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OBJECTIVE:

FINE ARTS & GRAPHIC DESIGN

QUALIFICATIONS:

1- FINE ARTIST

- More than 20 years in fine Arts: Drawing, Painting (Watercolor, Oil , Acrylic and mixed media).
- 75 individual and group exhibitions in Iran (1985-1996), Canada(1997-2003) and USA(2004-present) Please refer to my online portfolio:
[http://www.artpars.com/portfolio%20\(fine%20arts\).htm](http://www.artpars.com/portfolio%20(fine%20arts).htm)

Art educator: Academic and contemporary teachings in:

- Shabahang Art Studio in Tehran 1985-1996,
- Kerrisdale Community Center in Vancouver winter 2002,
- InIran Community Center and Artpars in Capilano Mall in North Vancouver Spring & Summer 2002
- Art by the Sea, Artpars in Park Royal and Senior Center in West Vancouver, Winter, Spring and Summer 1999 and 2000

Art Juror

- North Vancouver Community Arts Council (Juried most of the Art exhibitions (1998-2002)
- Artpars Gallery all exhibitions (2000-2003)

Art Director

- North Vancouver Community Arts Council : Board of Directors (1998-2002)
- Web Association of Canadian Artists: Founder & President (2001- 2004)
- Artpars Original Fine Arts: Founder & Manager (2000- present)

Art Organizer

- Beyond The Art of Illumination: The Contemporary Art of Iran
International Arts Organizer, As the President of WACA,

Art Publisher

- Translated and published art books from English to Farsi including The Language of Painting, The Art of Framing, Cezanne's Drawings, and Delacroix's Journal.
- Co-author of the book "Memories about Kamal-al-molk", the Persian painter who opened the first western painting academy in Iran (1990-1996).

2- GRAPHIC DESIGNER

- Certified Web & Graphic Designer, British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) Vancouver/Canada

HTML, DHTML, JAVA SCRIPT, FLASH & WEB GRAPHICS

- Advanced Computer Graphics skills for both PC & Mac platform; Expert in programs such as:

Adobe: Photoshop, Illustrator, PageMaker, InDesign

Macromedia: FireWorks, Flash, Dreamweaver.

MS Office: MS Windows 98/NT/XP; FrontPage, Publisher

Other: CorelDraw & Corel Photo paint, QuarkXPress

- In-depth experience applying graphic design principles to produce print and electronic media. All prepress steps; taking orders, pricing and designing to produce camera ready originals for printing of books, newspapers, brochures, reports, posters, and Logos. All steps from planning, storyboard and creating website and services.
- Professional experience in the web design industry plus artistic quality. All process of taking orders, pricing and designing, maintaining and developing all kinds of corporate, non for profit and personal websites. Create custom design graphics and layout for ecommerce and promotional businesses.
- Fine & Graphic Artist , Illustrator and animator

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Alliance for Democracy in Iran, Washington DC **2005-2006**
Webmaster & Desk-top Publisher

- Designed and operate a daily political news website in English and Farsi languages
- Assisted the organization with the design of other materials such as banners, posters, brochures, logos.

MPI Printing, Maryland **2004-2005**
MPI is full service design and printing boutique
Graphic Designer & Desk-top Publisher

- Designed and produced print and electronic media
- Assisted clients with the design of posters, brochures, logos, and newsletters

Banks National/Freedom Mortgage, Virginia **2004-2005**
Real Estate & Financial Corporation
Webmaster & Graphic Designer

- Lead the branding initiative and developed the brand identity and strategy of the company
- Designed all marketing materials including brochures, website, and newspaper ads
- Established relationships with vendors such as printers
- Interviewed, hired, lead and coached the staff of 25 employees Designed and produced print and electronic media

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- Washington Iranians Media Inc.**, Virginia **2003-2004**
Regional newspaper
Graphic Designer & Production Manager
- Designed the layout and graphics of newspaper advertisements
 - Assisted clients/customers with marketing and managed the classified section of the newspaper
- Shahrvand Vancouver**, North Vancouver/ Canada **2000-2003**
National newspaper
Graphic & Ad. Designer
- Artpars Gallery**, North Vancouver/ Canada **2001-2003**
Contemporary art gallery
Manager, Art Director, Webmaster
- managed all operations of the gallery
 - Designed and implemented gallery's website
 - Designed and coordinated the exhibition displays and all marketing materials
- Mulifaith Action Society**, Vancouver/ Canada **1999-2003**
Part time Editor, Webmaster, Coordinator
- Editor and publisher of the MFAS Newsletter
 - Designed and implemented MFAS Website
 - Director and coordinator of Board meetings
- Red Leaf Printing**, N Vancouver/Canada **1996-2000**
Desktop Publisher
Graphic Designer & Desktop Publisher
- Baztab Graphics**, Tehran/Iran **1980-1996**
Graphic Designer & Desktop Publisher

For more information please refer to on line portfolio:
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3- Iranian Traditional Art and Music Research

- Professional Setar performer since 1990
- Setar Instructor since 1992
- Author of the scholarly thesis, The Aesthetics of Iranian Traditional Painting (Miniature).
- Traditional music research, an aesthetic comparative study between the traditional Persian Painting and Music

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Formal Education in:

- Web Technology: BCIT, BURNABY BC, CANADA, 1997-99
- Graphic Design: BCIT, BURNABY BC, CANADA, 1997-99
- Animation: CAPILANO COLLEGE BC, CANADA, 1997
- Fine Arts: Research and Training, IRAN, 1994
- BS degree in Physics: Poona University, INDIA

COMMUNITY & PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

- Musician and Persian Traditional Music/ Tar & Setar Instructor
- Visual Artist, Consultant and Art teacher: Experienced in Painting Oil, Watercolor & Mixed Media
- Board of Directors: N. Vancouver Community Arts Council (1999-2002)
- Webmaster & President: Web Association of Canadian Artists (WACA), N Vancouver
- Camera Man: Rogers, Community TV Channel 4, N. Vancouver (2000)