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HI, I'M MELISSA!

LET'S MAKE SOMETHING INCREDIBLE TOGETHER. I've spent over 15 years designing, strategizing, and crafting brand experiences that leave a lasting impact. Whether it's building a brand from the ground up, refining an identity, or creating marketing that truly resonates, I love turning ideas into visuals that connect, engage, and inspire.

I believe the best creative work happens through collaboration. While I've had incredible success as an independent designer, some of my most rewarding experiences have come from working alongside teams, founders, and entrepreneurs—helping them bring their visions to life in a way that feels authentic and unforgettable.

Branding isn't just about looking good—it's about telling a story, evoking emotion, and creating something people remember. I thrive on the challenge of blending strategy and creativity to create brand experiences that don't just look amazing but feel right and drive results. From restaurant branding to luxury experiences to start-up launches, I've helped brands push boundaries, stand out, and make their mark.

Let's create something bold, strategic, and meaningful together!

RESUME

FREELANCE GRAPHIC DESIGNER

01.07-PRESENT

Fox Digital Design, Orlando, FL

- Developed branding, marketing materials, and digital assets for a diverse range of clients.
- Designed logos, posters, flyers, banners, labels, uniforms, packaging, and ads, overseeing projects from concept to implementation.
- Created visual assets for campaigns, websites, and print materials, ensuring brand consistency.
- Managed project scheduling, budget constraints, and vendor relations.
- Designed and developed proposals and presentations to help clients secure funding, approvals, or partnerships.

FOUNDER & GRAPHIC DESIGNER

04.12-PRESENT

Cherished Prints, Orlando, FL

- Founded Cherished Prints to fill a niche in funeral and memorial stationery, specializing in personalized memorial stationery that honors loved ones.
- Designed and launched a website and marketplace featuring 240+ custom products and a resource library of poems, sayings, and verses.
- Managed end-to-end client interactions, providing compassionate support and custom design solutions.
- Established partnerships with printers and suppliers, overseeing production quality and fulfillment.
- Earned 600+ five-star reviews on Etsy and Cherished Prints, demonstrating a commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction.

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

06.08 - 01.12

Earl of Sandwich (USA) LLC, Orlando, FL

- Led branding and design efforts for an international guick-service restaurant chain.
- Designed print and digital marketing assets, including packaging, menu boards, POS displays, signage, proposals, and promotional materials to enhance brand atmosphere.
- Developed private-label packaging to improve customer experience.
- Edited and art-directed product photography, ensuring a strong visual presence.
- Developed marketing materials that aligned with brand identity and compliance requirements.
- Streamlined production workflows and press proofing with vendors.
- Aligned marketing and design strategies with overall brand objectives.

DESIGN SPECIALIST

11.04-05.08

Capital Resource Group, Longwood, FL

- Created branded presentations, brochures, and web assets to support business development.
- Designed and maintained company and affiliate websites, improving engagement and visibility.
- Developed internal and external marketing materials to strengthen brand positioning.
- Trained staff on design tools and digital marketing practices.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Rollins College | May 2000

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

- Brand Strategy & Development
- Creative Direction
- Marketing Design
- Retail & Merch Design
- Packaging Design
- Website Design
- Photography & Photo Editing
- Project & Team Leadership
- Social Media & Digital Marketing
- Vendor & Stakeholder Management

SOFTWARE & TOOLS

- Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Acrobat, Lightroom)
- Cloud Platforms (Google Docs, Dropbox, Adobe Creative Cloud)
- Website Platforms (WordPress, WooCommerce, Shopify)
- Collaboration & Productivity (Microsoft Office, Notion)
- Direct Marketing (Later)
- Al for Copy & Marketing (ChatGPT, Copy.ai, Grammarly)

POISON PAWN

This wasn't just another job. I was there at genesis, shaping not only the visuals but the soul of Poison Pawn. My mission? To etch their name into the minds and hearts of their audience, making Poison Pawn synonymous with intellectual domination and strategic enlightenment.

Brand & Visual Identity: Meticulously forged identity, to ensure everything screamed Poison Pawn.

Marketing Collateral & Training Materials
Spark curiosity. Kindle a thirst for knowledge. Break
down barriers. Make Poison Pawn was seen as the
vanguard of strategic evolution.

