

Sam Hamilton, *illustration and design*

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

I have extensive experience working in the design field with a keen eye for balanced and colourful designs, a meticulous design process, and a conscientious and amiable work ethic. My skills are wide-ranging and include illustration, identity, print design, and web design.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2012-present / *Upstream!*

Almonte, ON

Upstream! is the name under which I have published several children's books that I have illustrated and designed. It has been a phenomenal experience learning how to manage all aspects of a book's creation, from sketching out ideas, making illustrations, creating print-ready files, and selling copies of a freshly printed book directly to my audience. Self-publishing has given me complete creative control over the works I produce and has been a very gratifying experience.

2006-present / *Freelance Graphic Designer and Illustrator*

Almonte, ON

Through my freelance work, I have sought a wide variety of work to challenge myself creatively and continue to grow as a designer. I enjoy collaborating with my clients to help them realize their thoughts into finished pieces. Highlights include a series of humorous dioramas commissioned for an exhibit on food science at the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum, two children's books I illustrated for writer Paul McKay featuring animals and instruments from around the world, and album cover artwork for a local musician.

2002-2008 / *Creighton Rock Drill Ltd., Graphic Designer*

Mississauga, ON and Ottawa, ON

Creighton Rock Drill Ltd. is a supplier of a large range of construction, drilling, and ground engaging tools. I was responsible for designing and producing all of the marketing collateral for CRD including sales brochures, product leaflets, direct marketing pieces, posters, trade show displays, labels, ads, and other miscellaneous print pieces from start to finish.

1999-2001 / *Groupe Jeunesse et Regroupement des Jeunes Filles de Toronto, Graphic Designer*

Toronto, ON

The GJRJFT was a youth centre which assisted young Francophones newly arrived to Toronto with finding employment, schooling, language courses, housing, and even counselling. I was hired to create and maintain the centre's website, but my responsibilities quickly grew to designing and producing brochures, posters, logos, ads, and other marketing and informational collateral.

EDUCATION

2000-2004 / *York University/Sheridan College*

North York, ON

I have completed an Honours Bachelor of Design and was a member of the Dean's Honour Roll in each of my four years at York/Sheridan.

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EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 Group Exhibition, The Crown and Pumpkin Studio Tour, Almonte, ON (juried)
- 2014 Group Exhibition, The Crown and Pumpkin Studio Tour, Almonte, ON (juried)
- 2014 Solo Exhibition, *How Two Make a Nest*, Mississippi Mills Galleries, Almonte, ON
- 2013 Group Exhibition, The Crown and Pumpkin Studio Tour, Almonte, ON (juried)
- 2013 Solo Exhibition, Bergamot Barn Art Gallery, Almonte, ON
- 2012 Group Exhibition, The Crown and Pumpkin Studio Tour, Almonte, ON (juried)
- 2012 Solo Exhibition, *Do it, Earl! Do it!*, Mississippi Mills Galleries, Almonte, ON

SOFTWARE SKILLS

I am proficient in many of the Adobe Creative Suite programs including Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and Dreamweaver. I am at ease with both PC and Mac platforms.