ROBERT PETRICK



Robert Petrick, principal of Petrick Design, has twelve years' experience in the graphic design field with practical experience ranging from exhibit and package design to logotypes and corporate identity programs, employee communication programs, newsletters, magazines, brochures, booklets, posters and sales tools. He received a B.S. degree in graphic design from the University of Cincinnati in 1978. Prior to starting his firm in 1986, Robert spent four years with Burson-Marsteller, as vice president, creative group director.

Why did you decide to work in Chicago?

Robert Petrick: Coming out of school, Chicago offered "big city" opportunities without leaving the Midwest and, at that time, staying close to home (Ohio) was important for personal reasons. Having left Chicago in 1982, however, I found myself choosing it again and more permanently in 1984, but for different reasons—a wonderful combination of a cosmopolitan environment, brutally honest, hard-working people and an open design market.

Are all your clients from the Chicago area?

Petrick: Not all, but at this point, they are all in the Midwest, not necessarily by design.

How has the role of the designer changed and what changes do you foresee in the next ten years?

Petrick: As design has become more accepted into the lexicon of the business world, designers are becoming more accepted as consultants of necessity. Today's designer has more direct involvement with the client and is being given opportunities for problem-solving beyond graphic design. Instead of "Here's my product, design a logo for it.", it's "Here's my

product, what should I call it? What should it look like? How can I sell it to a segmented market? And if you get a chance, design a logo for it.

Was your design education adequate training for what you're doing today?

Petrick: My design education was more than adequate training with respect to the discipline of design. The continuing challenge in design education is to couple that high level of aesthetic development with adequate preparation for the business of design. Being able to sell it is just as important as being able to do it.

The 60° promotional poster for photographer Howard Bjornson grew out of an effort to get six or seven mailers out of a single press sheet. The slight deboss of one corner around each photo symbolizes his method of looking at traditional things (i.e. matting) in contemporary and unusual ways. Robert Patrick, art director/ designer/editor.

Right: Promotional program for microbrewery Goose Island Brewing Company, located in an old Chicago neighborhood.

Ad: Robert Petrick, art director/designer/ writer; Michael Carroll, illustrator.

Loge: Rebert Petrick, art director; Robert Petrick/Janice Clark, designers; Michael Carroll, illustrator.

Investors invitation: Robert Petrick, art director/writer; Hobert Petrick/Janice Clark, designers.







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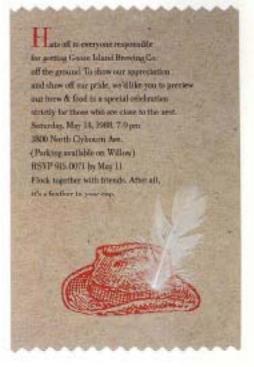
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Czechoslovakian hops, a classic English ale and a daily special that'll keep you coming back for something new. No matter what you order what you'll get is a beer with a fresh, clean taste unencumbered by the effects of mass production. No harsh preservatives. No overprocessing. And no freshness lost through long distance shipping.

So free yourself from the canned and the bland, and lay bands on a fresh, cold Goose. It's worth its wait in gold.















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What do you think of the design work being done in Chicago?

Petrick: The design work being done in Chicago today is generally competent, well-produced, pragmatic and undefinable with respect to style. It is a reflection of the Midwestern clientele: high levels of quality, pride and values; low levels of risk, experimentation and uniqueness. What we see far too infrequently, however, is inspirational breakthrough design.

What do you think of the design work being done nationally?

Petrick: On a national level, I think design and art direction (advertising) are getting better all the time. The absence of a singular national trend has allowed the energy of regional trends and personal styles to surface, which has been very exciting. Are there any reasons why you'd turn down a client?

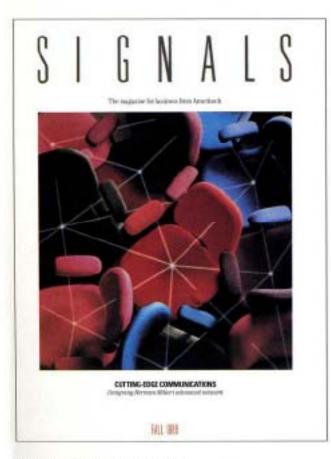
Petrick: There are plenty of good reasons why I'd turn down a client or work. The things I look for most in a client are: compatibility and trust; their own belief in their product or service and their commitment to presenting it in the most effective way possible; adequate financial commitment or, if that's not possible, then a commensurate level of creative freedom; a product or service that I believe in.