Print Design

Every page, every layout was a battlefield where we won minds with our compelling content and striking aesthetics. I crafted experiences, not just magazines.

Packaging & Product Design

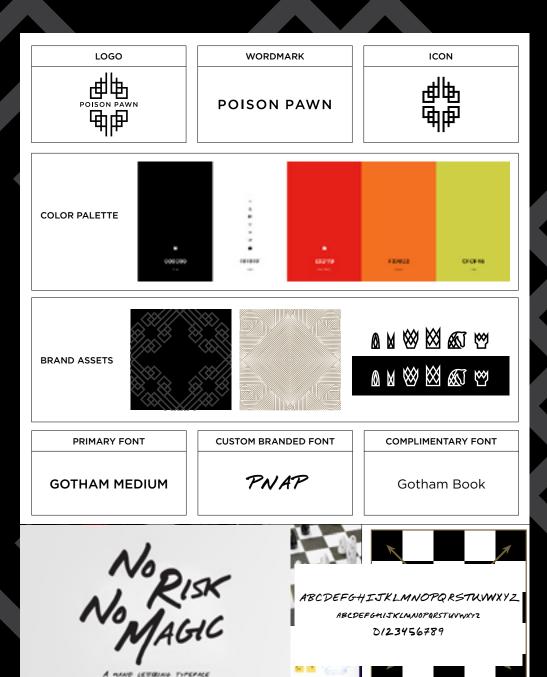
Each product was a promise—a visual pact of excellence and alignment with their ethos. I steered the ship from concept to shelf, ensuring every piece resonated with their core.

Merchandise Design

Every t-shirt, sticker, pin, patch, and wristband was a badge of honor, a piece of their collective rebellion against the mundane. Surfboards, water bottles, journals—every item was a manifesto, a tangible piece of the revolution.

Poison Pawn isn't just a brand; it's a beacon for those who dare to think differently, to play smarter, and to lead with strategy. Poison Pawn is not just playing the game; they're rewriting the rules.





WITH LIBSTHEES













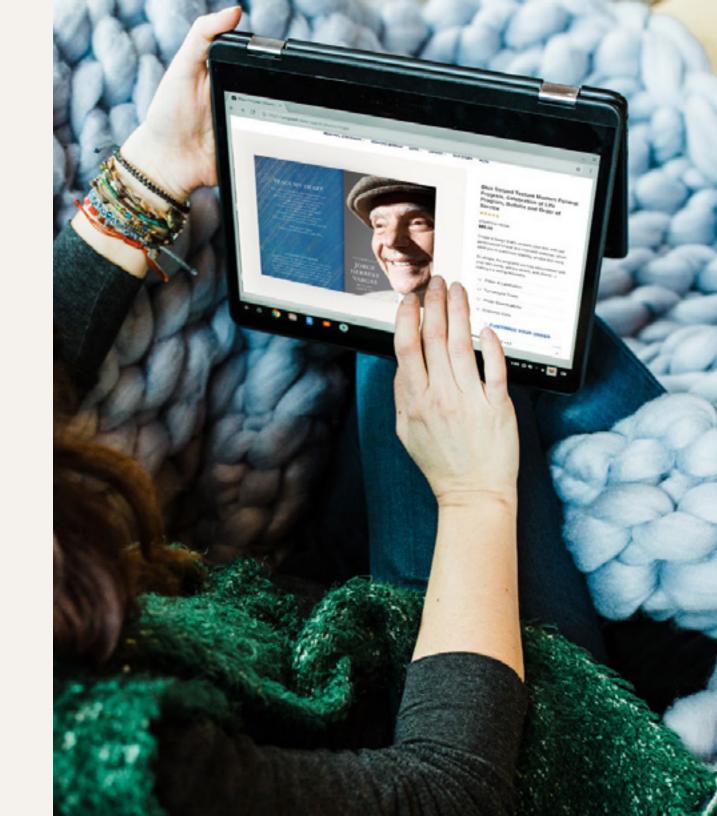


Cherished Prints was born from the heartache of losing a beloved mother to cancer, during a time when finding a memorial that truly captured her essence proved difficult. This challenge uncovered a profound need for memorials that are not only deeply personal but also of high quality. Motivated by love and the honor of memory, we crafted our first bespoke design, laying the foundation for Cherished Prints.

