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OBJECTIVE

Uncovering unique voices to relay intent in the most effective manner.

SKILLS

- Excellent communication and interview skills.
- Languages: Dutch, English, French and German.
- Public Speaking.
- Extensive experience with Internet research methods + writing for online media.
- Strong editing, proofreading and story analysis abilities.
- Proficient in Word (for Mac), AppleWorks, WordPerfect (MS-DOS).

FREELANCE WRITING HISTORY

P.R. & Marketing + Press Release + Speech Writing

- **2005 – present Luly Yang Couture, Seattle, WA** Edited and revised existing web content, wrote new content for site and P.R. text for expanded business. Responsible for all creative writing related to couture shows (story, ad material, invitations, names of creations, and program content): Passage to Shanghai (2006) and Dreams Take Flight (2007), as well as speech content.
- **2006 – present Bergdahl Realtors, Kirkland, WA** Web content.
- **2005 – present Tuin van de Marienhof, Midwoud, Netherlands.** Set-up, maintenance, and blog content.
- **1999 – present Paseo Press, Seattle, WA 1999.** Author, book design, P.R., publicity & marketing texts.
- **1984 – 1994 S'ABeL Amsterdam, Netherlands** Grant proposal and press release writer, all conceptual and creative writing for The Estranger and Man in Space.
- **1984 Theater de Engelenbak, Amsterdam, Netherlands.** P.R. and press release writer, poster designer.
- **1981 – 1983 Taller Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands** P.R. & press contact, grant proposal and press release writer; all theater festival correspondence in Dutch, English, French and German.
- **1977 – 1979 Metz & Co, Amsterdam, Netherlands.** Press contacts, text and illustrations for brochure *Herbs de Provence*.

Reporting

- **2007 – present Interfaith Family Magazine, Boston, MA.** Personal essays
- **2006 – present European Weekly, Seattle, WA.** Reviews
- **2005 – present The Mill, Seattle, WA.** Articles, essays, reviews and previews
- **2005 – present Discover Nikkei, Los Angeles, CA.** Art reviews
- **2004 – present International Examiner, Seattle, WA.** Interviews, reviews, previews, and profiles
- **2000 – present Ouders Online Magazine, Amsterdam, Netherlands.** Columns, book reviews

PUBLIC SPEAKING

- **2004 – present Seattle Central Public Library.** Architectural tour guide
- **1999 – 2000 Paseo Press, Seattle, WA.** Book Tour Creative Acts of Healing
- **1988 – present Conferences, festivals, stage and studio.** P.R. and spoken word presentations

EDUCATION

- Stage Design, Gerrit Rietveld Akademie, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Fashion Design, Marketing & Illustration, UCLA Extension, Los Angeles, CA
- Modern Dance, Amsterdam, Strasbourg, France, and Santa Monica, CA

GRANTS

- **1987 Prince Bernhard Foundation** Gerard Hordijk Travel Grant (fl. 5,000)
- **1986 Amsterdam Art Council** Project Grant for The Estranger (fl. 50,000)