

INTERIOR DESIGNER

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August 24, 2015

Thanks for the opportunity to present my credentials. I am a recent transplant to New York from San Francisco and ready for a new challenge.

While very proud of the achievements accomplished under my eponymous studio over the past 15 years, I feel it is time for a change in my life and am excited about the possibility of bringing my design expertise to a new team environment where I can grow professionally and challenge myself and others in new ways.

Ideally, I would like to find an exceptional design firm culture that shares my passion for collaboration, open lines of communication, and inventiveness.

I am seeking a pay range position between \$160,000-\$165,000 to meet my life objectives. I am open to discussing a base salary plus performance bonus as a way of proving my value.

Thank you again for your consideration and taking the time to review my resume and portfolio.

Christopher Gaona

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EXPERIENCE

Christopher Gaona Design Studio New York, New York

Nov. 2000-Present

Founder / Principal

- New account development including: residential, hospitality, retail, office, and trade show exhibition projects.
- Responsible for contract negotiations and client concept presentations
- Solid project development skills including: conceptual design, detailing, construction documents, consultant coordination, bidding, and budgeting.
- Project management competency including scope of work schedule oversight, progress payments, change orders, plan reviews, requests for information, additional work authorizations, punch list oversight, and exit assessment.
- Comprehensive knowledge of architecture, design, and art from antiquity thru contemporary design.
- Knowledgeable with scale, proportion and functionality to achieve bespoke soft furnishings for broad range of client initiatives.
- Social media presence oversight and content development.

Eastern Classics Berkeley, California

July 2009-December 2011

Creative Visuals Director and Design Consultant

- Design and oversight of custom millwork including furniture, kitchen and bath cabinetry.
- New account development for residential clientele included substantial follow up, schematics, and quote submissions.
- Seasonal visualization of 5,000 sq. foot showroom and window displays

Morrison and Proctor, Architects Los Angeles, CA

Nov. 1998-Oct. 2000

Junior Interior Designer

- Provided support to Senior Designer and architects on the development of space plans, interior elevations, interior detailing, and working drawings.
- Provides support in the selection and production of custom and antique furnishings, finishes, equipment, accessories, and fixtures.
- Assisted with the development budgeting, pricing, purchase orders, follow up and on site installations.
- Administrative duties included: banking deposits, travel coordination for principals, accounts payable oversight.

EDUCATION

University of California Los Angeles Bachelor of Science

1996

University of California Los Angeles Extension Interior Design Program

1998

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATIONS

- Member American Society of Interior Designers - NYC Metro Chapter
- 2014 ASID Design Excellence Award – Commercial / Healthcare Seton Guest Center
- Editorial: *California Homes*, *Interior Design*, *Palm Springs Life*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Traditional Home*.
- Recognized in 2010 as one of *Traditional Homes'* Top 20 Young Designers to watch.

SOFTWARE, LANGUAGES, ACTIVITIES

- AutoCAD 2D
- Microsoft Office Suite: PowerPoint, Word, Excel, Outlook
- Evernote
- Wordpress
- Bilingual in Spanish
- Avid runner and fitness enthusiast