# H JONATHAN KLIJN

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With 15+ years of experience in writing and creative direction, I add exceptional writing skills, drive, and knowledge of media, to my skills in concept development, editing, content development and editorial planning.

# skills

#### Creative + Communication

Experienced and creative with advanced skills in writing, editing, and visual metaphor. UX/UI: Design thinking and User Experience. Gestalt Design. Storytelling. Emotional Design. Advertising, branding, and marketing. Problem-solving. Communication.

# Management

Managing/mentoring diverse teams in editorial and creative environments. Creative direction, innovation, and brand positioning. Conducting deep research to inform editorial development. Overseeing outstanding communication and collaboration with diverse talents.

#### **Software**

Mac OS, Adobe Creative Suite, Adobe XD, InDesign, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, Scrivener, Filmora, Figma, Adobe AE, Adobe LR, Adobe LR.

# education

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA MI

Interaction Design Foundation

University of Cape Town, South Africa

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MLB Liberal Arts, Extension Studies, GPA 3.95/4

(2022, part-time) Journalism, Business

User Experience / UX Management / Design Thinking

LM / Arts Administration & Musicology

Labour Law Certification - Business Administration

And Management (Certification)

# experience

### Writer, Editor, Creative Director / TSF Media, South Africa

Served as editor, writer, and lead creative on assigned priorities

Managed creative processes across platforms and media seamlessly

Diverse brands a.o. DKNY, Levi's, PGP, Fossil, AIFS, Diesel, financial, & FMCG

# Editor, Chief Creative / Marcus Evans Summits, South Africa

Developed and delivered class leading event literature and collateral Delivered branded, conceptualized products, materials, and events

# Arts Editor and Journalist / The Big Issue, South Africa

Established the very successful publication

### Freelance Journalist / The Big Issue, South Africa

Diverse publications incl Bicycling, Entrepreneur, Cosmopolitan, Directions, SL, Blush

### Classical Musician and Opera Singer, South Africa

International experience in informed musicianship

Development of storytelling through music and opera in restorative justice

# **Further**

Founding Member for StreetSmart, an anti-hunger initiative

Swellendam Bursary Fund, assisting students with funding for tertiary education Pro-bono creative work on *Imibala*, a Rupert initiative for art therapy and education