# **DENNIS MARK**

# AWARD-WINNING CREATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONAL

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# **PROFILE**

I am an award-winning creative and communications professional with over 25 years of experience producing world-class communications, marketing, graphic design, and social media. I have a proven track record of success in many industries, including higher education, healthcare, engineering, technology, financial services, sports, entertainment, retail, and hospitality.

#### **EXPERIENCE**



#### **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Rutgers University Libraries | New Brunswick, NJ | June 2022-Present

- Direct the communications and marketing activities for the library system of one of the nation's leading public research universities.
- Work closely with Rutgers University Libraries leadership and serve as chair on several committees to develop and implement the communications and marketing strategy.
- Manage the news and events webpages, social media, email marketing, digital displays, promotional products, and marketing collateral for the university's 16 integrated libraries and distinctive collections.
- Write, design, edit, and proofread communications and promotional materials.



#### **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS**

American School of Classical Studies at Athens | Princeton, NJ | 2019-2022

- Directed communications activities and served as the brand steward for the largest and oldest U.S. overseas research center, founded in 1881.
- Worked closely with American School (ASCSA) trustees, overseers, and senior staff members to develop and implement a strategic communications plan to broaden awareness of the ASCSA and strengthen its identity.
- Played a vital role on the development team that helped raise more than \$11 million between 2019 and 2022.
- Wrote, designed, edited, and proofread communications materials.
- Lead a creative team that designed and developed advertising and collateral materials for internal and external audiences.
- Co-managed the website and social media accounts with more than 24,000 combined followers; executed email campaigns to over 5,000 subscribers.
- Collaborated on award-winning short films that highlighted the ASCSA's mission, people, and work.



# CONNECT

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## **SOFTWARE**

Adobe Acrobat

Adobe Creative Cloud

Adobe Illustrator

Adobe InDesign

Ps Adobe Photoshop

Mailchimp

Microsoft 365

WordPress

# **EDUCATION**

New York Academy of Art Master of Fine Arts, 1996

Cornell University
Bachelor of Science, 1992

# **EXPERIENCE** | CONTINUED



# **DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE SERVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

State Fair Group (SFG) | Belleville, NJ | December 2014-March 2019



 Provided creative direction and social media management for one of New Jersey's most successful and diverse family-owned businesses.

• Oversaw all design activities for over a dozen SFG properties, including two fairs.



two championship professional baseball teams, two stadiums, and a retail store.

Developed a multichannel marketing strategy that resulted in 30% sales growth



- between 2014 and 2019 and increased the visibility of SFG properties.
   Created and managed content for social media channels (75,000+ combined
- followers) and email marketing campaigns (46,000+ combined subscribers).
- Promoted numerous high-profile events that drew more than 2,000,000 customers between 2015 and 2018.



# ART DIRECTOR | FREELANCE

Freedom Mortgage | Mount Laurel, NJ | June 2014-August 2014

Provided art direction for one of the leading mortgage lenders in the country.



## **GRAPHIC DESIGNER** | **FREELANCE**

Philadelphia Eagles | Philadelphia, PA | April 2014-May 2014

- Provided graphic design services for one of the NFL's most storied franchises.
- Projects included promotional graphics, publications, and style guides.



#### **CREATIVE DIRECTOR**

Mark Creative Studio | Millstone Township, NJ | September 2013-December 2014

 Clients included notable agencies such as Brian J. Ganton & Associates, HealthEd, RevHealth, Solstice Health, SS&B, BGB New York, and Ferrara & Company.



## **CREATIVE DIRECTOR**

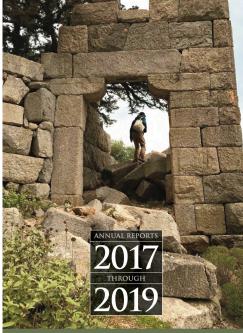
Newark Bears Newark, NJ February 2013-September 2013

- Provided creative direction for Newark's legendary professional baseball team
- Oversaw all creative activities for the team, including website management, advertising, branding, collateral, social media, email marketing, publicity, community engagement, and game presentation.





- **2021 APEX Award for Publication Excellence:** ASCSA's 2017–2019 Biennial Report
- 2020 Orona Foundation Award: ASCSA's Twelve Decades of Discovery: American School Excavations at Corinth short film
- 2000 APEX Award for Publication Excellence: PSI's 1999 training course poster



American school of classical studies at athens

# **SKILLS**

- Advertising and brand development
- Communications and marketing
- Content management
- Copywriting/Editing/Proofreading
- Creative direction
- Email marketing and direct mail
- Graphic design
- Media and public relations
- Photography and photo retouching
- Social media management
- Sports marketing
- Web design

## CERTIFICATIONS

- CPR and AED (American Heart Association)
- Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (LinkedIn Learning)

#### REFERENCES

References are available upon request.