi RIP Software
- CutMaster
- Esko iCut
- Summa Cut Server

## **ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS**

- Customer service from front-end (evaluating, costing and sales) to completion
- Inventory tracking and management; vendor acquisition, ordering, and pricing
- Supply chain management and sourcing
- Payment collection and allocation
- · Project scheduling and tracking
- · Staff scheduling and job delegation

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGN & PREPRESS**

STRATEGIC FACTORY (OWINGS MILLS, MD)
OCTOBER, 2019 - MARCH, 2020

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGN**

- Use of Adobe InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop
- Setup for pre-press department (digital print, offset print and large format)
  - o For Print Materials, Mailers, Stationary and Advertising Media
  - For Vehicles and Fleets, Fabric, Promotional, 3Dimensional, ADA, Temporary and Permanent Signage, as well as entire "branded spaces" including wraps, decals, 3 dimensional and 2 dimensional branding materials for customer specific offices and work spaces
- · Working with existing client branding to create cohesion through signage, print and mailing
- For specification and shop drawings for fabrication
- For permitting and installation
- · Renderings for client proofs

#### **PRODUCTION**

- Esko pre-flighting using i-cut Suite and automation software
- Press ready preparation including color management for offset, digital and large format, image flattening and rasterization, Esko and bindery registration (automatic and manual) for cutting processes

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGNER**

IMAGE360 - YORK, PA (YORK, PA) JULY, 2017 - OCTOBER, 2019

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGN**

- · Use of Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, AfterEffects and Lightroom
- · Design for vehicle, fabric, 3-dimensional, temporary and permanent signage
- · Prepress for large format, digital print, screenprinting and apparel, promotional Items, cutting, routing and vehicle wraps
- · Digital design for social media, web, marketing and conceptual development

## **PRODUCTION**

- · PSA Vinyl and rigid substrate cutting on graphtec and Esko cutters
- Use of Cut Master, Gerber Composer and Esko iCut software
- Large format printing on roll to roll and flatbed HP printers
- Printing on HP Latex 360, 570, FB500 and R1000 using remote servers and Thrive Software

## **MARKETING**

- · Digital marketing for social media and web
- · Promotional product design
- · Orchestrating marketing campaigns
- Sales and customer service evaluation
- · SEO for web traffic and campaigns

#### **OFFICE MANAGEMENT**

- · Inventory management and purchasing
- Purchase Order consolidation and reconciliation
- · Server organization and file management
- Design workflow, time management and delegation

## PRODUCTION/SIGNAGE SPECIALIST

Allegra Design, Print & Marketing (Lancaster, PA) October, 2016 - July, 2017

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGN**

- Use of Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop
- Prepress design for PSA Vinyl Cutting and Large Format Print and Cut Use of Onyx Rip to Print Software
- Limited Conceptual Design for Vehicle Lettering and Rigid Signage

#### **PRODUCTION**

- PSA Vinyl cutting on Graphtec Cutters
- Large Format Printing on Roland SOLJET Roll to Roll Large format Solvent Printer
- PSA Vinyl Application and Installation both in shop and on site
- Table Work, including vinyl weeding, taping, and application, fabric and banner hemming and grommeting, rigid signage production, and preparation for on-site application and installation

#### **INSTALLATION**

- · Vinyl Application on windows, storefronts and walls
- Rigid and Fabric Signage Installation
- Knowledge of Hardware needed for permanent and temporary signage installation
- Use of scissor lifts, pole trucks and bucket lifts for above ground installation

#### ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

- Sales and Customer Service in the field, customer satisfaction follow-up, and up-sales
- Purchasing and Inventory Management
- Shop Management and Production Lead, overseeing design, production, installation and scheduling
- Workflow, Time Management and Delegation

## **GRAPHIC DESIGN & PRODUCTION**

Elephat Print & Design (York, PA) July, 2014 - October, 2016

#### **GRAPHIC DESIGN**

- Use of Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign
- · Design for customer specific apparel
- Prepress for HT vinyl, soft opaque polyurethane (Printable HT) vinyl and digital print

#### **PRODUCTION**

- Table work, including weeding, taping, applying and pressing HT vinyl for apparel
- Digital Printing using Fiery (EFI) Print Servers and Software, and Canon Print Hardware (multiple printers)
- Use of Mimaki roll to roll large format printer and RasterLink software

## ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

- Customer service
- Outside and in-house sales
- · File management
- Printer maintenance

## **EDUCATION**

## **ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN GRAPHIC DESIGN**

The Art Institute of York, Pennsylvania
September 2013 - June 2014

#### GRAPHIC DESIGN (DIGITAL)

- Use of Adobe Creative Cloud Software
- Conceptual design and storyboarding for brand standards and marketing campaign
- Design for B2B and B2C spaces
- Typographic styling, typesetting and hierarchical management for print and digital media
- Photography and photomanipulation
- Basic CSS/HTML and WordPress design and management
- Design for print and digital color spaces
  - Preflighting and troubleshooting files fo production
  - Editing files for accessibility on digital devices and applicable ratios by platforn
- Public speaking for presentation of all conceptual and project designs, brands, and campaigns

#### FINE ARTS (TRADITIONAL)

- Life and figure drawing using multiple media including:
  - Graphite and Charcoal
  - Pen and Ink
  - Watercolor, Gouache, Acrylic, and Oil paints
  - Modeling Clay
- Typographic development, both manual and digital
- Linoprint and screenprinting for apparel
- Manual draft and development of ideations for problem solving in group and individual settings
- Draft sketching and simple, effective, shorthand for conveying visual concepts

## IN CONCLUSION

With experience in both production and design, I'm able to bring knowledge of the logistically feasible to the realm of uninhibited thought - stretching the limits of possibility to meet the impossibility of original and dynamic design.

I have worked diligently and persistently to gather a vast amount of knowledge in this industry. I truly love what I do, and I am excited to continue to refine my abilities, and inspire and support the next generation of designers in this field.