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**Summary**

Recently a Sr. Graphic Artist/3D Modeler-Animator for Festo Didactic (previously Lab-Volt Systems) for 22 years, I also freelance in fine art and sculpting, creating real and surreal characters and designs.

A few years ago I experienced a life changing event which has enhanced my life perspective. It brought me to NZ where I now find myself wanting very much to live and work.

I am fit and energetic and have maturity and experience. I love a challenge and have never missed a deadline. I am creative and resourceful in my problem solving and art abilities. I know I would be a strong asset and hope to be able to further discuss how my abilities can contribute to your goals.

**Career History**

**Sr. Graphic Artist 3D Modeler/Animator- at Festo Didactic, Dec-1996 to Dec-2018**

This position involved the development of graphics in the form of electronic photos, illustrations, 3D models, 2D and 3D animations, technologies such as WebGL, AR and Virtual Tours, layouts, logos for electronic content, manuals, brochures, posters, and other product related materials. All artwork produced had to meet the specification of the Festo corporate design, didactic approach requirements established by Festo and Festo Didactic Product Manager (PM) or R&D Manager. Sr. Graphic artist/3D Modeler-Animator had to have the ability to create original artwork both in 2D and 3D, have knowledge of design and layout principles, ability to draw in correct perspectives, strong spatial visualization, a solid understanding of creative programs and processes to achieve professional end results, the ability to provide visual graphics that clearly express ideas and illustrate concepts, the ability to work both in teams and independently, and exhibit strong leadership skills.

Among my accomplishments I can list my graphics and virtual tours as being directly helpful in winning bids and selling products. I was recognized with an award for actively working to help others outside of my department and beyond my job requirements. My position was transformed over the years by my drive to learn new things in order to meet the needs of all departments within my company. I was constantly vigilant about industry trends and as voids in capabilities within the company became apparent for the company to remain competitive, I would take it upon myself to learn what I needed to meet those needs and support with visuals the company's reputation as world leaders in technology and education. With every new challenge I did the research and taught myself with great success such things as my work in 3D modeling, 3D design for 3D print, Truck wraps for mobile learning labs, augmented reality and virtual reality. I enjoy always learning and meeting new challenges.

**Skills**

3D Modeling in Autodesk3ds Max, 3D Animation 3ds Max, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Animate, Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe InDesign, PowerPoint, Tourweaver, Excel, Word, pCon, Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, Virtual Panoramas, Flash, Lightwave, Oil Painting, Watercolor, Fine Art, Book Illustration, Character Illustration, Prop Design

**Education**

**Liberal Arts/Fine Arts from Brookdale Community College 1984**

For many years I was a member of NAPP (National Association of Photoshop Professionals) and attended seminars routinely. I have also been a member of Lynda.com and would regularly take online courses. I have continued self instruction throughout my Graphic Arts/3D career.

I've been scuba certified and achieved my NJ Real Estate License as well as my Continental Flight Crew Certification.