

Sara Mantle

Graphic Designer

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To whom it may concern:

I am a graphic designer who graduated in May from the Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida. I recently moved from Florida to Seattle, and am excited to start my career in this amazing city. I grew up as a ballet dancer and have always had a strong affinity for music and the arts. Music fuels my inspiration as a designer, and I feel that connecting my interests in such a tangible way would be a wonderful opportunity.

My strengths lie in typography and print design. I am proficient in all digital mediums, but also enjoy bringing handmade elements to print and interactive media. I have very high expectations of myself and believe in hard work. I'm organized and dependable. I've established a reputation with my employers and freelance clients for working unceasingly until a project is finished to everyone's satisfaction. Graphic Design is my passion, and I am excited to be embarking on a career in the field.

During my time as an intern for the St. Petersburg Times, I was relied upon for substantial projects, including the prototype of a new publication. I learned what is required to work within an established brand, and how to juggle multiple large tasks while staying on deadline. At Ringling's professional Design Center, I worked on several promotional pieces for the school and was responsible for all aspects of my projects, including vendor relations and press checks. While working in the Design Center, I gained priceless experience that reached beyond my classroom studies and showed me the realities of the working world.

I believe that my skills, sensibilities, and personality would be a great fit for this position. Please take a moment and view my attached portfolio and resume and visit my web portfolio at: <http://saramantle.com>. I would love to meet with you in the future and show you my full portfolio. Thank you for your consideration.

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EDUCATION

Ringling College of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic and Interactive Communication

Graduated with honors, May 8, 2009, GPA: 3.83

EXPERIENCE

Jelvetica, Freelance Designer, Seattle, WA

Worked freelance for Jelvetica on a project for Group Health pertaining to the health curriculum in Washington state public schools. Responsible for the concepts for multiple visual directions and the production of a variety of deliverables. July 2009.

Ringling College Design Center, Design Intern, Sarasota, FL

Responsible for concept, design, pre-press, press check, vendor relations and organization of multiple projects for the Ringling College of Art and Design's Design Center. Fall 2008.

St. Petersburg Times, Design Intern, St. Petersburg, FL

Interned in Audience Development/Marketing/Creative. Responsible for working on a wide variety of projects including: logo design for new products, research and development of prototypes, advertising design for newspaper and magazines and multimedia advertising for the web. Worked with Copywriters, Photographers, Sales Reps, Interns, and Upper Level Management for internal and external clients. Summer 2008.

Bertha Palmer Celebrations 2010, Freelance Logo Design, Sarasota, FL

Freelance logo project for a local non-profit effort commemorating the centennial of the arrival of Bertha Palmer, one of the founders of Sarasota. Responsible for conducting meetings with the client, brainstorming a concept, executing multiple logo variations and preparing a presentation to be submitted to the committee. Fall 2008.

Web Marketing Liaison for Ringling College's PreCollege Program

Continuing Studies and Special Programs, Sarasota, FL.

Responsible for the development and upkeep of the Ringling PreCollege program's social networking presence. Fall 2007 - Spring 2009.

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Proficient with Apple OS X, Adobe CS4 (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Flash, AfterEffects, Camera Raw) as well as Apple Final Cut Pro, digital photography and studio lighting equipment.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Silver Addy Award, Suncoast and Regional Competitions, 2009

CMYK Magazine #43, Work selected for publication, 2008

Gallery 28, Juried Student Show, 2008

Times Scholarship Winner, St. Petersburg Times, 2008

Semi-finalist, Adobe Design Achievement Awards, 2008

Trustee Scholar Nominee, Ringling College of Art and Design, Spring 2008

Typography Award, Best of Ringling, Juried Student Show, Spring 2008

Best of Ringling, Juried Student Show, Spring 2007

President's List, Ringling College of Art and Design, Fall 2005 - Spring 2009