TRONG GIA NGUYEN





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Brussels, Belgium

SKILLS

- Out-of-the-box solutions and strategist
- Team player with a deep array of experiences in many sectors while possessing a dynamic, flexible skillset
- Strong verbal and written communication (English)
- Proficient in Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Davinci Resolve, Sketchup, etc.
- Strengths in manual studio practices including carpentry, painting, photography, sculpture, etc.

LANGUAGES

- Native English speaker
- Fluent in Vietnamese
- B2 Level in French

HOBBIES

- Tennis, basketball
- DIY projects
- Travelling and exploration
- Technologies and gadgets

AS AN ARTIST

- Exhibited artworks in galleries and museums worldwide in over 200 exhibitions
- Artworks in private and public collections internationally
- Garnered grants and awards from prestigious museums and residencies worldwide

WORK EXPERIENCE

Writing and Publishing

- Copywriter, pen social media content, newsletters, blogs, and web materials for brands including Lebon / Riviera Bella, Art21 television program, and Dar Kawa / Valerie Barkowski (CURRENT)
- Senior Editor at Artslant.com, oversaw a team of 10 writers for coverage of art and cultural events in New York
- Journalist, conducted interviews and wrote articles and texts for international cultural publications including: Brussels Exclusive Labels Magazine, CoBoSocial, Harper's Bazaar, New York Arts Magazine, Artslant, etc.
- Independent Writer, wrote exhibition and product press releases, artist statements, and grant writing for numerous entities in the art, design, and lifestyle sectors

Creative Direction, Design, and Technology

- Collaborated on various projects in the theater, design and fashion industries including the animation and stage set for the production Exil (2017, Vietnam); producing a film and interactive installation for Lacoste (2012, Miami, Florida, USA); designing shoes for Be & D (2013, New York, USA); designing a set of chairs for Hotel Particulier (2013, New York, USA); produced a series of t-shirts for Misnomer Dance Company (2007, New York, USA)
- Designed and built numerous websites (HTML, Wix, Squarespace, Wordpress) for sustainable businesses, non-profits, arts professionals and galleries including Draft Animal Power, Art Table, Tresors d'Altitude, Decoradar, Zabriskie Gallery, etc.

Public Relations, Marketing and Events

- Co-founded and directed a boutique PR agency (Art Hijack, 2005-07) in New York (USA) that catered to the cultural sector. Clients included DIVA Art Fair, Freight and Volume Gallery, Decoradar, Lab Gallery, Girlee Detroit, etc.
- Organized benefit auctions and charity events for Dystonia Foundation, Residency Unlimited, and others
- Organized sporting events at the Pool Parties Summer Music Festival (2007)

Art Management and Advisory

- Worked in numerous capacities as Director, Registrar, Preparator, etc. for museums, galleries and not-for-profits that include: USF Contemporary Art Museum (Florida, USA), Zabriskie Gallery (New York, USA), JHB Gallery (New York, USA), NGC 224 Gallery (New York, USA), Artist Pension Trust (New York, USA), ArtCycle (New York, USA)
- Studio Manager (2012-13) for renowned artist Wangechi Mutu
- Artist-in-Residence Manager (CURRENT) at Dar Kawa (Marrakech, Morocco)
- Served on Benefit, Advisory, and Review committees at Photo Los Angeles, Fashion in Film Festival, Florence Artist in Residence, Cave Residency, etc.

Curation and Programming

 Conceived and organized over 30 art exhibitions at institutions and galleries including Factory Center for Contemporary Art (2016, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam), Boca Raton Museum of Art (2013, Florida, USA), Freies Museum Berlin (2011, Germany), Hungarian Cultural Center (2010, New York, USA), etc.

Teaching, Lectures and Panels

- Delivered lectures and presentations at numerous cultural and educational institutions including Columbia University (New York, USA), School of Visual Arts (New York, USA), Sculpture Center (New York, USA), Catalyst Foundation (Washington, D.C., USA), Reykjavik Art Academy, Goethe Institute (Hanoi, Vietnam), etc.
- Moderated and participated in panels at Cue Foundation (New York, USA), Art Stage (Singapore), Cervantes Institute (New York, USA), etc.
- Adjunct Professor of Art at University of South Florida (1997-98, Tampa, USA) and St. Petersburg College (1999, Florida, USA)

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, USA Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, USA