

# Monte Michaelis

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## Leadership History

### Hypixel Studios | Remote | March 2023 - Present

- **Creative Director** / Hytale  
Multi-discipline team management, creative direction, and strategy

### Amazon | Remote | June 2022 - January 2023

- **Interactive Creative Director** / Amazon Glow  
Led games and UX for interactive play device (lifetime rating: 4.5 stars)

### Slalom Build | 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**  
Increased team velocity with new hires and operational improvements

### Arkadium | New York, NY | Sept 2018 - Oct 2019

- **VP of Creative Innovation**  
Celebrated a DigiDay Publishing Award for *Best Custom Advertising*

### Microsoft | Redmond, WA | July 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 - June 2016

- **Creative Director** / Promoted from UX Manager  
Achieved record-level increases in site membership and engagement

### Electronic Arts / PopCap | Seattle, WA | Sept 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 creative director** who focuses on customers

**Production manager** who understands operational needs

**Data-driven strategist** with a pervasive curiosity

**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

## Education

**Bachelor of Science**  
Graphic Design / 2006  
The Art Institute of Pittsburgh

**Associate of Applied Arts**  
Computer Animation / 2000  
The Art Institute of Seattle

## Links

**Portfolio:**  
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