

Leigh Sandusky

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Summary

A creative, positive, and open-minded **jewelry designer** with the following strengths and skills:

- Creating designs from concept to completion, Line development and merchandising
- Proficient in Word, Power Point, Excel, Illustrator, Photoshop, CAD/CAM Rhino 3-D Modeling, Photography, Updating Websites, and creating line sheets
- Knowledgeable of stone setting, gemstones, plating, casting, wax carving, and metalsmithing
- Proficient in assembling jewelry, designing jewelry, and rendering jewelry designs, hand sketching, beading, macramé, wire wrapping, creating mood boards, predicting trends
- Good communication and people skills

Education

FIDM/ Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising Los Angeles, CA

Associate of Arts Degree Major: **Jewelry Design** Grad date: 12/2013

- Jewelry Design Major completing the following courses: CAD/CAM 3-D Modeling, Rendering, line development and merchandising, Creative Design from Concept to Completion, and Metalsmithing.

The New School University New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts Major: Liberal Arts

- Photography, Photoshop, Philosophy, Very good writing, reading, and math skills.

Experience

Trice Jewelers- Head Custom Jewelry Designer Denver, CO 5/15/2018-Current

- Design custom jewelry using CAD Matrix
- Create renderings for the customer's approval
- Print 3D design on a 3D printer and prepare it for casting
- Work closely with customers to design their dream piece of jewelry
- Design and create engagement ring collections and fine fashion jewelry collections
- Research trends to stay up to date on new styles
- Create mood boards and inspiration boards for presentations and inspiration
- Work closely with jewelers that are on sight

Nicole Richie's Honey Minx- CAD Jewelry Designer (Freelance) 11/11/2018-12/11/2018

- Worked directly with Culte in Los Angeles to develop and enhance their designs
- Met short deadlines
- Designed 20-30 pieces using CAD Matrix
- Worked closely with the production team and other designers to develop their concepts.
- Created CAD renderings for the client to approve and then provided stl and 3dm files for production

Nikki Reed's Bayou with Love- CAD Jewelry Designer (Freelance) 2-12-2019- current

- Ongoing freelance designer creating custom designs and collections pieces
- Provide CAD renderings to communicate the designs for approval
- Once approved I provide stl and 3dm files for production
- Worked under a short timeline and turnaround time

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Hyde Park Jewelers- Head Designer Denver, CO 2/15/2017-1/22/2018

- Created custom jewelry for individual customers
- Created collections exclusive to Hyde Park
- Designed using Matrix 9 CAD
- Provided renderings for each design
- Printed the waxes on 3D printer for manufacturing
- Worked closely with jewelers to develop the design
- Trend research
- Communication skills with customers and sales associates

John Atencio-Designer Denver, CO 1/6/2016-2/1/2017

- Designed Collections for Holiday 2016, Valentines Day 2017, and Bridal
- Created these designs in CAD Matrix 8
- Communicated these designed to overseas factories until the product was ready to sell.
- Manage the John Atencio Website
- Coordinate and organize photography
- Trend research and marketing research for fashion and bridal collections.
- Created Spec sheets for the factory and managed the tracking and timeline of each piece John Atencio produced.

Ada Diamonds-Freelance Designer Freelance 12/15/2016-Current

- Designed and produced CAD files for over 30 designs for their launch
- Continue to design and create CAD files on a freelance basis for customers with custom needs
- Designed on CAD the dashboard of a Rolls Royce Specialized car.
- Educated the clients about diamond jewelry and introduced them to a manufacturer in Los Angeles

Tacori-Designer Los Angeles, CA 1/19/15- 12/15/15

- Designed the Fall 2015 Fashion collection for Women's Jewelry
- Designed 3 pieces for the Spring 2016 men's collection
- Designed the collection on Matrix and created prototypes for approval.
- Created costing and material sheets for the collection and previous collections
- Implemented new and efficient ways of organizing the collection and previous collections
- Trend research for Tacori to stay within their style while still appealing to the trends
- Trend research for bridal
- Sourcing leather for the men's collections
- Managed myself and others to make sure the production moved along efficiently to meet our deadlines.

Sydney Evan-Designer Los Angeles, CA 4/21/14- 1/1/15

- Contributed ideas and designs as a part of the design team
- Work closely with the Senior Designer to further develop the collections and brand.
- Communicated design concepts directly to the manufacturers overseas and locally
- Created comprehensive drawings and technical design submissions using Adobe illustrator to communicate to the manufacturers
- Checked CAD drawings from overseas manufactures to maintain the quality of Sydney Evan fine jewelry.
- Designed give away merchandise and marketing materials like key chains and gift bags

Michael Kors-Design Intern Richardson, TX 9/23/13-12/20/13

- Created detailed jewelry designs that went into production for Fall 2014 and Holiday 2014
- Contributed ideas for jewelry to the design team that went into production
- Designed jewelry renderings on Illustrator to present to buyers, and higher-ups to go into production
- Created design mechanicals and color ways on Illustrator to send to the factories to be sampled for future collections.
- Completed extensive research on jewelry and fashion trends, and trend prediction
- Organized Michael Kors jewelry archives

Shay- Design Assistant

Beverly Hills, CA

1/21/13-9/21/13

- Talked to buyers, worked with their accessories line, created marketing materials, worked with Photoshop, assisted designers.
- Took pictures of the jewelry for marketing materials, and edited them
- Selected Jewelry for pulls for shoots.
- Created design options, assembled Jewelry, Created and sent out newsletters
- Updated the website, created layouts of pictures for the website
- Updated client information, contact information, filing invoices

Awards

Scholarship to FIDM, Honor Roll Student at FIDM, FIDM Jewelry Design Award Nominee
 Currently Studying for my Gemologist Degree from GIA
 Featured in a Forbes.com article

References and work samples available on request you can also visit

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