Combining my skills in business, web, and graphic design, I created a place of solace for those seeking to celebrate their loved ones with dignity and thoughtfulness. As I've grown, the mission remains the same: to create lasting legacies of love, supporting families in their journey of remembrance with compassion and care.

Select Accomplishments

- 3000+ sales
- Over 500 5-star reviews







Design CatalogPrinter: Alphagraphics



Packaging
Printer: Box:Packlane & 4over



B2B Sales Flyer
Printer: Alphagraphics

IVANHOE VILLAGE STREET BANNER REDESIGN - CALL TO ARTIST (2025)

Ivanhoe Village, a Main Street District in Orlando, held an open call for local artists to redesign its community street banners. The judging criteria emphasized quality of design and reflection of Ivanhoe Village's unique character. The selected artist's work would inspire banners displayed throughout the district, and the winner would receive a stipend.

Winner to by announce in April 2025.

HERITAGE BANNER

This vibrant banner reflects the rich history and dynamic spirit of Ivanhoe Village. The gradient colors symbolize the sky, water, parks, sunshine, and local businesses, while the pineapple silhouette pays tribute to the area's origins and represents hospitality. It welcomes everyone to this creative and lively community, honoring both its past and present.

IVANHOE VILLAGE NIGHTS

This banner captures the energy of Ivanhoe Village after dark, showcasing the glow of café lights, streetlights, and shimmering lake reflections. The blurred, vibrant hues evoke the district's artistic and independent spirit, celebrating its eclectic mix of small businesses, creative spaces, and bustling nightlife. A nod to the village's groovy, artsy charm, this design embodies the essence of a thriving and illuminated community.



STICKER DESIGNS

PRINTER STICKERPRINTGO









I teamed up with YCMG Brands LLC and their visionary owners to craft irresistible Quick Service Restaurant (QSR) brands from scratch. As part of the vibrant in-house design, I worked meticulously with the construction team and CEO, to serve up one-of-a-kind dining experiences, with each partnership culminating in a spectacular blend of personality-infused interiors and mouth-watering menu boards that beckon customers from afar truly a recipe for success in the bustling QSR scene!

Brands



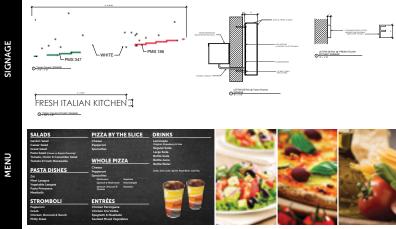








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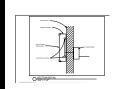


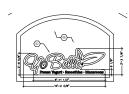




UNIFORM & PACKAGING

SIGNAGE















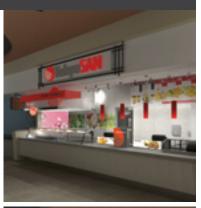






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MRG MAKOWSKY RESTAURANT GROUP

MRG specialized in optimizing assets and driving world-class performance. The company created landmarks with a craveability that kept guests coming back. Its focus was to improve workforce capability, process management, and leadership development, leading to strengthened customer loyalty, reduced waste, improved profitability, and increased market share.

These services encompassed tasks such as:

- Led the creation and evolution of client vision directives
- Established marketing and brand-building objectives
- Creative services schematic design edits
- Design development
- Proposals



Clients (some)



























THE MRG PROCESS



CAMPAIGN DRIVEN MARKETING





















TRADESHOW DESIGN





MENU DESIGN



Luvo















Working at Earl of Sandwich felt like being in a fairy tale where food took the spotlight. My job revolved around creating experiences through design and ensuring a consistent brand identity. This involved overseeing the art direction and graphic design for 28 locations, including the flagship spots at Downtown Disney and Disneyland Paris. It was quite magical, wasn't it? I also managed to reduce production costs without losing the innovative essence and spearheaded website redesigns to enhance our online presence. It was all about elevating that warm, inviting atmosphere, making the customer hungry for our sandwich and leaving wanting to come back for more.

- Menu board design
- Packaging: cups, chip bags, labels, bags, foil wraps
- POS signage
- Wall Murals
- Signage: interior & exterior
- Operational materials
- Art direction for photo shoots















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