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s completion of the issue neared and we saw all the winning pieces in one place... and we knew that no hype nor window dressing would be necessary. The work itself — representing an elite handful of the nearly 11,000 pieces entered — displays nothing less than the best of graphic design, the power of communication, and the remarkably broad range of projects, clients and venues that creative professionals touch. It is the work that distinguishes this edition of the Annual as no trumped up tagline or forced theme ever could.

Which leaves just one more piece of business in this Welcome Letter, which is to note that the award winning designs were done on a backdrop of unprecedented promise for graphic design as an art, discipline, community and industry.

In the past decade leading up to this moment, professional graphic design has undergone a brilliant transition from back room prettifiers into a central role of responsibility, control and influence in the communication process. The field has well over 100,000 working professionals at independent design firms, advertising agencies, corporations, publishers and various other institutions and organizations. Creative jobs are expanding faster than the workforce as a whole, purchasing influence is growing exponentially, 'graphic design' has eclipsed advertising, printing, and media-related courses at the college level, the AIGA national trade association shows membership at an all-time high, and recent studies by TrendWatch demonstrate that confidence among designers is high and revenues are expected to surge over the next five to ten years. The reasons for the growth are complex, but there are three worth contemplating.

One is the recognition of design as a valuable business and institutional asset. It is simply harder for them to convey their message or even to keep the attention of an impatient, transient, globalized audience. Design is increasingly understood as a valuable business asset with identity and branding entrenched in the communications processes.



Second, digital technology has moved responsibility upstream toward the content creator, giving designers more control over the graphic communications process and launching a cross-media era where print design, p-o-p and packaging, internet and broadcast complement, converge and coexist. This has made creative professionals the "gatekeepers" in the design, production, buying and specifying process; and it puts the designer in the center.

Third, top-flight graphics professionals are responding well to these increased challenges and demands by transforming themselves into strategic thinkers and planners, by helping clients solve problems from the beginning of the process, by understanding and synthesizing the culture and communicating it on behalf of clients and causes, and by becoming smarter about their own business.

The vote is in and it reveals a profession that is great and growing, surging with energy and intelligence, interpreting and even shaping commerce and culture. On this point, no recount is required.

Gordon Kaye, Publisher

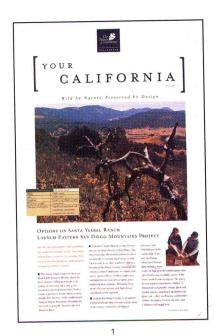
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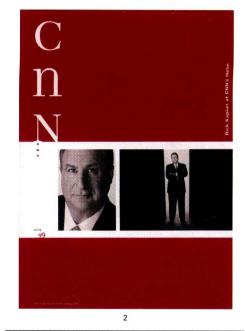
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- 1 Design Firm: Akagi Remington, San Francisco, CA Client: Nature Conservancy of California Project: Your California Art Director: Dorothy Remington Designer: Alison McKee, Kimberly Powell
- 2 Design Firm: Automotive Recyclers Association, Fairfax, VA Project: Automotive Recycling Magazine, January/February 2000 Issue Art Director: Tammy Haire Designer: Caryn Suko
- 3 Design Firm: Babcox Publications, Akron, OH Client: Aftermarketnews.com Project: Ad Series Designer: Doug Scheetz
- 4 **Design Firm:** Casady & Greene, Salinas, CA **Project:** SoundJam MP Ad **Art Director:** Karen Thompson **Designer:** Lisa Dutra
- 5 Design Firm: CIO Magazine, Framingham, MA Project: Inventing the Future Art Director: Mary Lester Designer: Jessica Sepe Illustrator: Laura Ljungkvist





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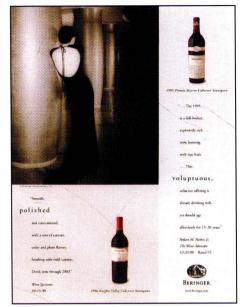
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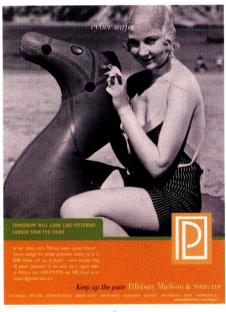
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- 1 Design Firm: CIO Magazine, Framingham, MA Project: Information Sickness Art Director: Mary Lester Designer: Kaajal Asher Illustrator: Jacques Cournoyer
- 2 Design Firm: Clarion Marketing & Communications, Atlanta, GA Client: CNN Project: CNN Two Magazine Art Director: Judi Weber Designer: Judi Weber, Dwight Smith Photographer: Mark Hill
- 3 Design Firm: Davis Harrison Dion, Chicago, IL Client: Ideal Industries, Inc. Project: One Hard Workin' American Art Director: Brent Vincent, Rob Grogan Designer: Bob Dion Illustrator: Dave Paoletti
- 4 Design Firm: Dermal Group, Torrance, CA Client: Dermalogica UK Division Project: Putting This on Your Face Ad Art Director: Claudine Villemure Designer: Claudine Villemure Photographer: Linda Ikeda
- 5 Design Firm: Design Guys, Minneapolis, MN Client: Target Stores Project: Home Decor Interactive Ads Art Director: Steven Sikora Designer: Anne Patterson

