

MATTHEW KULP

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EDUCATION

Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)
Providence, RI
BFA: Furniture Design, 2012.

Independent Study with Barrett Hazeltine *Brown University*
SPECIAL STUDENT: Developed a business plan involving industrial design, ecological initiatives and gamified user interfaces. Conducted market research. Identified niche markets. Examined feasibility. Devised a financial plan and company strategy. 2011.

Resident Advisor
RISD *Residence Life*
Collaborating regularly with a staff of forty peers to encourage the well-being of RISD students. Directly responsible for the concerns of thirty-six students. Trained in mediation and conflict resolution. Attends staff meetings twice a week. 2009-2011.

EXPERIENCE

Design Intern
Kaiju Studios (Providence, RI)
Proposed concepts that went to production. Designed products that went to market. Collaborated frequently with team to uncover unexpected innovations. 2012.

Intern Designer
Studio Nitzan Cohen (Munich, Germany)
Developed project proposals and strategized with team. Lead preliminary model investigations. Engineered moving parts in Solidworks. Designed products with Rhinoceros. 2011.

Design Assistant
Leon Ransmeier (New York, NY)
Fabricated prototypes. Professionally photographed prototyping process. Created presentation materials for manufacturers. 2010.

Design Intern
DBA-Co. (New York, NY)
Researched and analyzed ecological product markets. Identified marketable product categories. Designed sell sheets and other printed materials for bioplastic products. 2010.

Founder and Creative Director,
RISD *Take a Break*, a music and arts festival designed from the ground up to meet the needs of the RISD community. Built and managed a team of 40 individuals. Directed bi-weekly meetings. Acquired investment. Lead a series of multifaceted projects. Responsible for a \$20,000 budget. Distributed portion of event proceeds to local and global charities. 2010, 2011.

SKILLS

Computer
Proficient in Solidworks and Rhinoceros, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, SketchUp, Turbocad, Ashlar-Vellum Graphite, Merlin, Basecamp, FLStudio, Logic Pro, and Cubase.

Skilled in html and css. cursory knowledge of javascript.

Studio
Dedication to thorough design process. Strong emphasis on research. Explorative methods of ideation. Proficient in architectural draftsmanship and quick sketching. Extensive knowledge of production methods, bent lamination, wood, woodworking and metal fabrication. Competent photographer. Skilled painter.

Organizational
Diverse and extensive project management skills. Strong client communication skills. Excellent at meeting deadlines. Exceptional time management skills. Thorough and consistent process documentarian. Excellent researcher. Reliable in achieving group objectives.

RECOGNITION

Alfreda Ward Maloof Memorial Scholarship RISD
Presented by the Faculty of the Department of Furniture Design to one student per year who demonstrates promise and financial need. 2010, 2011.

Exposé RISD
An exhibition of exceptional student work. 2010, 2011.

Haystack Fellowship
A professional jury reviews student proposals and selects one student a year to receive a fellowship at the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. 2010.

Honor Student RISD
Awarded to students with a 3.8 GPA or higher upon the recommendation of professors, the department head and the Academic Standing Committee. 2008-present.

Hopkins Visual Arts Scholarship
Awarded to students who "demonstrate community service with a fine arts emphasis." 2008.