

Xian Michele Lee

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SKILLS

- Graphic design and illustration, art production, manga comic book lettering and editorial
- Adobe Photoshop: graphic design, illustration, retouching, composition and enhancement
- Adobe Creative Suite, MS Office
- Sharp eye for detail; strong desire to learn and excel.
- Focused, dedicated, conscientious. Committed to creating the best end results possible to facilitate an excellent product.

EXPERIENCE

Manga Comic Letterer 11/2014 – Present: Yen Press (via Alpha Design) | New York, NY

Create customized lettering design for translated Japanese and Korean manga comics in Adobe InDesign. Implement font styles to emulate and ensure adherence to the original Japanese books. Lay out art in InDesign mechanicals. Retouch digital art and recreate Japanese text effects in English.

Horticultural Assistant 12/2016 – Present: Hortus Environmental Design | New York, NY

Install live plant arrangements for private homes and apartment buildings. Assist in creation of large scale sculptural stone and plant garden environments. Maintain and enhance existing installations.

Editorial Design/Assistant - 10/2015 – 05/2016: Yen Press, LLC / Hachette Book Group | New York, NY

Performed editorial passes on numerous manga volumes, while ensuring consistency with previous volumes and the Japanese original books. Consulted with senior editorial team to ensure the accuracy of edits. Confirmed the readability of the translations and consistency with the source material. Reviewed the placement and retouching of the art files, lettering and sound effects to ensure adherence to editorial standards. Implemented changes and corrections in InDesign files. Consulted with design team on logo, cover and insert art files. Coordinated delivery of materials to Managing Editorial and Production as per scheduled deadlines.

eBook Production Designer - 02/2013 – 07/2014: Hachette Book Group | New York, NY

Edited, proofread and output manga comic book mechanicals to PDF format. Processed and output PDFs to eBook formats for approval by the publisher. Retouched art in Photoshop. Created InDesign layouts from PDFs. Maintained databases documenting status of numerous multi-volume titles. Maintained communication with and collaborated with Senior Production Manager, Editorial Department and Publisher.

Web Graphic Illustrator/ Designer - 03/2010 – 03/2013: FashionFantasyGame.com | New York, NY

Graphic Illustration/Design, Web Page Layout/Design and creation of animated banner ads for Fashion Fantasy Game, an online fashion game for youth. Created custom illustrations (in Illustrator and Photoshop) from photos of clothing, hairstyles and shoes for use as items to be placed on digital mannequins. Designed and created animated GIF banner ads. Produced revisions and resolved design issues based on feedback from Design team. Redesigned existing web page layout to optimize added and removed elements.

Graphic Designer - 08/2005 – 11/2010: Caspari, Inc. | New York, NY

Designed high end paper products: gift wrap, invitations, greeting cards, plates and napkins from scans of original paintings, museum collection paintings and prints, botanical drawings and fabrics. Created cohesive lines of products from stationery and gift wrap to plates and napkins based on a single artwork. Created aesthetically balanced color and design compositions from digital art. Deconstructed, enhanced and recolored digital art to complement a product's layout and theme. Collaborated with design team. Researched, recommended and facilitated software and hardware purchases to improve design team's workflow and efficiency.

Digital Photo Retouch Artist - 08/2005 – 11/2005: Macy's.com | New York, NY

Digital restoration, color correction, manipulation and enhancement of high resolution fashion photos using Photoshop at this high-turnover work environment.

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts in Painting and Sculpture

Academy of Art University | San Francisco, CA

Bachelor of Science in Painting and Printmaking; minor in Art History

Skidmore College | Saratoga Springs, NY

INTERESTS

Succulent cultivation, arrangement and propagation. Travel, snorkeling, scuba diving, languages