

# DUNCAN RAGSDALE – Visual Thinker

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## OBJECTIVE

Seeking full-time career in design.

## CAREER

Self-motivated, innovative designer with over 20 years of professional experience utilizing art, media and textiles.

Work related experiences have required leadership, organizational and multi-tasking capabilities, time and budget management skills, collaboration with and selection of vendors, meeting tight deadlines, and a keen aptitude for problem solving.

## EDUCATION

2010: AFA Interior Design  
Watkins College of Art, Design and Film  
Nashville, TN

1991: BFA Graphic Design, Advertising Minor  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Murfreesboro, TN

## EXPERIENCE

1991-Present: Freelance Art Director for film, television and video production.

### Design Creativity

Broad design planning and budgeting skills, from inception to fruition, for local and national spots including music videos, concerts, commercials, film and television.  
Talent for conceiving new, fresh ideas that reflect the times and the subject matter.  
Excellent brainstorming skills to realize and accomplish goals.

### Project Management

Incisive ability to find a needle in a haystack.  
Quick, efficient decision-making.  
Leadership skills to ensure a timely turnaround.  
Aptitude for budgeting, negotiating and overseeing multiple, independent contractors.

### Networking & Marketing

Motivated in meeting new people in order to stay current on new business trends.  
Creator of a large resource database of local vendors that results in conclusion of jobs quickly and professionally.  
Self-promotion through custom designs.

### Artist /Illustrator

Expertise with computer programs to create props, design displays and layouts.  
Proficiency in creating 3D objects in multiple mediums.  
Ability to paint, draw, and line sketch on a professional level.

2001-2002: Sales, Storehouse. Nashville, TN

Refined sales and marketing skills while developing client relationships.  
Handled multiple accounts to their conclusions.

1995-1998: Co- Owner, The Prop House. Nashville, TN

Conceived, financially planned, and successfully ran a full-time 20,000 sq foot scenic rental and design company to provide solutions, ideas, designs and ultimately merchandise for parties, film, and editorials.

2006 - Present: Illustration and design for local magazines and commissions

2008 and 2009: Art Chairwoman/Artist for NASHVILLE FUSION

Proceeds benefiting The Minnie Pearl Cancer Foundation

2010-2015: Founding Partner and Creative Coordinator for HILLSBORO VILLAGE ART WALK

2011: Co-Creator of PORTER CROSSING event

Art Directed award winning music videos, films and documentaries

## LIFE

Being creative all of my life, I began constructing costumes at an early age for my "lady wrestling career," while also designing and sewing clothes and costumes for my younger sister and my friends. I made custom pen and ink drawings of Memphis homes for spending money. I continue to use these skills today to design and create anything that inspires me.

## REFERENCES

Available upon request