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Proven and award winning leader in content production with an unparalleled skill set developed over 20+ years partnering with respected members of the industry. Extensive experience with global productions, live action, visual effects and animation, long and short form content. Proficient at monitoring current production trends. Recognized as a mentor and valued within the industry for professional and effective decision-making expertise while remaining grounded and accessible.

Expertise, Skills and Responsibilities

- Produce long term campaigns for clients including Procter and Gamble, General Motors, General Mills, Toyota, Hasbro, Walmart, TracFone and Nationwide.
- Take ownership of the production from concept to finished product, including logistics and the challenges of the various forms of content and platforms.
- Source appropriate production partners in the form of directors, production companies, editorial and animation houses.
- Build productive relationships with agency teams, production partners and clients.
- Determine budget parameters, inclusive of logistics and scheduling.
- Negotiate budgets to fit varying levels of creative, production and deliverables requirements.
- Navigate the contractual, payment, insurance, background checks, and talent negotiation processes to vet and utilize new production partners.
- Assign work within the division, including writers, art directors and production teams.
- New Business presentations for pitches and all associated production related matters.
- Starting from inception, created a fully functioning, collaborative and effective production department with a consistent staff while producing continuously for a wide-range of brands.
- Created production guidelines in collaboration with internal departments including Advertising Sales, Marketing, Nickelodeon Talent, Consumer Producers, Business and Legal Affairs on all production related matters.
- Produced inaugural sponsored long form events on Facebook and Instagram Live for Nickelodeon Creative Advertising.
- Select and submit content for awards shows and quarterly updates.
- Created an effective Advertising Production Process Curriculum at The School of Visual Arts.

Professional Experience

Vice President/Head of Production

• McCann Detroit/Executive Integrated Producer April, 2021- present

Overseeing Content Production Department.

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 Wunderman Thompson/Executive Producer
 Clients: Samsung, Walmart, Nestle, Stouffer's, T. Rowe Price,

OneMain Financial, Sharpie, Elmer's and Krazy Glue.

• Freelance Executive Producer

September, 2018 - July 2019

Nickelodeon Creative Advertising
 May 2014 - September 2018

Nickelodeon Creative Advertising	September 2009 – May 2014
Head of Production/Executive Producer	
Saatchi and Saatchi, Producer/Senior Producer	July 1996 – September 2009
Presentations	
 Moderator and Panelist, Insight Exchange Network 	2018, 2019
 Founded the Nickelodeon Creative Advertising Spotlight Screening with guest speakers highlighting work from 20 production partners 	2018
• Featured Guest, NJ Ad Club Professional Spotlight Series	2018
• Panelist, Montreal Effects Conference	2016
 Speaker, Grady College, University of Georgia 	2014
• Panelist, Shoot Magazine Annual New Directors Showcase	2013
Industry Awards	
Telly Awards Gold and Silver Winner	2016, 2017, 2018
Clio Short List	2017
 Best in Show, New Jersey Advertising Club Awards 	2017
• PromaxBDA	2015
General Mills Brand Champions Award	2009
Professional Development	
Ciclope Festival, Berlin, Germany	October 2017
 AdAge Small Agency Conference, Nashville, TN 	July 2017
Viacom Leadership Studio	March 2017
 Cannes Lions Festival, Cannes, France 	June 2014
Affiliations/Memberships	
• Judge, The Telly Awards	2018 - present
Board member, New Jersey Ad Club	2017 - 2018
• Judge, The One Club, The Young Ones ADC Category	2016 - 2017
Teaching Experience	
School of Visual Arts, BFA Program, Adjunct Professor	September 2015 - present
School of Visual Arts, School of Continuing Education	September 2014 - present
Hudson County Community College, Adjunct Professor	September - December 2019

Education

M.S. Education, St. John's University, New York, 1996

B.A. Communications, Hunter College, New York, 1991

Interests

- Producer and Host, Feezable Tracks for Community Radio in Maine
- WHPW Harpswell, WBFY Belfast and WRFR, Rockland and Camden.
- Avid cricket and pickleball player