

Ben Walker

Illustration

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Professional Experience and Curriculum Vitae

Hi, I'm Ben. I am a San Francisco-based Illustrator. I've been making art professionally for 9 years. In case painting for gallery shows and illustrating for clients wasn't keeping me busy enough, I launched GrownAssGeek.com, the style blog for men who may own some action figures.

Previous Clientele

Yahoo!, Zazzle, Campari America, Samsung, Goorin Brothers, The Edwardian Ball and Education.com

Awards and Accolades

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Freelance Illustrator (2007 - Present)

Poster art, Apparel Graphic design, Logos and Live Art for various clients including Yahoo!, Zazzle, Samsung, Gama-Go, Campari America and Education.com.

Working in traditional media and digitally (2D) to create artwork that reflects and enhances brands, conveys abstract ideas.

Freelance Live Art Events Producer (Jan. 2014 - Present)

Coordinating and Promoting live art events in the San Francisco Bay Area. Building community among artists and brand loyalty at ZeroFriends SF, Folsom Street Foundry, 111 Minna and more.?

?Taking advantage of all avenues of promotion from social media to Guerrilla tactics. My ability to quickly design and illustrate engaging flyers, posters, and Instagram images means I can cover all aspects of promotion.

Designer: Goorin Bros. (Feb. 2013 - Jan. 2014)

Designer of hats as part of Goorin Brothers' artist collaborative line, 1333 Minna. Creating illustrated elements, patterns and textile designs, integrating them with appealing materials and shapes.

Heading design work on high-end hats in collaboration with freelance artists. Curating a fresh line-up of Internationally known artists, gathering imagery and integrating artwork into appealing and fashion-forward headwear.

Game Artist: IGT (contract) (June 2012 - August, 2012)

Responsible for localization of game assets for on-line slot games, converting user interfaces (Flash) from English language to fifteen other languages
Requires a designer's eye, incredible organizational skills and attention to detail.

Instructor, Photoshop: Academy of Art University (June 2011–Dec. 2011)

On-campus Instructor of Illustration 133: Photography and Digital Imaging, a foundation course on Adobe Photoshop and the basics of digital photography for illustrators.

Responsible for lectures, demonstrations, grading and feedback.

Instructor for on-line version of Photography and Digital Imaging. On-line art courses require overseeing students from all over the world with varying backgrounds ages, and skill levels, and managing their progress remotely.

Being an Instructor is similar to an Art Director role. Offering students guidance, structure, feedback, stories, and inspiration.

Concept Artist/ 2D Game Artist: LOLapps (Sep. 2010 - Feb. 2011)

Creator of concept art and game-ready assets for Ravenwood Fair, a critically acclaimed and commercially successful Facebook game

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