

Cody Pajkos

Graphic Designer & Illustrator



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LOCATION

Elmhurst, Illinois

Software Skills

- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe InDesign
- Microsoft Office
- Canva
- Generative AI
- ChatGPT
- Hootsuite
- UX/UI Design (Learning)

Personal Skills

- Creativity
- Versatility
- Attention to Detail
- Self-Starter
- Collaboration
- Meeting Deadlines
- Ability to Prioritize
- Communication Skills
- Project Management
- Adaptive Art Style

Education

Bachelor of Arts
Lewis University,
Romeoville, Illinois

- Major: Theatre
- Minor: Fine Arts

Entrepreneurship

Button Mashers

- Co-Founder / Art Director
- Since January 2024
- Arts and crafting business that empowers children's creativity through making pinback buttons.



Summary

Freelance designer with over a decade of experience in graphic design, illustration, and original artwork. Artistic style is clean, colorful, and streamlined, with great attention to detail and putting client goals at the forefront. Especially skilled with client communication, establishing brand identities and handling feedback with grace and urgency.

Seeking a position where I can collaborate with a design community while learning AI and harnessing new design trends to create high-quality content for printed materials, social media and other marketing platforms.



Work History

October 2021
- Present

Amazon DXH6

Employee Trainer / Graphic Designer

- Promoted to employee trainer in 2022 and developed open communication and a positive, welcoming atmosphere for new trainees.
- Commissioned by management to design exclusive Amazon-themed apparel for employee trainers in 2023 and 2024.
- Successfully increased new employee trainer recruits by 50%.

May 2012 -
Present

Self-Employed

Book Cover Designer

- Used digital illustration tools, concept sketches and modern trends to design book covers and interior illustrations for titles by Josie Garrett (Until Midlife Crisis Do Us Part, The Tenth Anniversary of My Divorce, Chicagoan, and more) and Ryder Alexander (The Night Before Black Friday and Good Riddance 2020: A Coloring Book for Adults.)

January 2010 -
April 2012

Entertainers By State

Art Director / Graphic Designer

- Designed and edited nearly one thousand web advertisements for professional entertainers.
- Worked with hundreds of clients nationwide, developing their brand imaging.
- Designed website appearance, maintained client records, and performed routine website maintenance.

July 2007 -
April 2012

The Directories of Professional Artists and Entertainers

Graphic Designer

- Designed ads for printed booklets showcasing a diverse collection of performance artists and agencies.
- Helped grow from a Chicago-based startup to a marketing agency serving nineteen metropolitan areas across the United States.
- Openly communicated personally with clients to develop brand imaging and build trust.
- Reviewed preflight for local printing presses and assisted United States Postal Service with direct mail.