

Malcolm Gladwell once wrote that reaching the 10,000-Hour Rule, which he considers the key to success in any field, is simply a matter of practicing a specific task that can be accomplished with 20 hours of work a week for 10 years.

*A quick calculation of my creative hours:
5,475 days = 43,800 hours.*

I've spent the last 15 years in the creative world. My colorful journey began in the glorious guitar world of pre-web print, and then rapidly progressed into the "web-wide world" of Wordpress design and SEO.

Then, 2008 happened. Unlike the majority of people in 2008, my journey began to flourish. Since then, I've discovered a collection of treasures from combining analytics, design, and marketing.

In 2015, I began to write books. I've since written ten books, two journals, and one children's book while helping other writers with their books. Today, I'm on the hunt for a creative opportunity where I can use all of my skills and experience while working among fascinating humans.

- Ricky



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“Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don’t really matter.”

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My Work Experience

Web/Marketing/Author | www.RickyRuss.com

November 2014 – Present

- Data-driven website design - Small business, nonprofit, and e-commerce
- Marketing - Social media platforms, Amazon, and AdWords
- Writing - 10 books, 2 journals, 1 children’s book, speaking and consulting

Marketing Director | Human Investing

September 2013 – November 2014

- Focus heavily on usability and best practices
- Manage web traffic using both print and social media platforms
- Develop brand and identities in the corporate and nonprofit sectors
- Use various cloud-based tools and software programs

Creative Director | Fidelity National Title

Public Company; 5001-10,000 employees; fnf; Real Estate industry
September 2011 – December 2012

- Provide solutions for branding, creative, design, print, web, and video
- Consult with Real Estate Agents & Mortgage Professionals

Creative Director | SCBN

Privately Held; 51-200 employees; Hospital & Health Care industry
August 2007 – November 2009

- Manage AdWords campaigns, Google Analytics, and website updates
- Brand development, print design, website design and video production



Graphic/Web Artist | Guitar Center

Privately Held; 5001-10,000 employees; GTRC; Retail industry
June 2004 – November 2006

- Graphic design for Musician's Friend. Guitar Center, Harmony-Central
- Print Ads for 25+ major music magazines
- UI design for PrivateReserveGuitars.com accompanied with Flash
- Logo design for exclusive vendors such as Sabian and Meinl
- Web Icon and print library design for all brands
- Production layout for monthly catalog

My Alphabetical Knowledge

↪ AdWords, CiviCRM, CMS, Dreamweaver, Flash, HTML, InDesign, Illustrator, MailChimp, Photoshop, QuarkXPress, Social Media, Sony Vegas, and Wordpress

My Up-to-Date Business References

- ↪ Previous Boss | Pete Fisher: 503-869-2510
- ↪ Previous Boss | Jeff Meucci: 503-317-8596
- ↪ ND & Author | Dr. Chris Meletis | 971-246-0050
- ↪ Terence Chatmon | President at EQUIP & John Maxwell | 708-653-8250

My Up-to-Date Volunteer References

- ↪ Chaplain Rick Schermerhorn | 503-805-3635
- ↪ Washington County Judge | Tom Kohl | 503-799-0342
- ↪ Senior Juvenile Counselor | Scott Sheffer | 503-846-3568
- ↪ Portland North Precinct | Cmdr. Kelli Sheffer | 503-823-0097
- ↪ Lake Oswego Police Chief | Don Johnson | djohnson@ci.oswego.or.us

My About:

↪ I was knit together around the first part of October '75

↪ I'm joyfully married (1997). I have one son (Braylon '02) & one daughter (Angel '06)

↪ I once drove a Judge to prison

↪ I've discovered multiple hidden treasures over the last ten years

My Books:

- ↪ book of Job
- ↪ PCS&PHD
- ↪ E320
- ↪ Hu<man[Analytics]

- ↪ Mysterious
- ↪ pOVERTy
- ↪ YES-HUA
- ↪ passt off!

- ↪ silver>gold
- ↪ a new question
- ↪ choose believe
- ↪ Scorphants
- ↪ Die in Purpose