

Kerry Gibbons

Greater New York Area

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GRAPHIC DESIGNER | ILLUSTRATOR | ADMINISTRATOR | EDUCATOR

Experienced designer and illustrator with extensive technical and creative skills in fashion and theatre fields. Skilled at concept development, production and design completion leveraging experience in various design fields to create a highly customized design practice. Accustomed to a fast-paced environment employing both collaboration and creativity to deliver a final design aligned with production deadlines and budget guidelines. A creative thinker with strong organizational skills who is dedicated to offering value with a foundation of experience, credentials, and recognized skills.

KEY SKILLS

Pattern Design | Graphic Design | Concept Creation | Fabric Design | Project Management | Retouching | Technical Flats
Sketching | CAD Sketches | Trim Design | Swatch Boards | Sketches | Coursework Creation | Student Mentoring | Print
Motif Creation | Tech Packs | Powerpoint | Mock-ups | Typography | HTML Programming | Adobe Creative Suite |
Retouching | Branding | Illustration

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

K Gibbons Design New York, NY

May 2005 – present

Freelance design business focusing on costume and fashion design serving the needs of theatre and production companies from small to large scale applications.

Costume and Fashion Designer

- Managed over 40 small-scale garment production from first concept to completion
- Completed sourcing and sampling for womenswear, menswear, and childrenswear, in all product categories to enable expanded theatrical productions
- Collaborated with creative team to realize a cohesive style throughout each production and design project
- Worked within strict budget guidelines and time restrictions to deliver finished garments
- Created and completed sketches, full renderings, and technical sketches for hundreds of garments and accessories

First Hand/Technical Designer

May 2005 – present

- Supervised over 50 stitchers, hand finishers, and interns in costume shops throughout the U.S.
- Assigned project-focused tasks in a fast-paced, deadline-driven setting, giving instructions as needed
- Lead and manage activities for middle school, high school, and undergraduate students, to create accomplished sewers
- Prepared and cut patterns; constructed and altered thousands of garments and accessories to completion

Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) New York, NY

January 2019 – present

University focused on art, business, design, communications, technology for the fashion industry

Instructor/Tutor

- Developed and taught two courses in the Costume Design and Wardrobe Technician certification program
- Tutored over 100 students and improved academic performance for students in Mathematics, Draping, Sewing, Patternmaking, Illustration, and other technical programs
- Worked closely with students weekly to ensure positive course outcomes
- Developed specialized skills to focus on learning with neurodiversity/learning disabled students

Dreamwear New York, NY

April 2018 – July 2018

Industry leading creator of fashion forward intimate apparel, shapewear, and sleepwear

Freelance Designer

- Created CAD sketches of samples and planned lines for updated daywear, intimates, and sleepwear
- Launched an easy-to-use Adobe color database to standardize colors for print and screen
- Worked on production-ready packages and tech packs for primary clothing lines

G-III New York, NY

October 2017 – April 2018

Clothing and accessories business that designs and manufactures women's/mens's apparel for over 30 brands

Design Intern

- Inventoried and organized sample yardage for all ordered fabrics; coordinated samples cut and sewn out-of-house at local vendors
- Maintained mood boards, swatch boards, and organized artwork for designers
- Designed embellishment layouts for sleeves, necklines, and bodices
- Implemented a straightforward tracking system for out-of-house samples, aiding in invoice process

SEI, Oaks, PA

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Workforce Engagement

- Greeted and gave tours to all prospective hires on campus for interviews
- Scheduled interviews for prospective hires, coordinating with WF and departmental hiring managers
- Worked with interns on a generational research project, presented to the board
- Organized and implemented retraining for all personnel, several thousand people

StoneHouse Consulting Thornton, PA

Jan 2008 – Jun 2011

Strategic, operational, and IT consulting for traditional and alternative investment managers

In-House Graphic Designer

- Created brand identity and chose typefaces, colors, and designed logo as appropriate
- Designed business cards, website, powerpoint templates, letterhead, and other products both internal and external
- Performed additional administrative tasks for the partners as needed

Linda Cho New York, NY

June 2009 – May 2010

Award-winning international costume designer for theatre, opera, and dance

Assistant Designer

- Collaborated with Ms. Cho on design and style of Off-Broadway and regional theatrical productions including *A Light in the Piazza* at Arena Stage, *Gee's Bend* at Hartford Stage, and *True West* at Williamstown Theatre Festival
- Conducted visual and historic research to inform design choices
- Swatched and sourced fabrics and trims for large- and small-scale productions
- Liaised with sample shop for patterning and construction of individual garments

EDUCATION

MFA Design, California Institute of the Arts (CalArts), Valencia, CA 2009

BS Mathematics, Georgetown University, Washington DC 2005

Certificate in Ladies' Tailoring, Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT), State University of New York 2014

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Vectorworks, Corel Painter, Filemaker, MS Excel, MS Word, G Suite, iWork, Mac Computers, PC Computers

VOLUNTEERISM

American Red Cross NYC, Mass Care Volunteer: 2012 – present

- New York City Mass Care Leadership team of four volunteers
- Regional Lead for Greater New York, Distribution of Emergency Supplies
- Skilled in sheltering, psychological first aid, supply distribution supporting thousands of clients in diverse communities
- Trained in various skills pertaining to managing staff, filing paperwork, and creative problem solving