

# MELISSA WASHINGTON

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- Over 6 years experience in design and art direction in a variety of settings
- Ability to work in fast-paced environments on deadline
- Graduated with honors from Pratt Institute with BFA in Communications Design
- Organized and detail-oriented
- Flexible, easy going and hard working

## Facebook

Facebook.com/i102fly

## Instagram

Instagram.com/i102fly

## Pinterest

Pinterest.com/i102fly

## Tumblr

i102fly.tumblr.com

## PROFILE

## EDUCATION

### Pratt Institute

Santa Monica, CA  
BFA Communications Design  
Society of Illustrators Award

AUG 1999

MAY 2003

### Santa Monica College

Santa Monica, CA  
Anatomy and Chemistry | 4.0 GPA

SEPT 2007

JUN 2008

### Shibata Chiropractic

Los Angeles, CA  
Apprenticeship with Dr. Victor  
Shibata in Chinese Energetic  
Medicine / natural healing

SEPT 2006

OCT 2008

### Santa Monica College/ Armory Arts Center

Santa Monica, CA | Pasadena, CA  
Courses in journalism | 4.0 GPA  
Semester course in implementing academic  
standards into curriculums

SEPT 2006

JUN 2008

## SKILLS

Extensive knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Microsoft Office applications, and social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest, etc.) on Mac, PCs and mobile devices.

Proficiency with Adobe InDesign, Dreamweaver, blog applications, and intermediate HTML coding.

Beginner reading, writing, and spoken Khmer / Cambodian

Certified CPR and First Aid by American Red Cross

Universal Records  
itunes  
Autodesk  
TEDtv Global  
Elizaveta  
Alianza Futurista  
Shoot First Films  
Bonsai Film  
Psychogroove Inc  
MitraIT  
The Chocolatery

## CLIENT HIGHLIGHTS

# FREELANCE HIGHLIGHTS

## *Art Director*

Throughout the United States and Europe

**FEB 2006** / **JUL 2009**  
**OCT 2008** / **PRESENT**

### *Stage Costumes and Art Direction*

Universal Republic Tour with Sinead O'Connor and Elizaveta, United Kingdom  
Universal Republic independent Tour Elizaveta, Eastern United States  
Universal Republic Tour with James and Elizaveta, Western United States  
Cartier Showcase, Beverly Hills  
TED Global Showcase, Edinburgh, Scotland  
Nokia Showcase with Seth McFarlane  
Showcase at Universal Headquarters in New York, performances in Russia and France

### *Art Direction, Styling, and Costumes*

Universal Republic music video for itunes single on the week "Dreamer" with Sarah Renard  
Universal Republic music video for itunes featured album, single "Meant" with Julien Lasseur  
Independent music video collaboration Nicolas Randall, choreographer Ryan Heffington, and  
*So You Think You Can Dance* finalists  
Capitol Studios Photoshoot with Piper Ferguson

### *Costume Design and Fabrication*

B2 Russian Tour  
Autodesk Design Night 3D printing collaboration  
Costume pieces used in numerous photoshoots

### *Photography*

Twice on the front page of itunes global  
Elizaveta album cover single, "Dreamer"

## *Graphic Designer*

Los Angeles, CA

I have used my communication design experience to create branding identities, marketing materials and websites for various business, nonprofits and entertainment clients.

## *Web Administration*

*i102fly.com*: manage my website using wordpress applications, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, Facebook and other social media devices  
*www.dei-ca.com*: manage DEI college site using Google applications, Blogger, Facebook, Youtube, and other social media devices  
*www.elizaveta.com*: manage all design work on client's wordpress site

# INSTRUCTOR

*Lead Instructor, Tinkering School, ReDiscover Center, Los Angeles, CA*

**JUL 2013**

ReDiscover collects waste from local industry and uses it as a tool for learning and art. I developed curriculum and lead their summer camp for elementary and middle schoolers, focusing on environmental values, building techniques and problem solving skills.

*Guest Art Instructor, Hazeltine Elementary School, Van Nuys, CA*

Using ReDiscover materials and values, lead joint art/music workshop with elementary students and upcoming opera singer.

**MAY 2013**

*Art Instructor, Chibodia Childrens Home, Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

**2008 - 2009**

*Drawing Instructor, Adult Class, The Learning Garden, Venice, CA*

**2007**

## EXHIBITIONS & PUBLICATIONS

### *EarthWe Gallery Show*

**Bergamot Station**, Santa Monica, CA

Gallery showing of my costumes that incorporate reused materials; environmentally themed event; collaboration with EarthWe, reDiscover Center, and Landfill Harmonics

**DEC 2013**

### *Godspeed Rider Gallery Show*

**The Art Look**, Hawthorne, CA

Gallery showing of my illustrated travel journals

**NOV 2012**

### *"One Local's Story of Perseverance and Survival"*

**Corsair Paper**, Santa Monica, CA

Front page feature of interview I did with local survivor of the Khmer Rouge

**APR 2008**

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### *Art and English Workshops, CASA LIBRE*

Los Angeles, CA

Casa Libre group home is a branch of the Center for Human Rights that provides emergency shelter for homeless and abandoned youth. I organized and led art workshops and English tutoring sessions for the youth.

**MAR 2003**

**FEB 2006**

### *Art Coordinator, Seekers Relief Mission*

Ahuachapán, El Salvador

Led arts activities for children while mission staff conducted dental/medical clinics; later used drawings to fundraise for school tuitions.

**JUL 2002**

**AUG 2003**

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Linda Kusse-Wolfe

*Founder of* **Seekers**

**Relief Mission**

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**United Methodist Church**

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## INTERESTS

- Rock climbing
- Music
- Travel and cultural exchange
- Geography
- Camping & nature
- Drawing / sketchbooks
- Painting
- Map-making / antique maps
- Photography
- Writing
- Reading classics
- Art therapy
- Natural medicine
- Filling this space

## REFERENCES