

Andrew Spearin : Designer & Photographer

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EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION:

10th Annual Game Design Workshop

Game Developers Conference 10 - San Francisco - March 2010

- >> Participate in groups to design ideas for new games, and modifications to existing table-top games.
- >> Learn the principles of the Mechanics/Dynamics/Aesthetics framework by Marc LeBlanc

Freelance Website Designer

Toronto - October 2009 to Present

- >> Work directly with clients to design their online representation, including:
www.rwb-llc.com - avephoto.ca - paweldwulit.com - amjackson.ca - garyspearin.ca

Graphic Designer, Maqueta Inc.

Toronto - August 2009 to October 2009

- >> In-studio contract work for design and development
- >> Collaborated with Creative Director and clients for various Greater Toronto Area business websites, including: avida-restaurant.com - skywindowtech.com - planet-tek.com

Administrator, News Photographers Association of Canada: NPAC.ca

Toronto - July 2009 to Present

- >> Transfer website to new hosting space.
- >> Troubleshoot back-end issues.
- >> Re-design layout, twice.
- >> Design a new content management and publishing system using vBulletin 4.

Freelance Visual Journalist

Toronto - September 2008 to Present

- >> Freelance photo and video assignments in the Greater Toronto Area for clients, including:
The Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, National Post, L'Express magazine (France)

“The Course” Multimedia Workshop

Toronto - December 2008

- >> Learn from Canada’s leading photo and video journalists
- >> Pitch, film, edit, and produce a short documentary for a newspaper website context

Crew Foreman, University First Class Painters

Edmonton, Alberta - May to August 2008

- >> Conduct painting duties and responsible for small crew on site

Magnum Photos Workshop

Toronto - May 2008

- >> One week learning from veteran photographer David Hurn
- >> Photographed a photo essay on urban escapism along Queen Street
- >> Print in show at the Contact Gallery during Contact Photo Festival

Photographer (Internship), *Hamilton Spectator*

Hamilton, Ontario - April to May 2008

- >> Photograph several daily assignments in Hamilton and surrounding areas.
- >> Dispatch to breaking news, including highway blockade on Six Nations reserve near Caledonia, Ontario.
- >> File pictures and multimedia slideshows on tight deadline.
- >> Pictures also published by *Toronto Star*

Photography Editor, *The Pioneer*

Belleville, Ontario - January 2008

- >> Select and edit various photos for weekly community newspaper publication
- >> Pitch, seek, write, and photograph a local news stories

Photojournalism, Loyalist College

Belleville, Ontario - 2007 to 2008

- >> Fast-track program for news photography, videography, and multimedia editing

Photography Editor, Photographer, *The Sheaf*

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan - 2006 to 2007

- >> Photograph daily events on campus and city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- >> Recruit and co-ordinate volunteer photographers to cover campus events
- >> Collaborate with editorial team in weekly production of two section newspaper on tight deadline

Surveyor & Labour, Graham Construction

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan - May to August 2006

- >> Survey areas on construction site of a newly built Secondary School
- >> Labour and various duties on construction site

University of Saskatchewan, Arts Undergraduate

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan - 2005 to 2007

- >> Studied Sociology and Photography
- >> Volunteered as photographer for *The Sheaf*

Project Director, Insurgency

Hamilton, Ontario & Saskatoon, Saskatchewan - 2002 to 2007

- >> Design gameplay mechanics, dynamics, and aesthetics
- >> Recruit international team of amateur developers and artists
- >> Project Management across online communications platform
- >> Website and Community design and management
- >> Media and Business relations (including: Rock Paper Shotgun, PC Gamer, Computer Gaming World, Fileplanet, TrackIR)

Infantry soldier, Bagpiper, Canadian Army reserves

Hamilton, Ontario & Saskatoon, Saskatchewan - 2002 to 2007

- >> Served in Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders of Canada and North Saskatchewan Regiment
- >> Conducted training for the war in Afghanistan at various Canadian Forces Bases

AWARDS:

2007 Player's Choice 'Mod of the Year' - Insurgency: Modern Infantry Combat

- >> moddb.com/events/2007-mod-of-the-year-awards
- >> Voted by users of and presented by modDB.com
- >> Sponsors include AMD, US Navy, Logitech

Loyalist Student Award - October 2007

- >> Judged by Donald Weber, presented by Eastern Canadian News Photographers Association

First Place, National Student Contest - 2006 - 2007

- >> Held by Western Canadian News Photographers Association, various judges
- >> Finished first place after 4 rounds of photo entries