Aaron Simons

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Dedicated design professional with a strong background in graphic and web design, driven by a passion for creating compelling narratives and fostering brand engagement. Proven track record of developing websites, branding strategies, impactful logos, and marketing collateral for diverse small businesses. Outstanding written and verbal communication skills (Bilingual). Energetic, detail-oriented, and collaborative team player committed to delivering effective design solutions in a fast-paced environment.

Experience

Design and Marketing Associate Harlem Children's Zone

04/2024 - present

New York, NY

Design advertising and marketing content that drives participant enrollment, talent recruitment, and philanthropy. Conduct market research and analysis and establish data management and tracking systems to optimize marketing content. Help plan HCZ's social media calendar and publish organic and paid posts. Work in direct collaboration with HCZ's external communications and marketing firm to execute strategies. Help steward the HCZ brand, ensuring that all visual representations of HCZ stay true to brand guidelines.

Design Assistant 09/2022 - 03/2023

As We Design

Tel Aviv, Israel

Designed and developed impactful visual assets, including logos, presentations, social media posts, advertisements, and web banners (in both Hebrew and English) for local and international clients including Nestlé, Microsoft, Mondelez International, and others. Assisted senior designers throughout various project stages, from concept development to completion. Created compelling animations for clients using Adobe After Effects and Apple Motion. Oversaw in-studio social media campaigns for holidays and special events.

 Design Intern
 05/2021 - 01/2022

 Stagwell Global
 New York, NY

Created both internal and public-facing materials for distribution at multinational design holding company, including pamphlets, brochures, digital ad campaigns, email campaigns, websites, and social posts. Assisted in establishing brand direction following successful merger. Collaborated closely with communications team, actively participating in branding/PR meetings. Designed, updated, and maintained online "Hub" website featuring highlighted work, thought leadership, and company information. Organized and consolidated weekly Harris Poll research data while implementing design improvements and ensuring accurate and up-to-date information.

Creative Intern 05/2020 - 09/2020

Maltz Jupiter Theatre Jupiter, FL

Created promotional material for award-winning regional theater. Wrote and edited multi-tier "FAQ" website section for \$35 million buildout campaign. Proofread pamphlets, magazines, flyers, and mailers for design and content inconsistencies. Assisted Chief Executive during meetings with agents, managers, donors, and reporters.

Production Intern 05/2019 - 06/2019
Twentieth Century Fox Television 05/2019 - 06/2019
Los Angeles, CA

Assisted art department in designing, creating, purchasing, and sourcing props for primetime television show. Supported production staff in creating and distributing paperwork. Communicated with writers, directors, producers, and other members of staff. Attended offsite film shoots and assisted with set dressing and talent management.

Freelance Graphic/Web Designer

2018 - present

Create branding assets (logos, icons, brand guidelines) for multiple small businesses. Generate collateral including flyers, brochures, business cards, posters, banners, Zoom backgrounds, presentations, animations, product packaging, and more. Design and maintain multiple websites with testimonials, blog, videos, portfolios, maps, and schedulers. Portfolio available at www.kesemdesign.com.

Education

Hamilton College 08/2018 - 05/2022

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Theatre, Minor in Digital Arts

Clinton, NY

Skills

Web Design • Graphic Design • Packaging/Label Design • Branding • Social Media • Video Editing • Content Creation CRM Organization • Typing (106 WPM) • Copywriting • Event Coordination • CPR Certified

MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel) • Google Workspace (Gmail, Docs, Slides, Sheets) • Adobe CC (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere)

Figma • Canva • HubSpot • WordPress • Squarespace • Wix • Mailchimp • Zoom