

## PROFILE

**ENTHUSIASTIC DESIGNER AND EDITOR** with experience in web as well as print

**EFFECTIVE AND POSITIVE TEAM PLAYER** able to give and accept constructive criticism in working towards a common goal

**EXPERIENCED PHOTOGRAPHER AND SHOOT PRODUCER**, taking a raw idea and using all available creative assets to bring it to life

**PRODUCTIVE WORKER UNDER PRESSURE** able to meet deadlines in an organized and efficient manner

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Dec 09-Apr 10 **ASPEN MAGAZINE**, Aspen CO, Assistant Art Director

- Manage all aspects of editorial and art production including maintaining text flow, communicating with photographers and producing photo sessions, retouching images and preparing files for print
- Communicate with the printer and perform press checks
- Design all house ads, media materials, e-blasts and social pages; working on a re-design of the company website
- Work with the publisher to develop additional advertising opportunities and the weekly e-newsletter

Oct 07-June 09 **JOY MAGAZINE** Lithuania, Vilnius, Lithuania, Photo Editor

- Assign and edit all photo sessions
- Produce and photograph illustrative photo sessions, special reports and portraits
- Research illustrations and communicate with stock agencies
- Prepare and edit photo credits
- Handle all invoices and work with director and accountant to maintain a reasonable photography budget

Dec 03-June 09 **FHM MAGAZINE** Lithuania, Vilnius, Lithuania, Photo Editor

- Assign and edit all photo sessions
- Produce and photograph illustrative photo sessions and portraits
- Research illustrations and communicate with stock agencies
- Coordinate and assist with in-house product shoots
- Prepare and edit photo credits
- Manage photography archive
- Handle all invoices and work with director and accountant to maintain a reasonable photography budget

Dec 03-Oct 06 **COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE** Lithuania, Vilnius, Lithuania, Photo Editor

- Assigned and edited photo sessions for Cosmopolitan, as well as for sister magazine Ieva
- Assisted fashion editor with organization and production of fashion shoots
- Researched illustrations and communicated with stock agencies
- Coordinated and assisted photographers with in-house product shoots
- Prepared and edited photo credits

Aug 03-Nov 03 **POWDER MAGAZINE**, San Juan Capistrano, CA, Photo Intern

- Coordinated slide portfolios and communicated with photographers

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- Assisted in photo editing and in-house product shoots
- Created, researched and edited all photo captions and credits
- Assisted the Art Director with all areas of graphic design including preparing files for insertion to the magazine
- Assisted with website management

June 03-July 03 **REFLEXNEWS**, New York, NY, Photo Intern

- Assisted the editor with all aspects of the daily editing process
- Photographed local current events and features

Sept 01-May 03 **RUNNING RIVER SCHOOL**, Boulder, Colorado, French Teacher, After School and Ski Program Director

- Created lesson plans for elementary age French language class
- Encouraged cultural awareness through hands-on projects with food, music, dance and art

Aug 99-Feb 01 **COLORADO DAILY**, Boulder, Colorado, Freelance Photographer

- Photographed features, concerts and sports as a student photographer
- Edited work and prepared it for scanning

May 98- July 98 **LANSING STATE JOURNAL**, Lansing, MI, Freelance Photographer

- Photographed features and sports as a student photographer

## FREELANCE WRITING & DESIGN

Mar 10

*The Lessard Chronicles: Louis W. Lessard's Recollections of WWII*

- Designer and production manager

Feb 09

"Glorious Vilnius", *Condé Nast Traveler*

Sept 07-pres.

*Lithuanian Heritage magazine*

- Column, "Letter from Lithuania"
- "Interview from Lithuania"

Dec 08-pres.

"One Way Ticket", onewaytk.virskus.com

Jan 08-June 09

Baldu Visata Furniture, Vilnius, Lithuania, Photographer/Designer

- Produce and ready for print all in-house photography
- Design and edit office furniture catalogs in English, Polish and Lithuanian language

## EDUCATION

2003: B.A. in Distributive Studies from the University of Colorado at Boulder. An

Individually Structured Major focusing on the culture, language and history of the Baltic Region. Emphasis placed on 20th century global development and peace and conflict resolution as it pertains to Eastern Europe. Graduating thesis concerned Psychological Realism at the turn of the 20th century and its roots in Scandinavian and Russian culture.

1998-1999: Université de Haute Bretagne, Rennes II, Rennes, France

1997: Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English, French, Norwegian, Lithuanian – Fluent; German – Intermediate level

## COMPUTER SKILLS

Adobe CS5: InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, Acrobat; Capture One Pro (PC & MAC)

Word, PowerPoint, Excel (PC & MAC)

CSS (novice)

## PERSONAL

Birthplace: Lansing, Michigan, USA  
Citizenship: American and Lithuanian  
Interests: Skiing, Running, Mountain Biking, Cooking, Oil painting, Travel

- 2005, 2006 Lithuanian National Alpine Ski Champion
- Completed St. George marathon, 1999, 2000

Ski instruction/coaching: **FOUNDER AND HEAD COACH, KALNU ERELIAI SKI TEAM**, Vilnius, Lithuania, 2005-2009

- A non-profit organization created to promote a healthy lifestyle, self-confidence and teamwork through the sport of alpine skiing, for children aged 4-17, including a comprehensive ski program for beginners to advanced racers
- Direct and train a team of coaches for the various programs
- Developed an intense summer dryland program for strength training off-snow
- Gather and distribute the latest information on mental preparation, nutrition, and physical training to coaches, athletes and parents
- Design and manage club website

**ASPEN SKIING COMPANY SKI PRO** 1999-2003, 2009-pres.

- Children's group and private lesson instructor, ages 7-17

**ASPEN VALLEY SKI CLUB**, Aspen, CO, J5 coach, 2009-2010

- Worked with a team of coaches to provide gate training and freeskiing sessions for 8-10 year old entry level racers

**RUAPEHU SNOW SPORTS**, Turoa, New Zealand, J1 coach, June 09-Oct 09

- Responsible for on and off snow training of J1 group at Turoa, including course setting, video analysis and dryland

Foreign Language: **CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES**, Lac du Bois (French village) 2000, 2002

- Senior counselor, girls 13-18
- Artistic and athletic activities leader

**SONS OF NORWAY**, Camp Norway, Skogn, Norway, 2001

- Level II language instructor, students aged 16-24

Civic Groups: **PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCANDINAVIAN CLUB**, 2000-2003

- Chaired the organization committee for International Waffle Day, duties included scheduling, catering and public and media relations
- Assisted in the organization of all club activities and community outreach projects.

*References available upon request*