

KATE LISEWSKI

Multidisciplinary CAD Designer, & Hospitality Professional

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Versatile designer with extensive experience in various CAD software, fabrication, feature-film set design, pop-up and brand activation design, product and industrial design, and hospitality and events. Proven success in translating creative direction into precise architectural models, drawing packages, and fabrication-ready assets, including 3D print files, laser cut files, and graphics, while adhering to strict and precise technical specifications.

Seasoned veteran of the restaurant and hospitality industry, consistently demonstrating exceptional customer service, and implementing data-driven operational procedures aimed to increase traffic and revenue, guest satisfaction, and employee experience.

KEY SKILLS

SOFTWARE

Rhino • Vectorworks • Blender • SketchUP • Keyshot • ProCreate • Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator • Microsoft Suite

TECHNICAL

Lasercutting • 3D Printing • CNC Machining • Rapid Prototyping • Architectural Drafting • Scale Models

GENERAL

Detail-oriented • Organization • Multitasking • Time management • Reordering tasks • Communication

WORK EXPERIENCE

Draftsperson & Jr. Set Designer

LAIKA Stop-Motion Animation Studio, Hillsboro, OR | 2022 – 2024

- Owned multiple, concurrent film set designs from the ideation stage through execution.
- Collaborated with art direction to ensure set designs maintained the desired aesthetic and were continuously altered to meet evolving specifications.
- Utilized CAD software to produce and deliver various types of fabrication assets, such as architectural drawings, 3D print files, laser cut files, and graphics, as well as provided budgetary and timeline documentation.
- Improved set constructability by interfacing with fabrication departments and tailoring designs to available tools and machinery
- Defined and documented responsibilities of these roles themselves, as the first person assigned to both these positions.

Event & Product Design

Self-Employed, Seattle, WA | 2023 – Present

- Collaborated with clients through an iterative design process, distilling their broad ideation into tangible, practical products.
- Provided clients with multiple design solutions tailored to meet varying budgetary constraints, time and spatial limitations, and desired quantities.
- Designed and delivered multiple components of a singular product to various fabrication teams and facilitated conversation and coordination between these teams.

Restaurant & Hospitality Consultant

Self-Employed, Seattle WA | 2023 – Date

- Analyzed customer patterns and sales reports to identify opportunities and execute promotional strategies, such as lunch, happy-hour, and game-day specials.
- Interfaced with present staff to identify points of frustration and inefficiency, and designed optimized floor plans, seating arrangements, table layouts, and equipment configurations to improve operations, to create equity regarding the traffic each server receives, and to maximize the given space.

Restaurant Server, Bartender, Trainer, Captain, Manger

Various, Various | 2013 – Present

- Provided exceptional customer service, remained level-headed under heavy time constraints, and balanced both individual table responsibilities and broader needs of the working environment.
- Consistently demonstrated the ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment, to reorder tasks, and to work in a self-directed manner.
- Tracked inventory levels, placed new orders, and maintained required inventory levels by proactively reaching out to vendors regarding new orders, delivery schedules, and payment account balances.
- Increased staff productivity by hiring and coaching new staff members through restaurant standards and best practices.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Cognitive Science

2013 – 2017

Magna Cum Laude

The University of New York, Buffalo NY

Bachelor's Degree in Production Design

2018-2021

CONCENTRATIONS – Set Design & Themed Entertainment

Magna Cum Laude

Savannah College of Art & Design, Savannah GA

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Art: Designing and fabricating a line of “dopamine décor,” that includes shelving, picture frames, mirrors, trinket boxes, coat hooks, and magnet/white boards.

Upcoming Travel: Looking forward to my 2028 southeastern US trip to attend the women’s gymnastics Olympic trials, seeing some musical landmarks in both Nashville and Memphis, and screaming at the top of my lungs on every rollercoaster in Dollywood.

In the Kitchen: During each Sunday of the NFL season, I make a new flavor of chicken wing. This is my third year, and I am up to 28 unique types of wings. (Some have repeated during different years.)

Media: Currently playing my way through IGN’s puzzle video game “hall of fame” selections, though I doubt *Portal 2* will ever be dethroned as my all-time favorite.