

# ART DIRECTOR RESUME

Art directors work with the design staff of magazines, newspapers, production studios, advertising agencies, and public relations firms. They are responsible for the design and visual style of projects. These professionals direct the artists and designers who work on creating the images and graphic layouts to realize that design. Art directors must have extraordinary creativity and must also be able to communicate their creative vision to others.

An art director resume should include education and past work experiences. A bachelor's degree in an art or design field is required for this position. Moreover, this is a highly desirable position and there is much competition to obtain it. Past work experience in directing or art occupations, such as a graphic designer, editor, photographer, etc., can go a long way to convincing an employer of a candidate's qualifications. Below are three art director resume formats that illustrate applications from different experience levels.

## Entry-Level Resume

An art director is not a typical entry-level position. The candidate not only needs relevant education but must also prove that he or she is capable of managing a team of artists who may potentially have differing opinions on the direction of the project. Still, if the candidate has the requisite education, there is a possibility of being the art director for a small company. In the art director resume example below, Ms. Thompson displays her leadership skills by describing her role as the director of her high school's art fair in the volunteer experience field.

**Meghan Thompson**

### ART DIRECTOR RESUME

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## SUMMARY:

Ambitious and creative art director candidate seeks employment at growing company in order to help design the look and tone of the establishment. Excellent written and spoken communication skills, exceptional time management, hardworking and dedicated to achieving the highest level of success.

## EDUCATION:

### Duke Ellington School of the Arts

Bachelor of Art Fine Arts

### Roosevelt Senior High School, 2010-2014

High School Diploma

Voted Most Artistic for Class of 2014

Recipient of Art Department's Scholarship

## RELEVANT SKILLS:

- Creativity
- Organization
- Communication
- Financial management
- Time management

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

### Roosevelt Senior High School, 2013-2014

#### Director of Annual Art Fair

Created and implemented the theme for the art fair, organized the submission process of student artists, arranged the layout of the exhibits, prepared the fair to be ready for guests by pre-established Opening Night date, hosted the event within the strict confines of the Art Department's budget allocation for the fair.

## REFERENCES:

#### Mid-Level Professional Resume

Mid-level candidates are those who have worked in the field for at least three years. Their experience does not necessarily have to be in the art director capacity. Experience working as a fine artist, graphic designer, animator, or other art occupation will also qualify a candidate for this position. In the art director resume sample below, Mr. Connolly uses his experience as a designer to supplement his Art Design degree from Virginia Tech.

#### **Bill Connolly**

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#### **Art Director**

#### ***Four years of experience creating unforgettable visual concepts***

- **Development:** Work with company representatives to determine desired style and mood of project.
- **Design:** In accordance with the company's specifications, choose the best mediums to represent the concept visually and design the layout for the project.
- **Deadlines:** Periodically update company on progress and check that project is going according to their requests, strictly adhere to budgets and deadline time tables.

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### TECHNICAL SKILLS:

- **Design Programs:** Adobe Creative Suite, Avid, Final Cut Pro, Microsoft Office Suite, WordPress
- **Computer languages:** HTML, Java Script, C++

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### EXPERIENCE:

The Glass Baron, Inc. – Virginia Beach, VA

#### **Graphic Designer, 2012 to Present**

Design and produce graphic art and catalog layout for a giftware company that specializes in selling items in the United States and in China.

- **Design:** Produce art content for projects with the use of Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign.
- **Teamwork:** Function as part of a team of artists to complete multiple projects in a fast paced work environment.
- **Communication:** Frequently meet with team and with clients to ensure creative vision is intact across multiple mediums.

CTA, Inc. – Richmond, VA

#### **Artist, 2011 to 2012**

Created eye-catching and memorable artwork to promote product sales to the target audience in a rapidly growing Christian merchandise mail order company.

- **Development:** Assisted the creative directors in the development of ideas for new products based on the customers purchasing trends.
- **Creation:** Designed the new products and product packaging using industry standard software such as the Adobe Creative Suite.
- **Consistency:** Ensured company's message and creative vision was maintained throughout the process and adhered to company's strict standards of quality.

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### EDUCATION:

VIRGINIA TECH, SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS – Blacksburg, VA

#### **Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Communication Design**

GPA 3.6

ALBEMARLE HIGH SCHOOL – Charlottesville, VA

#### **High School Diploma, 2011**

Completed full high school course load with a B+ grade average.

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