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PROFILE

Michael is a versatile content creator with over 20 years of experience in graphic design, website development, video production, and digital advertising. Dedicated to delivering top-tier marketing materials across various platforms including web, print, social media, and video presentations. Known for fostering collaboration, possessing exceptional interpersonal skills, and demonstrating meticulous attention to detail. Capable of successfully overseeing intricate design projects from inception to execution, consistently meeting deadlines and budgetary constraints.

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SOFTWARE EXPERTISE

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| Photoshop | Craft | Final Cut Pro | Creatopy |
| Illustrator | Slider Revolution | Apple Motion | HTML5 & CSS |
| InDesign | Dreamweaver | PowerPoint | Adobe AEM |
| WordPress | ShopSite | Office 365 | ProTools (audio) |

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| 2022 -  Present | **Harrah’s Resort Southern California Hotel and Casino (HRSC)** | A Caesars Entertainment, Inc. managed property, and an integral part of the largest casino entertainment company in the U.S., offering a diverse range of casino entertainment experiences on a global scale.  **Digital & Web Marketing Specialist**   * Collaborates seamlessly with internal teams including, Creative Services, Advertising, Hotel, F&B, and more, to optimize brand visibility across all online platforms * Works closely with the Brand Marketing teams on strategizing, designing, and developing digital campaigns and assets aimed at boosting revenue and enhancing new customer acquisition * Leads the editing and updating of web pages, adhering to approved brand and editorial standards with a keen attention to detail * Crafts visually captivating graphics, banners, landing pages, layouts, and templates with a primary focus on enriching user experience and driving engagement * Partners with internal marketing teams to implement online media strategies, including banner ads and voting campaigns, aimed at retaining current customers and acquiring new guests * Works with content contributors from, events, entertainment, F&B, etc., to produce digital and web experiences optimized for each platform, aligning with Harrah’s brand, and supporting the company’s various marketing goals * In charge of communication and management efforts with third-party vendors to maintain optimal page speed, site performance, and security, coordinate website and digital ad translations into Spanish and Chinese, and stabilize the framework of customer-facing interactive kiosks along with overseeing additional tasks as required |
| 2012 -  2022 | **M.GIARRUSSO** | A premium Marketing Consortium catering to various sectors such as medical device manufacturing, automotive parts manufacturing, commercial and residential construction, cleaning product manufacturing, real estate, and beyond.  **Freelance Graphic Designer/Web Designer/Webmaster**   * Proprietor and Project Manager * Work collaboratively with client Sales and Marketing teams to develop unified designs and digital products that embody corporate culture and champion company values * Lead media production teams across various projects, encompassing websites (e-commerce, informational, dynamic, and static), print advertisements, video and animation content, trade show booth displays, catalogs, brochures, banner ads, newsletters, logos, and POP displays * Oversee web hosting initial set-up, management of zone files, permissions and records (MX, A, etc.) * Responsible for domain name registrations, DNS configurations, email accounts, and software installations * Audio creator, producer and engineer for all forms of applications |
| 2001 -  2018 | **Holland Communications, Inc.** | A dynamic Marketing & PR Firm specializing in Automotive Aftermarket Products, offering tailored full-service solutions to meet the unique needs of the industry.  **Web Designer/Webmaster/Assistant Art Director**   * Responsible for managing the full lifecycle of 40+ web design projects * Conceptualized and designed branding strategies based on client vision * Created visual mock-ups to clarify objectives and functionality, resulting in maximum efficiency during production and accurate cost projections * Strategically crafted landing pages and developed navigation menus by categorizing and prioritizing content; resulting in a user-friendly interface and an enhanced online user experience * Designed pixel-perfect website elements including images, icons, buttons, menus, banners, illustrations, infographics, audio snippets, and videos that lead to extended site visitor engagement * Designed and published animated banner ads via Flash, Fireworks, Photoshop, HTML5, and the Google Web Designer application * Managed website reseller hosting accounts, client cPanel set-ups and related configurations that provided user-friendly interfaces, and overall ease of management for end-users * Performed continuous website updates including content, graphics, security, plugins, and platforms to ensure accurate data, image continuity, and the highest site performance possible * Responsible for email accounts, zone files, DNR(s) and DNS configurations across the company’s and client hosted sites * Developed a wide variety of internet products including interactive forms, email campaigns, newsletters, blogs, social media, sales presentations, and proposals * Continuously researched new technical innovations to improve website performance, presentation, functionality, and sales * Determined host server functionality needs and communicated tasks to back-end team to streamline operations * Consistently met website objectives within time and budget requirements |
| 2003 -  2018 | **Video Editor**   * Diligently maintained and produced video content within corporate branding guidelines, as defined by their PR and marketing teams * Captured quality video and photographs via in-house studio sets and equipment to ensure a standard of excellence * Developed video brand messaging strategies and themes used to create continuity and strengthen clients brand identities * Managed technical aspects of video editing and publishing to ensure optimum playback across all platforms * Edited 100+ short and long format videos and published on multiple platforms * Re-edited videos, cut-down to comply with video-length restrictions in multiple forums * Color-corrected and retouched video footage for visual commonality and consistency throughout presentations * Maintained backup files and video archives for in-house staff to easily procure and reference for other projects * Exported videos in various file formats and aspect ratios to comply with rigid screen dimensions |
| 2001 -  2018 | **Graphic Designer**   * Produced upward of 2,000 graphic design images from concept to completion * Conceptualized full-scale branding or re-branding of media impressions by analyzing existing client image, reviewing direct competition, and capturing cultural landscapes * Recognized for creating inspiring graphic impressions using brand-reinforcing typography, colors, and layouts with meticulousness and a sharp-eye for alignment * Designed multiple advertisements and graphics for promotional posters, logos, DVD packaging, frozen food inserts, CD covers and inserts, flyers, postcards, business cards, and stationery * Demonstrated speed and accuracy in preparing layouts for film development, publication, and commercial reproduction at all levels * Responsible for formatting, processing, compositing, color conversions, color separations, photo retouching, image corrections, and programming automation * Successfully coordinated with third-party agencies, vendors, and printers to achieve the highest quality image reproduction * Bolstered business to business relationships that streamlined processes |

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| Current  Member  Current  Member | * **International Web Association (IWA)** is the industry’s recognized leader in providing education and certification in Web Professionals, and the creator of the first web guidelines for ethical and professional standards. * **Webprofessionals.org AKA World Organization of Webmasters (WOW)** is a non-profit professional association dedicated to the support of individuals and organizations that create, manage or market web sites. |