

Tavis Highlander

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Industrial designer with technical CAD and artistic design skills seeking full or part-time employment. For a portfolio of my work please visit my website at: www.tavishighlander.com

Professional Experience:

+Sole proprietor of Highlander Concept Rendering (2006-present)

Operating as an independent contractor I completed creative work for several high-profile individuals and companies including:

-Hot Rod Magazine: Artist / Designer (2007-present)

- Designed the Hot Rod Ford Flex which was featured in the Ford Motor Co. display at the 2008 SEMA Show
- Created promotional artwork for the 2009 Hot Rod Drags event
- Illustrated the Hot Rod giveaway '57 Chevy project car for the 2007 Power Tour
- Designed and illustrated vehicles for a joint marketing campaign with UPS
- Designed and illustrated the Keystone 2010 Camaro featured in an upcoming episode of Hot Rod TV

-Hasbro: Industrial Designer (November 2009-present)

- Worked with the vehicle design team to develop new models in the Tonka brand segment

-Chrysler, LLC: Industrial Designer (April-November 2007)

- Designed carbon fiber valve covers for Mopar Performance's introduction of a new line of Hemi engine blocks

-Nelson Super Cars: Industrial Designer (2009-present)

- Designed exterior and interior modifications such as one-off dashes, upholstery, and wheels for several high-end custom cars including:
 - '67 GTO for Arizona Cardinal Travis Laboy

-Pure Vision Design: Illustrator / Designer (2006-present)

- Illustrated concepts of custom cars for renowned custom car builder Steve Strope including:
 - '70 Roadrunner "Hammer," appeared in *Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift*, *Fast and Furious (4)*, and *TLC's Rides*

-Metal Works: Illustrator / Designer (February 2010-present)

- Designed and illustrated several high end custom car projects

-Pirelli Tires: Illustrator / Graphic Designer (August 2008-October 2009)

- Designed and illustrated promotional posters for distribution at Pirelli's booth at the 2008 SEMA Show
- Created Pirelli ad layouts for the publication *Build Book #6: The 515 GTB*

-Westport Winery: Artist / Metal Sculptor (January-June 2009)

- Designed and fabricated a themed metal sculpture for permanent display in the winery's garden

-The Hot Rod Art Book Vol. 2: Contributing Artist (June-August 2009)

-Created several original artworks for this hard-bound book that features only the top automotive artists in the nation

- Camaro Performers Magazine: Contributing Artist** (May 2008-present)
 - Designed and illustrated several modified Camaro concepts for publication in the May 2008, November 2008, October 2009, and January 2010 issues
- Truckin' Magazine: Contributing Artist** (November 2008-present)
 - Designed and illustrated automotive concepts for publication in the November 2008 issue
 - A feature article on a personal automotive build is slated for release soon
- +**Sole proprietor of Rusticks** (Sequim, WA) (1998-2005)
 - designed, built, and sold garden architecture and art
 - small business and direct marketing experience with customers
- +**Riverside Auto Body** (Sequim, WA) (2003)
 - acquired basic autobody skills

Professional Skills

- +Computer skills
 - Adobe Photoshop CS3
 - Rhinoceros 4.0 (with Flamingo and Bunkspeed rendering)
 - Solidworks 2009 (Certified Solidworks Associate Certificate)
 - Basic HTML and Adobe Dreamweaver CS3
- +Metal fabrication (MIG, ARC, OA, plasma cutting, mill/lathe)
- +Automotive fabrication (light sheet metal fab, chassis fab, body work)
- +Prototype / model making
- +Sketching, rendering (digital & hand)
- +Airbrush art

Education

- +**Western Washington University** (Bellingham, WA) (2004-2007)
 - Bachelor's of Science (Industrial Design major) (3.87/4.00GPA)
 - Magna Cum Laude, Phi Kappa Phi Honors, Golden Key Honors
- +**Peninsula College** (Port Angeles, WA) (2002-2004)
 - Associate of Arts DTA (3.93/4.00 GPA)

Awards

- +2010 Salem Roadster Show Award Winner (53 Willys build and design)
- +2010 Grand National Roadster Show Mild Custom Class
 - First Place (65 Pontiac GTO design)
- +2009 GM Design Excellence Award (65 Pontiac GTO design)
- +2009 Unique Tin Car Show Award Winner (53 Willys build and design)
- +2009 Pacific County Cruisers Car Show Winner (53 Willys build and design)
- +Western Washington University 2007
 - Senior of the year (voted by faculty)
 - Magna Cum Laude (highest academic honor)
- +Peninsula College 2004
 - President's medalist (highest academic honor)

Groups

- +National Honor Society member (1998-2002)
- +SHS golf team (1999-2000)
 - lowest match average, #1 varsity spot
- +Sequim Open Air Market member (1998-2004)
 - community service and fundraising participation
- +Phi Kappa Phi member (2005-present)
- +Golden Key member (2005-present)

References

- +available upon request