# Monte Michaelis

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## Leadership History

**Loops Lab** | New York, NY | Nov 2026 - Present

- **Creative Director**

  Product, brand, and creative leadership for interactive musical toys

**Hypixel Studios / Riot Games** | Remote | Mar 2023 - Jun 2025

- **Creative Director** / Hytale

  Defined vision, shaped ops, and grew talent for a global creative org

**Amazon** | Remote | Jun 2022 - Jan 2023

- **Interactive Creative Director** / Amazon Glow

  Led games and UX for interactive play device (lifetime rating: 4.5 stars)

**Slalom** | New York, NY | May 2020 - May 2022

- **Director of Experience Design**

  Established a new product design delivery model in the NY/NJ region

**Collibra** | New York, NY | Oct 2019 - Apr 2020

- **Head of Creative**

  Drove a new product initiative to launch, improving CX and team morale

**Arkadium** | New York, NY | Sep 2018 - Oct 2019

- **VP of Creative Innovation**

  Celebrated a DigiDay Publishing Award for *Best Custom Advertising*

**Microsoft** | Redmond, WA | Jul 2016 - Aug 2018

- **Creative Director** / HoloLens Experience Team / HoloLens Vision Lab

  Shipped *Dynamics 365 Layout* and led product vision engagements

**Geocaching** | Seattle, WA | May 2014 - Jun 2016

- **Creative Director** - Promoted from UX Manager

  Achieved record-level increases in site membership and engagement

**PopCap / Electronic Arts** | Seattle, WA | Sep 2009 - Feb 2013

- **Art Director** - Promoted from Sr Designer

  Led all creative for *Plants vs Zombies 2* (DICE Casual Game of the Year)

## Skills

**Seasoned team leader** of effective production teams

**Thoughtful product leader** who focuses on the audience

**Production manager** who understands operational needs

**Data-driven strategist** who identifies opportunities

**Excellent communicator** in verbal and written exchanges

**Expert teacher** with the ability to inspire change

**Intuitive mentor** who can attract, hire, and develop talent

**Engaging storyteller** with strong executive presence

**Insightful coach** with proven processes for success

## Education

**Bachelor of Science**
in Graphic Design
The Art Institute of Pittsburgh

**Associate of Applied Arts**
in Computer Animation
The Art Institute of Seattle

## Links

**Portfolio:**
thisismonte.com

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**ADPList:**
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