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# COPYWRITER

# CREATIVE DIRECTION | BRAND IDENTITY | STORYTELLING

# **Summary of Qualifications**

- **CREATIVE COPYWRITER** with 10 years of experience expanding businesses, sales, and engagement through storytelling-oriented copy aligned with data, insights, and brand identity
- STRATEGIC PROJECT LEADER streamlining the end-to-end creative process from concept to delivery, reducing revisions by aligning with client vision and facilitating collaborative communication between clients, creative teams, and stakeholders
- **RESOURCEFUL MARKETING PROFESSIONAL** recognized for releasing hundreds of in-house and agency projects across print, digital, social media, video, radio/podcast, out-of-home, and experiential platforms

# **Areas of Expertise**

**COPYWRITING:** Brand Identity Articulation | Content & Brand Guidelines | Print & Digital Advertising | Campaign Concepts | Websites & Landing Pages | SEO | Social Media | Blogging | Podcasting | Editing | Proofreading

STRATEGY: 360 Campaign Development | Strategic Briefing | Client Presentation | Brainstorming | Research & Interviewing

MANAGEMENT: Client Management | Stakeholder Communication | Training & Mentoring | Team Building | Talent Sourcing

# **Professional Experience**

**CREATIVE DIRECTOR/PRODUCER** | TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FATHER PODCAST | NEW YORK, NY November 2019 – Present Oversee end-to-end production of 90+ podcast episodes: sourcing and researching guests, writing and conducting interviews, editing sound, publishing, and writing copy for social media and email to promote each episode.

- Wrote marketing material that has grown niche podcast followers from zero to 5,000+, with 1,000+ followers added each year and 1000 downloads per episode
- Featured high-profile guests include Molly Shannon, Jason Kander, Joel Kim Booster, Andrew McCarthy, Jake Jaxson, Kathryn Schulz, and Salman Toor

LEAD COPYWRITER | INSTITUTE FOR INTEGRATIVE NUTRITION | NEW YORK, NY May 2023 – September 2023 Contracted to lead a team of four through the company's rebranding initiative. Promoted new brand partnership and product verticals across all digital and print channels.

- Rewrote the brand's tagline and mission, vision, and purpose statements, which refined the company's messaging
- Worked with stakeholders to build an educational email marketing strategy and drip campaign, which improved email open rates by 10%
- Created social media ad campaign content that exceeded marketing stakeholders' engagement goals
- Streamlined the communication process between writers, designers, and stakeholders, which facilitated more efficient collaborative alignment and sped up production

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#### SENIOR CREATIVE WRITER & STRATEGIST | 20NINE/CHRONIC AGENCIES | NEW YORK, NY

Managed concept development, copy, presentation, and execution for projects from creative brief to completion for 10+ clients, with up to seven projects simultaneously. Sourced, hired, and mentored copy interns and freelancers on an as-needed basis. Conducted customer and stakeholder research and made data-driven strategic and creative decisions on every project.

- Revamped the 20nine and Chronic Agency brand identities to CEO approval; overhauled web copy, social media editorial strategies, and wrote 28 case studies over six months
- Wrote and presented client pitches and maintained a 90% project win rate

### CREATIVE DIRECTOR, COPY | VARIOUS COMPANIES | NEW YORK, NY

Generated creative strategies to tell brand stories and inspired action through copywriting. Established brand identities, style guides, social media content, email communications, and UX copy for client apps. Clients: Hologram Sciences, Morgan & Morgan Law, O.School, DeSantis Breindel, One Main Financial.

- Strengthened internal and external communications and brand guidelines by clearly articulating an inspiring value proposition and brand story, which drove online engagement
- Revamped email templates and newsletter content, which improved open and click-through rates by an average of 18%
- Streamlined the client briefing process and ensured collaborative communication, aligned vision, and detailed documentation, which produced final assets more efficiently

CONTENT CREATION SPECIALIST, COPY | CITARELLA GOURMET MARKET | NEW YORK, NY November 2018 – December 2019 Recruited and mentored a team of five copywriters. Defined and implemented a brand identity aligned with a positioning strategy to target a broader customer base. Wrote all social media content, monthly promotional emails, and copy for bags and dozens of dozens of store brand consumer packaged goods.

- Wrote copy for radio and video scripts and print and digital signage, which facilitated a successful store launch and continued to boost sales and engagement
- Edited internal and external newsletters, expanded and engaged the customer base and improved the employee experience (internal newsletters were translated into Spanish and were printed and hand delivered)
- Overhauled the website look, feel, and function and implemented an SEO strategy that increased monthly visitors, subscribers, and sales
- Wrote email campaigns, invitations, signage, and print marketing material for events that demonstrated Citarella products and cooking techniques, which increased reach and orders

# **SENIOR COPYWRITER** | BLINK FITNESS | NEW YORK, NY

Led the brand's copywriting initiatives including direct mail, digital and social media content, email, newsletters, 360 campaigns, out-of-home, in-store signage, radio/audio, video, and retail.

- Produced the critically acclaimed #BeYou and #HearMeRoar 360 campaigns, which expanded brand awareness and alignment with important social causes
- Wrote and revised the master brand book, fine-tuning the brand's voice and style guidelines through three evolutions
- Formed brand partnerships with Conde Nast, NYU Langone, Upright Citizens Brigade, Hearst, and NYC Running
- Developed B2B assets to launch franchising, which grew the brand from 30 locations in the northeast to 100+ gym locations nationwide

# **COPYWRITER** | AUDIBLE | NEWARK, NJ

Wrote promotional and sales copy, website, email, and instructional content for Audible and the home recording and publishing service, ACX.

Drafted UX copy for four app updates across eight types of devices over one year

# Education

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN JOURNALISM | UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY | SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS | SYDNEY COLLEGE OF THE ARTS | SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

#### September 2014 – September 2018

October 2013 – September 2014

January 2020 – June 2021