IBE

FASHION / APPAREL DESIGN

LOS ANGELES, CA

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Creative Design & Merchandising Professional in the Contemporary, Bridge, Designer & Updated Missy Market. Highly creative design & merchandising professional with extensive experience to recognize, evaluate & interpret fashion trends as it relates to current market. Elevated artistic ability to design & spec intricate modes of embellishments, i.e. embroidery, beadwork, applique, graphic art applications and all phases of print development & full fashioned knitwear. "Hands-on" knowledge in patternmaking, draping and garment construction, spec development, costing, piecegoods procurement & establishing & maintaining "FIT" standards. Knowledgeable of domestic & international resourcing of all fabrications, trims & findings, relative to domestic &/or off-shore production.

Experience

DESIGNER / MERCHANDISER

LOS ANGELES, CA
Jan 2008 - Present

IBE, INC.

Freelance consultation for domestic & off-shore manufacturers-importers

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ASSOCIATE DESIGNER

COMMERCE, CA
Jun 2006 - Feb 2008

ITC GIRL LLC / CITYGIRL

DESIGNER / RELATED CAREER & WEEKEND WEAR better missy separates. Collaborated concepts, design & merchandising with labelled designer Nancy Bolen; implementing various mediums of embellishments, prints / use of multi-fabrications, from preparing tech packs, to showroom samples though to production.

DESIGNER / IMPORT PRODUCTION COORDINATOR

LOS ANGELES, CA
Jan 1999 - Jun 2006

WWW COLLECTION, DIV. OF YOON & ASSOC.

DESIGNER / ITEM-DRIVEN Evening Separates & Dresses. Designed & merchandised start-up company that became a key vendor to major retailers; Nordstrom's, Cache / Lilli Rubin, Neiman-Marcus, Sak's Fifth Avenue. Managed domestic & off-shore production and development of private label programs.

DESIGNER

LOS ANGELES, CA
Dec 1997 - Nov 1999

JEAN ST. GERMAIN, INC.

DESIGNER / ASSOCIATE MERCHANDISER Lifestyle / Weekend wear better separates. Creatively developed & researched new modes of embellishments, wshes & garment dyeing techniques for a denim & linin driven collection of related separates established in major specialty stores & catalogs as a core vendor. HANDS-ON collaboration with all phases of domestic production to ensure consistency of final product to vendors.

SENIOR ASSOCIATE DESIGNER

LOS ANGELES, CA
Apr 1994 - Dec 1997

CITY GIRL BY NANCY BOLEN

Print & embellishment driven WEEKEND / LIFESTYLE related better separates. Interfaced with co-principal & labelled designer Nancy Bolen in bring unique combinations of embellishments, related to exclusive prints to make a very cohesive collection sold primarily to specialty boutiques that exceeded of 4000 accounts nationwide.

SENIOR DESIGNER / DIVISIONAL MERCHANDISER

NEW YORK, NY
Jul 1992 - Mar 1994

IBE, DIV. OF AUGUST SILK, INC.

BRIDGE DESIGNER collection. A new perspective & interpretation of the original IBE COLLECTION, using exclusively all-silk or silk-blended fabrications. This company was established as a CAREER / LIFESTYLE related better separates resource, however needed a higher end, designer collection to venture into other retail areas. i.e. BLOOMINGDALE'S, MARSHAL FIELD'S, NORDSTROM'S, NEIMAN-MARCUS, SAK'S FIFTH AVENUE. Introduced & developed an execuitve career division of suits and dresses under the A. S. COLLECTION.

CO-PRINCIPAL & FOUNDER / DESIGNER

LOS ANGELES, CA
Jan 1982 - Jun 1992

IBE, INC.

BRIDGE DESIGNER COLLECTION. Conceptuallized, designed and created a unique collection of highly embellished related separates & dresses coordinated to original prints with international distribution. Became a key vendor to SAK'S FIFTH AVENUE, I. MAGNIN, NEIMAN-MARCUS, NORDSTROM'S CACHE/LILLIE RUBIN, MARSHAL FIELDS, BLOOMINGDALES, FORGOTTEN WOMAN, LORD & TAYLOR, A PEA IN THE POD.

DESIGNER / MERCHANDISER

LOS ANGELES, CA
Feb 1979 - Jan 1982

DISEGNI (BY FLORA KUNG), DIV. OF KOSTAR INTL.

DESIGNER SILK PRINT DRESS COLLECTION & SEPARATES. Upon teh departure of the FLORA KUNG, was hired to continue the label DISEGNI, an already key vendor in major high end specialty stores & to grow their business by introducing related separates, an emerging trend at retail. Instrumental in the licensee of EMILIO PUCCI for the U.S, Canada, Australia, the U.K., Hong Kong, Singapore & Japan. Collaborated with Marchese Emilio Pucci in his print designs & re-interpretation for broader distribution.

Education

ASSOCIATIVE ARTS

FASHION INSTITUTE OF DESIGN & MERCHANDISING

LOS ANGELES,CA
1976 - 1977

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