

KATIE KANGAS

Graphic Designer
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Graphic designer who is passionate about layout, brand identity, and designing for print and digital formats. Work has been shown and accepted into multiple international and local exhibitions. Has completed multiple self-motivated projects with strong follow-through that demonstrate high conceptual abilities and skill. Contributed to Agency work as an intern and later as a contractor. Nominated for multiple awards for passion and efforts in their studies, and excited to continue to apply their skills to impactful projects.

SKILLS

InDesign
Illustrator
Photoshop
Adobe Suite
Figma
Google Workspace
Layout
Typography
Hierarchy
Initiative
Attention to Detail
Collaboration
Organization
Time Management
Communication

EDUCATION

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY | Ames, IA 2022–2026
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design, Summa Cum Laude
Art History Minor
Cumulative GPA 3.95, awarded Dean’s List Fall 2025–Spring 2026
Rome Study Abroad Program

EXPERIENCE

GRAPHIC DESIGN CONTRACTOR Agency EA | Chicago, IL 08/26–Present
Works on projects with brands such as Hilton Canopy, Salesforce Heroku, and Intuit to create experiential event graphics and activations.

GRAPHIC DESIGN INTERN Agency EA | Chicago, IL 06/26–08/26
Works on client projects such as Cloudflare and Hilton Canopy to create experiential event graphics with a larger team.

GRADUATION SHOW WAYFINDING TEAM | Ames, IA 01/26–05/26
Wayfinding Committee Lead. Led wayfinding team while directing design and install of exhibition materials for the Graphic Design Graduation Show 2026.

MGDB BRAND IDENTITY | Ames, IA 12/25–05/26
Brand Identity Designer chosen by ISU faculty to design a brand system with assets for the Midwestern Graphic Design Biennial Student Competition.

ARTIST FOCUS GRANT | Ames, IA 11/25–4/26
Awarded by Iowa State University to create a set of posters that was then exhibited and bought by the Iowa State University Memorial Union.

FREELANCE GRAPHIC DESIGN | Afton, MN 06/25–05/26
Worked with local businesses to complete design tasks to produce illustration, altering design files, and social media assets.

MORNING BELL SOLO EXHIBITION | Ames, IA 02/26
Designed and curated personal works at a local coffee shop to create a month-long exhibition presented in the community.

ROME STUDY ABROAD TA | Ames, IA 01/25–06/25
Assisted students in their preparation for study abroad. Involved creating presentations, presenting to students, and creating an exhibition.

AWARDS

BEST OF SHOW ADAI 2026
Art Directors Association of Iowa Student Best of Show

JPA SENIOR AWARD IN DESIGN NOMINEE 2026
Top 13 of senior class that show most potential for future achievement.

PERCEPTIONS V EXHIBITION ACCEPTANCE | Rzeszów, Poland 2025
One of four in Graphic Design V studio accepted into Poland poster exhibition.

SEVEN ADAI AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2024–26
Seven works accepted into the ADAI yearly exhibition.

GDUSA STUDENT TO WATCH NOMINEE 2025
Nominated to represent Iowa State in Graphic Design USA Student To Watch.

ORIEPEAU INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION | Nantes, France 2025
Professional level competition for displayed posters, 27 of 120 works selected.

TWO BEST OF CATEGORY AWARDS ADAI EXHIBITION 2025–26
Best of Category in Advertising Campaign and Best of Category in Poster at the Art Director’s Association of Iowa yearly exhibition.