

Dusty Altena. Designer

Accomplished editorial visual designer with 20-plus years of experience in journalism and media.

Strong technical expertise and a thorough command of typography and design philosophy.

Highly skilled in Adobe Creative Suite. Plays well with others. Born in Iowa, based in Philadelphia.

Selected Experience

Advance Digital 2016–2023 (laid off), Jersey City, NJ (remote) **Art Director**

Member of the company's top-tier Enterprise team, which designs the most important editorial content and special sections of over 25 Advance-owned newspapers located throughout the country, including The Portland Oregonian, The New Orleans Times-Picayune, and The Newark Star-Ledger.

Utilized a keen understanding of design, illustration, and photo editing to establish a consistent and common voice throughout Advance's 25+ publications.

Gannett; Asbury Park Design Studio 2014–16, Asbury Park, NJ **Senior Sports Designer**

Responsible for producing eye-catching designs for 15 Gannett-owned newspapers located in the Northeast. Frequently put in charge of special sections, poster pages, and other premium content that required a sophisticated, discerning sense of design.

Winner of Gannett First-Quarter Award of Excellence in Spring 2015. Winner of Gannett First Quarter Journalism Award (Design-Best Special Section) and finalist in two others (Best Special Section, Best Breaking News Design) in Spring 2016.

American Papers, Cal State Fullerton 2013–14, Fullerton, CA **Managing Editor/Designer**

Served as both managing editor and sole layout designer; completely redesigned the publication with an updated modern design.

Radio K 2010–12, Minneapolis, MN **Graphic Designer/Web Producer, Volunteer DJ**

Responsible for a wide array of print and web work, including marketing campaigns, posters and fliers.

CG Channel 2009–10, Hollywood, CA **Graphic Designer, Web Producer**

Designed digital interviews for well-known CG artists, including editors of films such as "The Watchmen" and "The Day After Tomorrow."

The Arizona Republic 2006–09, Phoenix, AZ **Lead Sports Designer/Graphic Artist**

Produced infographics, maps, layouts, and special sections for over 500,000 print readers and online visitors.

Technical Skills

Adobe InDesign
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Premiere
HTML/CSS/PHP
GIS/QGIS
CCI/NCS/Basikly

Education

University of Minnesota Dual B.A. in History and Art

Cal State University, Fullerton M.A. in American Studies

Extra Credit

Commissioned for illustrations and t-shirt designs for a variety of companies, including Oddica and Envy Magazine

Created the artwork for "Pauly Shore's Interested" Podcast

Editorial internship at *CityPages* (Village Voice) in Minneapolis

Editorial internship at *The Onion AV Club* in Minneapolis

Self-printed a design zine titled *MakeAwesome*, which featured dozens of emerging illustrators and artists

Portfolio

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