MICHAEL MARENCIK

Senior Creative Leader | Driving Brand Growth Building Award-winning Creative Teams

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Creative Director with 12+ years of experience leading award-winning, omnichannel campaigns for top brands. Skilled in developing strategic, insight-driven creative solutions, managing high-performing teams, and delivering brand-defining work that drives business growth. Proven ability to collaborate with stakeholders and execute innovative ideas that achieve measurable results.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Creative Leadership
Team Leadership
Results-Oriented Execution
Campaign Development
Brand Storytelling

Project & Resource Management Omnichannel Marketing Innovation & Trends Cross-Functional Collaboration Customer-Centric Focus

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite WordPress Microsoft Office Google Workplace Workfront & Asana

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SENIOR DIRECTOR, CREATIVE & BRAND | SKAI | MAR 2024 - PRESENT

- · Led the creative strategy of global, omnichannel campaigns, driving substantial revenue growth.
- · Directed high-impact, brand-defining initiatives, ensuring alignment with business and brand objectives.
- Managed a global team of creatives, delivering impactful content while fostering talent within the team.
- Championed brand standards and best practices, maintaining top-tier creative output across platforms.

CREATIVE DIRECTOR | SKAI | AUG 2021 - FEB 2024

- Led omnichannel campaigns, integrating data-driven insights and innovative strategies.
- Collaborated with internal teams and external agencies to deliver best-in-class creative.
- Managed large creative budgets, ensuring high-quality, timely project completion.
- Presented and secured stakeholder buy-in for key campaign concepts.

CREATIVE DIRECTOR | WINTRUST | 2018 - 2021

- Directed comprehensive creative processes across multiple channels, including print, digital, and multimedia.
- · Mentored and developed a team of eight designers, fostering talent and ensuring project success.
- Utilized data analytics to inform and enhance creative strategies, achieving measurable outcomes.
- Led top-of-funnel advertising campaigns, elevating brand presence and engagement.

SENIOR CREATIVE MANAGER (SERVING AS CD) | WINTRUST | 2018 - 2020 CREATIVE SERVICES MANAGER | WINTRUST | 2015 - 2018 DESIGN SPECIALIST | WINTRUST | 2012 - 2015

EDUCATION

Purdue University

Bachelor of Arts, Visual Communications Design Associate of Science, Computer Graphics Technology

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

2019 – Chicago/Midwest Emmy: for Outstanding Achievement in Commercials

2019 – Platinum MarCom Award for Print Media-Advertising Campaign

2019 - Silver Telly Award for Regional TV: Art Direction