



SUMMARY:

Charlie Wagers is a graphic designer, art director and illustrator, the product of gray Midwestern skies and a blue collar, Rust Belt aesthetic. Formally trained in fine arts, he draws inspiration from the antique and arcane: early printing techniques, vintage cameras and films, aged textures, forgotten books, and—oddly enough—old neon signs. Growing up on 800 acres of Kentucky farmland, Charlie forged a deep connection with nature, and today he still spends much of his time outdoors, hiking or riding his bike in search of new colors and contrasts.

Humorist and bestselling author David Sedaris has described Charlie's unique style as "Chillbilly," a term the designer proudly wears on his sleeve. While earning his BFA, Charlie became one of the founding members of **Three Bears Design**. He has worked for clients including Procter & Gamble, XL Records, Tooth & Nail Records, Six Flags Theme Parks, American Idol's Kris Allen, The Fray, Owl City and The Black Keys. His work has been recognized by CMYK Magazine, UnderConsideration LLC, French Paper, Lomography, and KidRobot. Charlie currently lives in Akron, Ohio, where he divides his time between his vinyl record collection, his beloved Holga camera, and his girlfriend—not necessarily in that order.

SKILLS:

Software: Macintosh & Windows Operating Systems; Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Dreamweaver, Flash, ImageReady, Acrobat & Bridge; QuarkXPress; Microsoft Word, Excel, & Powerpoint.

Qualifications: Outstanding concept development. Exceptional collaborative and interpersonal skills. Ability to perform in a deadline driven environment. Excellent visual and verbal communication skills. Focus on maintaining friendly client relationships. Experience and capability of many printmaking techniques. Ability to work with digital and film photography.

EXPERIENCE:

Three Bears Design, Akron, OH. Co-Owner, Senior Designer & Creative Director
July 2006 - Present

Responsible for all aspects of owning a business, including: administrative affairs, business development, client relations, creative direction, web-maintenance, design, illustration & printing.

Good Life Tattoos & Piercings, Akron, OH. In-House Designer

April 2010 - Present

Responsible for working directly with the shop's artists, and collaborate with them to maintain the company's identity, advertising and web-site.

Lunar Cow, Akron, OH. Designer

August 2009 - August 2010

Full-time print & web designer, creating design for advertising, branding, publications & web.

Beleza Community Coffee House, Pittsburgh, PA. Graphic Design Intern

July 2007 - August 2008.

Viktor Schreckengost Foundation, Cleveland, OH. Commissioned Artist

May 2006 - August 2006.

EDUCATION:

Art Institute of Pittsburgh

Affiliate Degree in Graphic Design

Ashland University

BFA in Commercial Art with Graphic Design concentration

SHOWS & AWARDS:

2010 & 2011 - French Paper's Sample Room - Featured hand-printed work.

2010 & 2011 - UnderConsiderations's *For Print Only* - Featured work.

2010 - Through A Plastic Lens - Solo Photography Exhibit - Square Records Gallery, Akron, OH.

2009 - Three Bears Design - Solo Exhibition - Revival Boutique, Akron, OH.

2007 Juried Student Exhibition - Coburn Gallery, Ashland, OH.

13 Pieces Selected. Awarded best in Drawing and Digital Art/Photography categories.

2005 & 2006 Purple Door Music & Arts Festival, Lewisberry, PA.

Awarded Honorable Mention both years.

2006 National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts - Young Arts. Miami, FL.

Awarded Honorable Mention in Visual Arts Category. Selected out of 6,500 participants.

2005 Overture Awards by the Cincinnati Arts Association - The Aronoff Center for the Arts, Cincinnati, OH.

5 Pieces selected. Awarded best in Visual Arts category and \$2500 Scholarship.

SELECTED CLIENTS:

Anberlin

Ashland University

Beleza Community Coffeehouse

Benchmark Merchandise

The Black Keys

Butler County Ohio CVB

Christian Children's Home of Ohio

The Fray

Internat'l Marine Animal Trainers Assn.

Invisible Children

Josh Ritter

Kujali International

Kris Allen

Magic Bullet Records

Menomena

mewithoutYou

Music Saves

Owl City

Procter & Gamble

Relient K

Six Flags Theme Parks

Square Records

Tooth & Nail Records

XL Records