

STEFANO CALGARO

FREELANCE DESIGN AND PHOTOGRAPHY

WHO

I'm a musician/designer/photographer. I love doing these three things, sometimes separately, sometimes combining them in various ways. I'm a very precise and rational person, with big ambitions, varied interests and wide open views. I like finding efficient solutions to the problems I encounter, and improve my self and my surroundings in the process. I like beautiful things, the ones that are either made with intelligence or with the heart.

WHAT

I've been playing the guitar for almost fifteen years, and the piano for a few months. I write songs and music for my band and two other personal projects. I create websites and simple CMS; I design logos, posters and flyers for cultural associations, festivals and venues; I'm designing the GUI for a peer-to-peer software developed by the Faculty of Information Engineering of the University of Padua; I take pictures of people, artists, buildings and railway stations. I like experimenting, finding new uses for old tools (and vice-versa), while trying to see what's under the surface of things.

WHY

Mainly because I am curious and I like learning new things, then because I want to improve and grow constantly. I like being always a step ahead. I need continuous engagement and novelties, but also rediscovery and historical perspective. I always try to look at things with a critical attitude and from different points of view, shouldn't I miss anything. I like using a hands-on approach to learning, and I'm convinced that one direct experience is worth more than a thousand instructions.

WHERE FROM

I was born and raised in a small town near Vicenza, Italy, but I feel part of a much larger environment. I learned what I know by emulating the best examples I ran into reading books and online resources. The contour comes from science-oriented high school studies and a degree in Communication Studies. I have played in a number of local bands (one of which qualified for the Sanremo Rock national music contest) before founding A New Silent Corporation with five other local musicians and friends. The band, a post-rock experimental act, strives for creative independence and released their debut album in 2009.

WHERE TO

A better world, whether it is ready or it needs to be built. I believe in progress and conscious design both in great and small things. I'm convinced that a design should be not mainly beautiful, but necessarily functional. I expect us to live with a more conscious interest for what is really important and to be progressively less inclined to worry about our little daily squabbles.

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SKILLS

Musical composition, sound design
Print and web design
Photography and retouching
Creative and essay writing

LANGUAGES

English, fluent (spoken and written)
Spanish (basic communication skills)

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

HTML / CSS
PHP
MYSQL (basic knowledge)

SOFTWARE

Mac OS X, Windows

Adobe Illustrator
Adobe Lightroom
Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Dreamweaver
Adobe InDesign (basic knowledge)
Adobe Flash (basic knowledge)

Wordpress

Apple iWork
Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint

Ableton Live
Propellerhead Reason
Steinberg Cubase
Renoise (basic knowledge)
Max/MSP (elements)
PureData (elements)

Apple Final Cut Express (basics)
Adobe Premiere (elements)
Adobe After Effects (elements)

COMING UP

My plans for the future include: more familiarity with HTML 5 and CSS3; learning Processing, Quartz Composer, Objective C, Ruby on Rails, MAX 4 Live; learning how to draw the human figure; record and release at least two more albums; learn to play the cello...