

# STEVE JURAS

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## EDUCATION

THE GRAHAM SCHOOL FOR  
THE LIBERAL ARTS AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
Chicago, IL — VACP 2015

THE SCHOOL OF THE ART  
INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO  
Chicago, IL — MFA 2000

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME  
South Bend, IN — BA 1996

## SKILLS

Creative thinking

Collaboration

Curation

Problem solving

Writing

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### FREELANCE CREATIVE DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, IL — 2009 - PRESENT

Responsible for conceiving, designing and executing creative content for print and video. Clients include Jody Michael Associates, Heave Ho Productions, Winding Road Productions, The Gift Theatre, Siskel Jacobs, ArtEtal, Frances Whitehead.

### CREATIVE DIRECTOR, MODE PROJECT; CHICAGO, IL — 2006 - 2009

Managed a team of designers while developing brand strategy, writing creative pitches and directing video productions for broadcast and web content. Clients include JPMorganChase, Gatorade, Kellogg's, Obama for America and Planters.

### LEAD DESIGNER, TOWERS PRODUCTIONS; CHICAGO, IL — 2004 - 2006

Partnered with producers to concept and design show opens, bumpers, interstitials, maps and other motion graphic content. Clients include A&E, History Channel and the National Geographic Channel.

### DIGITAL MEDIA CREATIVE, UNITED CENTER; CHICAGO, IL — 2003 - 2004

Logged and organized game footage for management and coaching staffs of the Chicago Bulls and Chicago Blackhawks. Also responsible for developing interactive content for player review.

### DESIGNER/ART DIRECTOR, FUSION IDEA LAB; CHICAGO, IL — 1998 - 2002

Worked with creative director and writer to concept and design ads, posters, environmental displays and TV ads. Clients include Anheuser-Busch, Bally's and Target.

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## TEACHING

SCHOOL OF THE ART  
INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO  
Chicago, IL — 2015  
Intro to Graphic Design

TRUMAN COLLEGE  
Chicago, IL — 2015  
Art Appreciation  
Introduction to Film

## INTERESTS

Abstract painting  
Contemporary Art  
Documentary Film  
Literary Fiction  
Outsider Art  
Photography

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

BOARD MEMBER, ESPERANZA COMMUNITY SERVICES  
CHICAGO, IL — 2013 - PRESENT

- Contribute to oversight of non-profit dedicated to needs of developmentally disabled children and adults
- Member, Resource Development Committee and Art Committee
- Designed, wrote and edited, "A Vision Forward," a comprehensive 5 year plan for the financial, cultural and artistic future of Esperanza.

STUDIO VOLUNTEER, ESPERANZA COMMUNITY SERVICES  
CHICAGO, IL — 2013 - PRESENT

- facilitate studio artists with developmentally disabilities
- Co-curate and install two major events per year, the Fall Arts Fest and Celebrating Victories Gala
- Create and manage Esperanza Art Merch, a marketing program featuring artists' work on bags, iPhone cases and other products

TEACHING ARTIST, CHICAGO ARTS PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION  
CHICAGO, IL — 2016 - PRESENT

- Work with developmentally disabled students at South Side Vocational Academy
- Partner with Life Science teacher to integrate art into the school curriculum by developing a shared line of inquiry
- Develop subject-specific contemporary art presentations and lead students in specific art making activities (drawing, sculpting, and collaging)
- Use photography and video to document student responses to art making experience