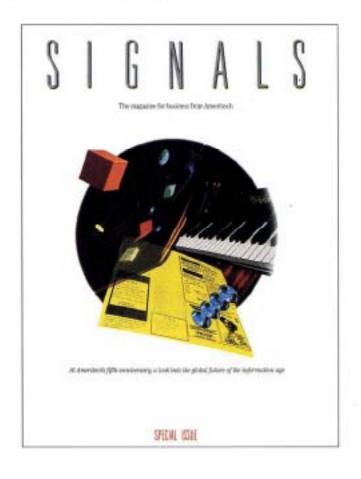
Has the advent of computers changed the way you do business and the way you design?

Petrick: Computer technology, both inside our office and in the hands of our suppliers, has quickened the process, expanded business and design opportunities and continues to provide capabilities for visual imagery so new and unusual they cannot be illustrated by traditional means. Aside from significantly affecting the visual appearance of what we do, it is accelerating the speed with which we work, fueling the trend toward smaller offices by enhancing their capacity, and opening entirely new areas for designers to exercise their talent and expertise.

Covers and spreads from Signals, Ameritech's company publication. The left cover illustrates the hi-tech telecommunications system for Herman Miller. Robert Petrick, art director/ designer; Charlie Westerman, photographer; Scott Powers, editor.

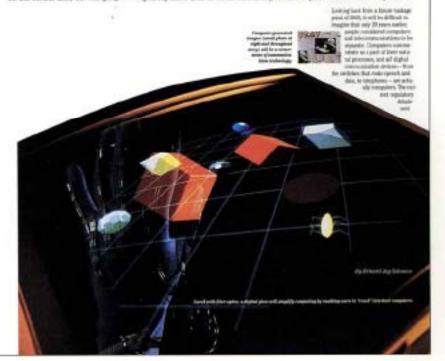
The right cover and the two spreads on the right page are from a special issue on the various areas of telecommunication research being done at the MIT Media Lab. "Multiple imagery enabled us to illustrate the complex activity of MIT's Media Lab and still use photography to emphasize that this futuristic activity is real and very current." Robert Petrick, art director/designer; Scott Morgan, photographer.





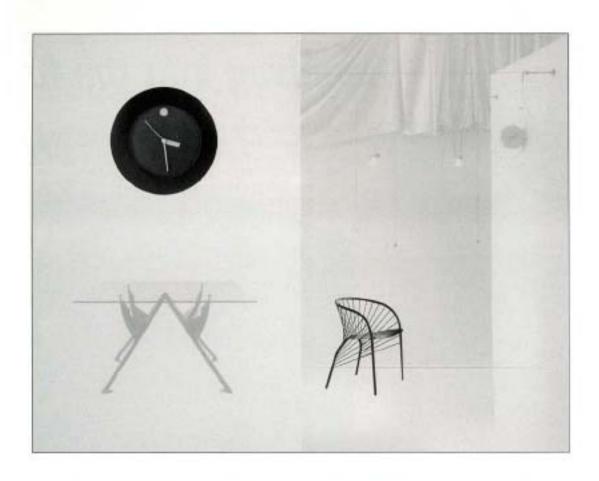
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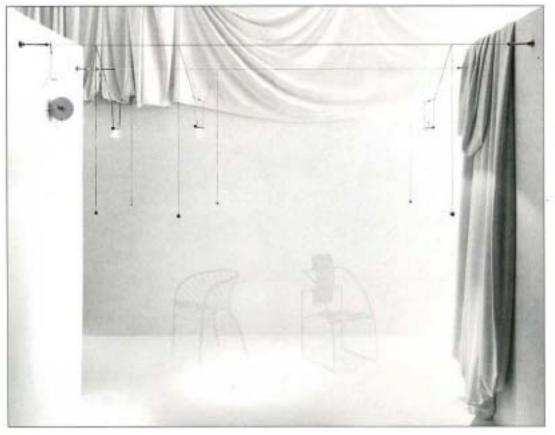
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Left: Two spreads from City's catalog of contemporary furnishings. The catalog is printed on translucent synthetic stock. Robert Petrick, art director/ designer; Tem Vack/Corrine Pfister. photographers.

This page: Ad to promote the Shamask line of clothing sold at City. Robert Petrick, art director/designer; Bob Frame, photographer.

Lego for Ron Wu, photographer. Robert Petrick, art director/designer/ calligrapher.

Spread from Grant Hospital's 1987 annual report. "While most hospitals are using clean, antiseptic design, we felt that the warmth and friendliness of a family photo album best represented the atmosphere of this community hospitat' Robert Petrick, art director; Robert Petrick/Greg Montezon, designers; Eric Hausman, photographer; Todd Lief, writer.

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