# **PHILLIP RETUTA** ART DIRECTION, BRAND MARKETING, & UI/UX DESIGN

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# WORK EXPERIENCE

#### SOCIAL MEDIA & CAMPAIGN LEAD/DIGITAL CONTENT LEAD

Panthera Corporation

January 2022 to Present | NYC & Global

Managing direct reports. Content creation (strategy, social posts, design, photography, video, and animation). Copywriting, editing, and writing blogs/ webpages. SEO for Google and social media. Measuring KPIs on social media performance and producing reports. Financial and fundraising efforts, incuding setting up social efforts. Managing, collbaorating, and outreach of global accounts, from LATAM to the Middle East to Africa to Asia. Game design and email blasts.

#### ASSOCIATE DIGITAL ART DIRECTOR & UX/UI DIGITAL DESIGNER

New York Institute of Technology

September 2014 to January 2022 | NYC/Old Westbury, NY

UX/UI design, logo design, wireframing, graphic design, art direction, project management, social media design, photography, and photo/video editing within the University's Strategic Communications and External Affairs department -- an agile, academic environment. Oversaw complete digital redesign of website under leadership circa 2014. Oversaw redesign under new leadership.

#### FREELANCE DIGITAL DESIGNER & ART DIRECTOR

November 2003 to Present | Chicago & NYC

Various visual and UX/UI design for Scholastic, Comcast, Johnson & Johnson, Wild Turkey, Macy's Fashion, Microsoft, MoMA, Chantecaille, Hunter International, DramaFever, Donna Karan, Prudential, Mario Lopez, CollegeHumor, Gothamist, Men's Health, Sonja Nuttall, Warm Inc, 8 Enterprises, Fly Communications, WFLI, Eyebeam, Operation: CMYK, BrainLab, Visual BI, Reval, Panthera, & personal clients.

LEAD UX/UI & SENIOR VISUAL DESIGNER

*TCG: The Communication Group* August 2012 to August 2014 | NYC Senior UI/UX & visual design for web & mobile, print ads, multimedia, and art direction for Patricia Arquette, Quincy Jones Foundation, Chantecaille, Sonja Nuttall, Clare Munn, SIM Fund, BeMe, Michael Stars.

## PROFICIENCIES

#### UX/UI DESIGNER

Cainkade Corp December 2011 to June 2012 | New York, NY Mid-level visual & interaction design for web & mobile for Comcast, Johnson & Johnson, Mario Lopez's Rated M.

#### **MULTIMEDIA DESIGNER**

EdLab at Columbia University July 2011 to December 2011 | NYC Design & motion graphics for educational videos.

#### **OFFICE ASSISTANT & DIGITAL DESIGNER**

Parsons Deans Office September 2009 to October 2010 | NYC Web dev, photography, & presentation design for Parsons.

#### **DESIGN & MOTION GRAPHICS INTERN**

*Click3x* May 2010 to June 2010 | NYC Visual design & motion graphics production.

#### AGENCY FREELANCE GRAPHIC DESIGN

*The Buzz Company, Creative Circle* July 2008 to August 2009 | Chicago, IL Web development, visual design, & illustration.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY INTERN**

The Onion April 2008 to October 2008 | Chicago, IL Photography of concerts, restaurants, & bars.

#### **NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL ILLUSTRATOR**

The Daily Illini August 2003 to January 2006 | Urbana-Champaign, IL Comic strip & editorial illustration.

**DIGITAL SKILLS:** Adobe Creative Cloud (expert knowledge in Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, After Effects, Premiere Pro, Media Encoder, Acrobat, Flash, Dreamweaver), UX/UI/IA, HTML/XHTML, CSS, Sketch/Omnigraffle/Wireframing, Data Visualization, Final Cut Pro, Physical Computing/Arduino, Processing, Javascript, MAX/MSP, ProTools, QuarkXPress, MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Keynote, Basecamp/InMotion, Instagram, X, Threads, Bluesky, Facebook, Twitch, YouTube, TikTok, Hootsuite.

**TECHNICAL SKILLS:** Art and Creative Direction. Able to work in both an agile and waterfall environment. Able to create user scenarios or personas, analyze user data, and user test products. Project Management experience: able to effectively lead a creative or development team in any collaborative project; able to follow directions and motivate others as a positive team member. Rapid prototyping and A/B Testing. Outstanding skills in traditional media, including: sketching, inking, painting, DSLR photography, sewing, typography, and video editing. Proficient communication abilities: excellent writing, proofreading, and copywriting skills.

### **EDUCATION**

#### PARSONS THE NEW SCHOOL FOR DESIGN

Graduate studies in Design and Technology Focus on Interaction, Social Media, & User Experience

Thesis: "CharnelHouse: Identity in Human-Computer Interaction, Digital Death, & Virtual Immortality"

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Undergraduate studies in English Literature, Graphic Design

## **RECOGNITION & VOLUNTEER WORK**

2024 Walt L. Shamel Community Garden - Volunteer
2024 ArtShack Ceramics Studio - Student and Student Worker
2023 Fort Greene Pups - Volunteer and Photographer, 3rd Place Winner
2021 Instagram - 14K Unique Followers @DustyDoggerton
2019 Korean K9 Rescue - Volunteer and Foster Parent
2017 Davey Award (Gold), W3 Award (Silver), SIAA Award - NYIT.edu
2017 Eductation Digital Marketing (Bronze) - The Box, NYIT.edu/box
2013 Hermes Creative Awards - Gold WInner for QGCuffs.com
2011 Parsons Animation Film Festival - Finalist for "Big Love"
2011 Parsons Kellen Gallery - Installation Exhibition for CharnelHouse
2019 IVMH: Made in New York - Team Leader & Semi-Finalist
2008 Tumblr - 28K Unique Followers @IndieRawkJeffro