

FAVORITE DESIGN DIRECTORIES

What is a directory and how do I use one?

The list below is a compilation of professional directories and resources that can be very useful when researching companies, studios, and organizations for jobs and internships. This is not a definitive list but one that will get you started researching companies in your area of interest.

Directories provide extensive listings of company profiles searchable by geographic location and specialty. This allows you to look for companies in a specific geographic area with specific expertise and gain contact information for them including a mailing address, phone and fax numbers, and email address and in most cases a web address. Once you have these specifics you can contact the companies you are interested in and inquire about their interest in hiring you as an intern or for full-time or freelance work.

Additional art and design directories can be found in the Career Services Online Library. To explore these go to: <http://intranet.risd.edu/alumni/Weblink/links.asp>. Select the category you are interested in by clicking on Fine Art or Design, then click on the heading for your specific area of interest which will allow you to open links to directories, company profiles and other useful career related information.

If you have questions about any of these resources, how to use them or would like to speak with a career counselor, please contact the Career Services Office at 401.454.6614 to arrange for an appointment to do so.

Selected Directories

Animation World Network (awn)

www.awn.com

You may access awn's Winter 2002 aidb Global Animation Production Directory from their web site. It is a directory that contains over 150 pages of information on animation companies around the world. You can also look through a copy of the directory in the Alumni + Career Services Office. It is an excellent resource for identifying all types of animation companies, large, mid-size and small.
(For: DM, FAV, GD, and ILL)

Architects Sourcebook

www.firstsourceonl.com/profile/index.asp

This site allows you to search for architectural firms by name, acronym, location, key person, focus, and services. To use this website to search for architecture firms in a specific geographic location, use the ProFile of Architecture Firms Search Box in the middle of the page. Type in the city location and select the state from the pull down menu then click on Search. This will produce a list of all the firms that are registered in the ProFile Directory that are in the geographic location you selected.
(For: AR, FURN, ID, INAR, LDAR, and TD)

Communication Arts, Creative Hot List

www.creativehotlist.com

The Creative Hot List is part of the Communication Arts web site (<http://commarts.com>) and has a Jobs section which can be searched by geographic location as well as a Companies/Organizations section which can be used to search for additional company names and contacts in all areas of the graphic design field.
(For: AP, AR, DM, FAV, GD, ID, ILL, and PHOTO)

Design Directory

<http://www.designdirectory.com/>

You are able to specify the types of design firms you are looking for and search the database according to your area(s) of interest.
(For: AP, AR, DM, FAV, FURN, GD, ID, ILL, INAR, LDAR, PHOTO and TD)

Design4Design – Interior Design Links

<http://www.design4design.com/links/usefullinks.asp?cat=interior>

International listing of Interior Design and Design resources including design councils, directories for design consultants, and furniture resources with hyperlinks to websites.
(For: FURN, GD, ID, INAR, LDAR, PHOTO and TD)

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CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

[HTTP://INTRANET.RISD.EDU/CAREER](http://intranet.risd.edu/career)
52 ANGELL ST. PROVIDENCE, RI
401.454.6614

Design Guide

<http://www.designguide.com>

Designguide is dedicated to providing the design + construction industry with the most comprehensive and efficient directory for professionals, products + on-line resources. Provides thumbnail images of work.

(For: AR, FURN, ID, INAR, and TD)

Dwell DesignSource

<http://www.dwell.com>

Search firms + studios by city, keyword, and/or category (furniture + accessories, kids furniture, furniture designers, etc.). At the top of the page click on 'Events + Services' then select 'Design-Source'. Select Browse by Category'.

(For: AR, FURN, ID, INAR, LDAR, PHOTO and TD)

Exhibit Builders

<http://www.exhibitbuilder.net/>

Exhibit Builder Magazine a source for exhibit designers and fabricators of trade shows and museum exhibits, point of purchase, retail visual merchandising, theater and everywhere a temporary environment is required. They produce one comprehensive directory: The Source Book, known as the "Bible of the Industry".

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First Source

<http://www.firstsourceonl.com/profile/index.asp>

This site allows you to search for firms by name, acronym, location, key person, focus, and services.

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Furniture New York - Member List

<http://www.furniturenewyork.org/members.html>

From individual designer/makers to small manufacturers, Furniture New York's member listing represents the best of New York-based design. Some of our members have large showrooms; others meet one-on-one with clients in their studios and workshops.

(For: FURN, ID, and INAR)

InfoMat: Fashion Industry Information Services and Search Engine

www.infomat.com

InfoMat was created for apparel, textile and accessories professionals. infoMat covers the Men's, Women's & Children's markets. At their site you will find 350,000+ international designer showrooms, retailers, manufacturers & suppliers.

(For: AP, GD, ID, PHOTO and TD)

Interior Design Buyer's Guide

<http://www.interiordesign.net>

Select 'Buyers Guide'.

Search for companies and/or products by name, keyword, or category.

(For: AR, FURN, ID, INAR, PHOTO and TD)

Interiors and Sources Directory and Source Guide

www.isdesignet.com

Select 'The Source' This site provides a search engine for products, companies (by location), and professional organizations that serve the interior architecture and design community.

