

JONATHAN McDONNELL

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Graphic Designer

PROFILE

Recent Interdisciplinary Arts graduate (Summa Cum Laude) with hands-on experience in graphic design, photography, and print production. Skilled in Adobe Creative Cloud with a strong eye for visual detail, brand consistency, and deadline-driven creative work. Eager to bring a collaborative, detail-oriented approach to labeling, packaging, and marketing collateral as a Junior Creative Designer.

SKILLS

- Adobe Creative Cloud: Illustrator, Photoshop, Lightroom • Basic HTML • Mac & PC
- Digital & Darkroom (Film) Photography • Product & Merchandise Design
- Logo, Poster & Print Design • Screen Printing / Print Making
- Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams
- Time Management, Multitasking & Attention to Detail

DESIGN EXPERIENCE & PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

- Photography Project: Abandoned Spaces: Conceived, shot, and printed an independent photo series on disused manufacturing buildings; presented the project and creative process to faculty and peers.
- Product & Object Photography: Produced studio-style photography using both digital (Adobe Lightroom) and traditional darkroom workflows.
- Logo & Brand Design: Designed original logo concepts for coursework and personal projects, applying typography and brand-identity fundamentals.
- Poster & Print Design: Created poster layouts and hand-generated illustrations for academic and personal projects.
- Printmaking: Completed a semester-long course in screen printing, from concept through final print.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago

August 2024 – May 2026

Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Arts

- Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Dean's List, 3.92 GPA
- Coursework focused on design, photography, and music production

Harper College

August 2022 – May 2024

Associate in Arts

- Coursework in design, printing, and photography

WORK EXPERIENCE

Retail Associate | Target

August 2025 – Present

- Support order fulfillment across multiple floor roles, prioritizing tasks to meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced environment.
- Maintain strong attention to detail and accuracy while managing competing priorities.

Game Master | Mastermind Escape Games

May 2023 – January 2024

- Guided guest experiences and troubleshoot in real time, developing strong problem-solving and communication skills.
- Collaborated with a small team to maintain game presentation and guest satisfaction.

Retail Associate | Jewel-Osco

June 2022 – May 2023

- Delivered customer service in a high-volume retail setting, building organizational and time-management skills.