Gilbert Cordial

Senior Visual & Product Designer

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Professional Summary

With over 15 years of experience in Visual, Product, and Brand Design, I've led art direction and shaped design directions, focusing on crafting user-centric experiences across web, mobile, and marketing platforms in both agency and in-house environments. Known for creating aesthetic, functional designs aligned with business goals and user needs. Skilled at collaborating with cross-functional teams to deliver cohesive, impactful solutions. Passionate about mentorship and fostering team growth while driving cohesive design strategies that deliver meaningful results.

Core Competencies

Visual Design, Product Design, Design Systems, Integrated Marketing Design, Art Direction, Brand Development, Brand Strategy, Visual Storytelling, Prototyping & Wireframing, Cross-Functional Collaboration, Team Leadership & Mentorship, Strategic Design Thinking

Professional Experience

Senior Visual Designer, Brand & Product | **Carvana** | Los Angeles, CA Nov 2020 – Dec 2023

- Led branding and visual design initiatives for site aesthetic enhancements, future product features, and brand architecture development, collaborating with key stakeholders to align with Carvana's evolving brand identity.
- Partnered with Product Managers and Developers to deliver user-focused product solutions for the Homepage, Search Results Page, and Vehicle Details Page, ensuring alignment with business objectives and technical feasibility.
- Partnered with the Design Systems team to refine and expand scalable UI components, supporting consistency across web and mobile platforms.
- Created comprehensive brand guidelines, defining visual standards, typography, and design components for cross-team alignment.
- Mentored designers, offering guidance on branding principles, design execution, and professional development.

Key Contribution: Delivered cohesive branding and product design improvements, enhancing user engagement, supporting technical feasibility, and reinforcing Carvana's brand identity.

Senior Art Director | AMP Agency | Los Angeles, CA

Sep 2017 - Nov 2019

- Directed website redesign projects for clients like Mission Foods and LA Phil, delivering user-friendly designs that prioritized usability and brand consistency.
- Developed creative strategies aligning business goals with user experience best practices, ensuring stakeholder alignment throughout the project lifecycle.
- Collaborated with Creative Team, UX designers, and Developers to execute branding and design strategies, ensuring seamless transitions from concept to implementation.
- Presented design concepts to stakeholders, securing buy-in for creative strategies, project milestones, and long-term goals.
- Mentored designers, fostering their professional growth, encouraging best practices, and improving overall team design quality.

Key Contribution: Successfully led website redesign and branding projects, elevating client brand identities, enhancing user engagement, and fostering team collaboration.

Art Director | BLITZ Agency | Santa Monica, CA May 2010 - Sep 2017

- Delivered high-fidelity visual designs for interactive digital experiences across web and mobile platforms, aligning with client brand standards and business goals.
- Collaborated closely with Creative Team, UX designers, and Development teams to ensure designs met technical feasibility and maintained aesthetic consistency.
- Led website redesigns and updates for clients like FX, Microsoft, and Anytime Fitness, improving usability and strengthening brand alignment.
- Developed marketing, campaign, and branding assets for digital experiences, maintaining visual consistency across multiple touchpoints.
- Mentored designers, focusing on visual execution, design principles, collaborative teamwork, and attention to detail.

Key Contribution: Delivered high-fidelity visual designs and assets for major clients, enhancing brand consistency, improving usability, and supporting cross-functional team collaboration.

Contract Designer | SapientNitro | Santa Monica, CA Jul 2009 - Feb 2010

- Designed and implemented email marketing templates tailored to meet brand guidelines and campaign objectives for Hawaiian Airlines.
- Collaborated with copywriters and marketing teams to ensure consistent visual messaging across campaigns.
- Optimized template designs for desktop and mobile platforms, ensuring usability and brand consistency across devices.

Key Contribution: Improved email marketing workflows, reducing production time while maintaining visual consistency across campaigns.

Art Director | **Cannery Agency** | Burbank, CA May 2003 – Jul 2009

- Designed interactive DVD menus, CD-ROM interfaces, and packaging assets for studios including Disney and Paramount, ensuring alignment with brand standards, technical specifications, and visual consistency.
- Collaborated with creative teams to brainstorm ideas, develop and design concepts, and create pitch designs that aligned with client objectives and brand guidelines.
- Oversaw quality assurance processes and collaborated with production teams to address technical constraints, optimize workflows, and consistently deliver polished final assets that met project requirements.

Key Contribution: Created polished and visually engaging DVD menus and packaging assets, ensuring adherence to studio brand standards and delivering an enhanced viewer experience.

Education

Bachelor of Art in Art, Emphasis: Graphic Design

California State University, Northridge | Northridge, CA

Technical Proficiency

Design Tools: Figma, Sketch, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator

Collaboration Tools: Jira, Confluence, Slack

Development Basics: HTML, CSS

File Management: Dropbox, Google Workspace

Presentation Tools: Keynote, PowerPoint

Al Tools: ChatGPT