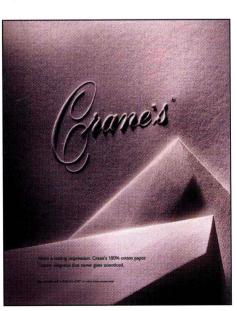


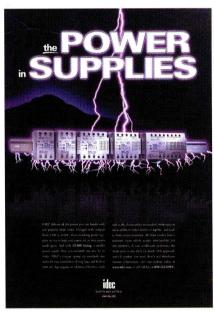


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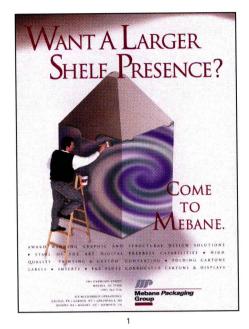
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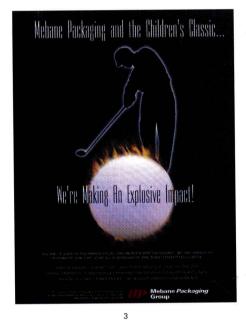


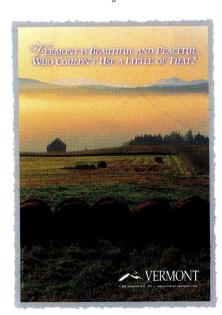


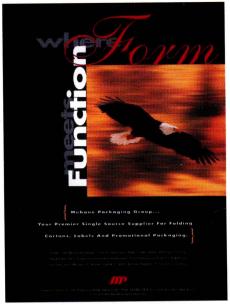
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- 1 Design Firm: Gammon Ragonesi Associates, New York, NY Client: Campari USA Project: Inizio Magazine Art Director: Mary Ragonesi Designer: Mary Ragonesi Photographer: Greg Lord
- 2 Design Firm: GMO/Hill Holliday, San Francisco, CA Client: Beringer Project: Trade Ad Art Director: Rick Atwood Designer: Marc Woollard Photographer: Deborah Samuel Copywriter: Amy Caplan
- 3 Design Firm: Greenfield/Belser, Washington, DC Client: Pillsbury Madison & Sutro Project: Vintage Ad Series Art Director: Burkey Belser Designer: Kristen Mullican-Ferris, Burkey Belser
- 4 Design Firm: IDEC Corporation, Sunnyvale, CA Project: Power Supply Ad Art Director: Jared Tipton Designer: Jared Tipton Photographer: Kent Clemenco Illustrator: Jared Tipton
- 5 Design Firm: Keiler & Company, Farmington, CT Client: Crane & Company Project: Make a Lasting Impression Art Director: Liz Dzilenski Designer: Liz Dzilenski Photographer: Frank Marchese









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- 1 Design Firm: Mebane Packaging of Westvaco, Mebane, NC Project: Larger Shelf Presence Ad Art Director: Lon Gilbert Designer: Lon Gilbert Illustrator: Lon Gilbert
- 2 Design Firm: Mebane Packaging of Westvaco, Mebane, NC Project: Form and Function Ad Art Director: Lon Gilbert Designer: Lon Gilbert
- 3 Design Firm: Mebane Packaging of Westvaco, Mebane, NC Project: Children's Classic Golf Ad Art Director: Lon Gilbert Designer: Lon Gilbert
- 4 Design Firm: Morgan Stanley Dean Witter: IBD Creative Services, New York, NY Project: Supplier Diversity Ad Campaign Art Director: Freddie Paloma, James Brown, Chris Lee Designer: Freddie Paloma
- 5 Design Firm: Paul Kaza Associates, Inc., South Burlington, VT Client: Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing Project: Summer Campaign Designer: David Walker Copywriter: Paul Kaza, Stewart Wood Photographer: Alan L. Graham, Alan Jakubek, Paul Boisvert





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1 Design Firm: R&J Integrated Marketing Communications, Parsippany, NJ Client: Nielsen & Bainbridge Project: Blue Eyes

2 Design Firm: R&J Integrated Marketing Communications, Parsippany, NJ Client: JVC Project: Excite Your Senses Art Director: Paul Federico Designer: Paul Federico

3 Design Firm: Sherman Advertising Associates, New York, NY Client: Two Columbus Avenue Project: Views to Vie For Ad Art Director: Sharon Elaine Lloyd Designer: Sharon Elaine Lloyd Photographer: Bill Taylor

4 **Design Firm:** St. Jacques Communications Design, Morristown, NJ **Client:** Thomas Regional **Project:** Web Search Ad Campaign **Art Director:** Philip St. Jacques **Designer:** Philip St. Jacques

5 Design Firm: Sunspots Creative, Inc., Hoboken, NJ Client: Accudart Project: Non-stop Flight Ads Art Director: Rick Bonelli Designer: Deena Hartley Photographer: Manny Akis