# Natalie Janssen

## **CREATIVE STRATEGY & DIRECTION**

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## **EXTRA CREDIT**

CREATIVE STRATEGY INTERNSHIP

## **ZEUS JONES**

June 2016 - Sept. 2016

Worked with a team on product innovation for a Fortune 500 Company deriving insights from extensive qualitative and quantitative research and developed strategic creative directions based on those insights.

Established a brand purpose and personality to guide the product development and design of a new product.

Created a strategic creative platform for product launch activation.

# ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

# EMERGING DESIGNERS, AIGA MINNESOTA

July 2011-July 2013

Led small group of dedicated volunteers in the development of programming for designers in their first 5 years after graduation from design school.

# **EXPERIENCE**

\*Complete work experience available on LinkedIn.

#### SENIOR ART DIRECTOR

**STARKEY** | Minneapolis, MN | Oct. 2021 – Present

- · Lead the creative development of corporate brand initiatives and product launch campaigns.
- · Manage project work and mentor a small team of dedicated designers.
- · Work closely with the communications team to create strategies and content for our corporate social media channels and other digital mediums that are engaging and build our community.

#### **ART DIRECTOR**

STARKEY | Minneapolis, MN | Nov. 2018 - Present

- · Led the creative development and execution of a multi-million dollar event in Las Vegas that resulted in a marked increase of sales and social engagement.
- $\cdot$  Took initiative to collaborate with the social media team to ideate and create engaging and effective content.
- Responsible for brand development in the areas of video, social, photography, and digital/print marketing pieces in the B2B and B2C space.

# ART MANAGER (DIRECTOR), DIGITAL STRATEGY

**SLUMBERLAND FURNITURE** | Minneapolis, MN | June 2017 – Nov. 2018

- · Developed and executed a new creative strategy for photography used across all mediums.
- · Ideated and executed strategic digital campaigns that have resulted in significant increases in social following and engagment.
- · Manage relationships with third party agencies in social and photography.

#### FREELANCE ART DIRECTOR

**CATAPULT MARKETING** | Minneapolis, MN | Nov. 2016 – June 2017

- $\cdot$  Leveraged human and business insights to develop strategic creative platforms for product retail activations.
- · Designed and executed print, digital, and social promotional materials, with an emphasis on shopper marketing solutions.
- · Clients included: Burt's Bees, Green Works, Clorox, Kellogg's, and Nestle.

#### DESIGNER

**PERISCOPE** | Minneapolis, MN | March 2015 – Jan. 2016

## FREELANCE ART DIRECTOR

**BI WORLDWIDE** | Minneapolis, MN | June 2014 – January 2015

#### FREELANCE ART DIRECTOR

KNOCK | Minneapolis, MN | May 2013 - April 2014

# **EDUCATION**

**BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS** 

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE | New South Wales, Australia | 2002

MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN | Minneapolis, MN

Certified courses in Graphic Design, Typography, Product Design and Illustration