

# Benjamin Wigen

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## Professional Experience

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### Little Nickel

**Graphic Artist** - Everett, WA - February '06 - February '11

As a graphic designer at the Little Nickel my responsibilities included ad design, color correction and image processing with strict weekly deadlines. Collaborated with design and sales teams to successfully translate materials into an effective multiple page product.

- Lead Designer for the North Sound Living Guide.

### Harbour Pointe Retirement & Assisted Living Center

**Web Designer** - Contract - Everett, WA - March '08 - Current

Hired to bring new life to an old product through CSS and jQuery improvements.

### Images by Julie Hanich at Alki Photography

**Web Designer** - Contract - Everett, WA - August '08

Local photographer needed a new site to better build her brand and establish a wider connection between her Facebook page and her client base.

### Impact Directories

**Graphic Designer** - Mt. Vernon, WA - March '08 - April '08

Hired as a contact designer my responsibilities were to create phone book advertising and listings in a very short deadline.

### Lee Northwest Publishing

**Graphic Artist/Commercial Services Manager** - Airway Heights, WA - August '04 - January '06

Created new and innovative ad content and commercial print collateral in very tight deadlines.

Effectively balanced commercial print traffic around internal product on two presses when promoted to manager.

- Converted a commercial publication, the Tomlinson Black Real Estate guide from Quark 4.1 (MAC) to InDesign CS (PC) with XML tags, cutting overall production time in half and saving labor costs.
- Created an InDesign CS training program using interactive PDF's utilizing short movies.

### Ballet Spokane

**Graphic Designer** - Spokane, WA - September '03 - January '06

Charged with brand and collateral development for an new ballet company. Successfully promoted the companies first and second season into award winning productions and membership drives.

### Masters & Company Printing Inc.

**Graphic Designer** - Spokane, WA - January '04 to August '04

Managed multiple small press projects, successfully processed client content in a fast paced pre-press environment. Participated in several large promotional campaigns for local city transit, a local radio and TV stations and government.

- Lead designer for the Spokane Rotary Club's 2004-05 State Governor's Conference, District Conference promotional brochures and directory as well as the 2005 Anniversary programs.

## Technical Proficiency

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Highly creative and skilled graphic designer with experience in pre-press workflows, web and print design. Excellent interpersonal and collaborative skills with a proven record of accomplishing projects within time and budget constraints.

Proficient in Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver and Acrobat on both Mac and PC environments. Extensive knowledge of XHTML, CSS and Microsoft Office. Working understanding of jQuery, Flash and Fireworks.

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Certificate of Pre-Press and Graphic Design 2003  
Spokane Falls Community College, Spokane, Washington