(For: AR, FURN, ID, INAR, PHOTO and TD)

International Contemporary Furniture Fair

www.icff.com

Use this web site to identify companies to approach for internships/jobs. To see the list of companies that are participating in the current ICFF show, click on 'Exhibitors' and then 'Exhibitor List' for a list of participating companies/studios.

(For: FURN, ID, J&M, and TD)

International Game Developers Association (igda)

www.igda.org

IGDA is a professional association for the computer gaming industry. You can link to various regional and international chapters of the IGDA from their web site. The Boston chapter, Post-Mortem (<http://www.bostonpostmortem.org/>) lists links to computer game companies within the Boston area as well as job postings in this area. Check out the other chapters and links to companies that can be found at them.

(For: DM, FAV, GD, ID, ILL)

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<http://www.psa-publishers.com>

This site allows you to access a comprehensive listing of firms and jobs by city and/or country

(For: AR, INAR, LDAR)

Klimt o2

<http://www.klimto2.net>

Klimto2 is a place where information can be attained about the work of contemporary jewellery artists.

(For: ID, and J&M,)

Literary Marketplace

www.literarymarketplace.com/Imp/us/AdvSearchform.asp

Literary Market Place (Imp) is the directory of American and Canadian book publishers. Imp features listings on more than 30,000 companies, books, periodicals, awards, and events. Searchable categories include: Publishers, Literary Agents, Distributors & Sales Representatives, Wholesalers, Book Producers, Exporters & Importers, Manufacturers & Printers, Translators & Interpreters, Paper Suppliers, Reference Books & Magazines, Literary Association, Societies & Awards. To use the Advanced Search click on the green 'Click Here for Advanced Search' bar located in the middle of the screen. Then enter the following in the Enter Login Information box:

User Name: risd; Password: acso.

(For: GD, ILL and PHOTO)

Metalcyberspace

<http://www.metalcyberspace.com/artists.htm>

Extensive listing of contemporary and historical metalsmiths / jewelry designers.

(For: AP, ID, J&M)

PDN Photo Source - Professional Photography Directory

<http://www.pdngallery.com/photosource/index.shtml>

Photo Source is the all-in-one, creative-arts industry resource.

Leading professionals of the commercial, multimedia and visual-arts industry are listed in one place with quick and easy navigation. Use the directory like a phone book to locate goods and services by type and location. Be sure to click on the magnifying-glass icon next to any advertiser's listing to read a company profile for more in-depth information.

After selecting a category (e.g., Studio Rental, Labs), a drop-down menu will appear where a single state can be chosen or choose "all listings" for all states and countries.

(For: ILL, PHOTO)

Print Source New York

<http://www.printsourcenyork.com>

The Print Source New York Global Design Database (G.D.D) a global online tool that allows buyers of surface and textile designs to search for information on creative talent worldwide.

(For: AP, ILL, and TD)

rasource.com

<http://www.rasource.com>

A comprehensive source book dedicated to Print Photography and Production on the web. Included are listings for photographers, photo stylists, hair & make-up, photo assistants etc.

(For: ILL, and PHOTO)

SOFA – International Exposition of Sculptural Objects Fine Art

www.sofaexpo.com/chicago/2003/gal.htm

Select the Galleries link at the sofa home page and this will bring up a list of the entire galleries that are participating in the current Expo. Among them are some of the most outstanding fine craft galleries in the world. You will be able to get contact information for each gallery, a list of exhibiting artists from respective galleries as well as gallery personnel names, job titles etc.

(For: FURN, ID, J&M, and TD)

Shoots.com (for live action film and video)

www.shoots.com/jobcenter

SHOOTS.com provides one-stop shopping for production crew and equipment needs in the USA and around the world. Their web site provides comprehensive listings of the best film and video production professionals in the world. You will also find a job/internship board at their site.

Society / Environmental Graphic Design

<http://www.segd.org/>

SEGD is an interdisciplinary design association that promotes the

professional development & understanding of environmental graphic design. Provides info. related to signage, wayfinding systems, mapping, exhibit design, themed environments, etc.

(For: DM, FAV, GD, ID, and ILL)

Studio Furniture Makers' Websites

<http://www.furnituresociety.org/frames/fcol/home.shtml>

The most comprehensive listing of studio furniture makers on the web. All makers listed are members of the Furniture Society.

(For: FURN, ID, and INAR)

The Firm List

www.firmlist.com

Directory of national and international web developers that you can search by city, state and country location.

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Workbook.com

www.workbook.com/index.lasso

Workbook is a resource that serves all aspects of the graphic arts industry and was created specifically for art directors, graphic designers, corporate art departments and publishers to assist them with identifying resources for their creative needs. To access information for your search, select the Directory Listings from the Workbook.com home page, then select the category you want to search in from the pull down menu and select the city name then click on Find.

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TribuDesign

www.tribu-design.com/en/index.html

This is an extraordinary site with an emphasis on the furniture, industrial design and interior design fields that allows you to search a database of 900+ designers, 600+ manufacturers, and much more.

(For: FURN, ID, INAR)

Textile Source:

<http://www.textilesource.com/company-search-form3.htm>

Database contains over 7800 company listings, which include mills, converters and jobbers in the textile, yarn and fiber industries. Also included are designers, sales agents and consultants.

(For: GD, ILL, INAR, and TD)