# Carson Wallingford

### Associate Creative Director Art Director Graphic Designer

# EXPERTISE

- B2C | B2B
- CRM
- Email
- Direct Mail
- Paid Media
- Social Media
- Print
- Video Storyboards

# STRENGTHS

- Creative problem-solving
- Critical thinking
- Strong design intuition
- Storytelling
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Mentorship and coaching
- Strategic planning and execution
- Project management

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### SUMMARY

With over 20 years of experience in the agency art world, I've thrived on bringing creativity to life through conceptual thinking, nurturing teams with compassionate leadership, and pushing brands beyond their comfort zones.

# EXPERIENCE

### Freelance Art Director/Graphic Designer | Bolingbrook, IL

• Collaborate with clients to deliver visually impactful designs for print and digital.

• Manage multiple projects under tight deadlines while ensuring adherence to brand guidelines.

### Associate Creative Director, Art

Hawkeye, a Publicis Agency | Bolingbrook, IL

2019 - 2023

- Led creative direction for AT&T Business and FedEx, overseeing projects across email, direct mail, print, social, and paid media channels.
  - Motivated and mentored a team of 5+ direct reports, providing guidance and support for professional growth.
  - Conducted client interactions and presentations, led design efforts, and maintained quality control.
  - Focused on fostering a collaborative, innovative, and free-thinking environment.
  - Spearheaded high-level initiatives and pitch opportunities to achieve client objectives and drive business success.

### Associate Creative Director, Art

Epsilon | West Chicago, IL

- 2013 2019
- Led creative direction for AT&T Digital Life, AT&T DirecTV, and AT&T Business accounts across various media channels.
  - Participated in multiple business-winning pitches with innovative concepts and strategic design elements.
  - Supervised a diverse team of 5+ direct reports, providing leadership, guidance, and conducting performance reviews.
  - Oversaw design processes, ensuring high-quality standards and timely delivery of creative assets.

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## SKILLS

- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe XD
- Sketch
- Microsoft Office
- Google Workspace

# INTERESTS

- My dog, Chance
- Animal rescue
- Wisconsin Badgers
- Travel
- Documentaries
- Binge-watching
- Funko Pops

### Senior Art Director

Epsilon | West Chicago, IL

- 2010 2013 Managed AT&T Consumer and U-verse accounts, ensuring consistency in email, direct mail, and print.
  - Played a key role in pitches, strategically aligning concepts with client objectives and brand standards.
  - Implemented quality control to meet client expectations.

### Art Director

Aspen Marketing | West Chicago, IL

- 2007 2010
- Managed projects for AT&T Consumer across email, direct mail and print.
  - Developed high-level concepts and contributed to client pitches.
  - Actively contributed creative ideas in brainstorming sessions.

### Art Director

Grey Group | Downers Grove, IL

- 2006 2007 Created engaging designs for Discover, LasikPlus, and United Airlines.
  - Managed print preparation tasks, ensuring materials were production-ready.

### Jr. Art Director

Euro RSCG | Chicago, IL

- 2003 2006 • Supported Citi, Humane Society, Sears, and Kmart.
  - Assisted senior team in creative development and execution.

# **EDUCATION**

University of Wisconsin-Madison **Bachelor's Degree** Interarts & Technology

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