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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Innovative podcast producer and radio journalist with 4 years of professional experience in all aspects of audio production for a wide range of clients such as **Wondery, Audible, Spotify Original Podcasts, the German National Broadcaster** and **the BBC**. Visionary creator, editor, storyteller and project manager with a demonstrated ability to take an idea through every stage of production: from concept to delivery. **Podcasting all-rounder with an established portfolio of cutting-edge podcasts and creative radio documentaries.** Expertise in story development, recording and production, custom sound design and post-production.

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Lead author of *Dark Matters* (2023), a **story-telling podcast** about the German Secret Service, produced for the podcast division of German National Public Radio (rbb). The podcast was **No. 1 on the German Podcast Charts** for several weeks and has garnered **over 1.75 million listeners to date.**
- Produced **No. 1 Podcast of 2021** for podcasting platform *Podimo* and entered German Documentary Podcast **Charts at No. 1** with the 10-part series *Someone Disappears (Ein Mensch verschwindet)* about the life and disappearance of queer reality TV star Daniel Küblböck
- Produced a successful German version of **Wondery's Against the Odds (Überlebt)** that entered the **German Podcast Charts at No. 2.**

SKILLS

- Concept and Story Development
- Script-Writing and Storytelling
- Research and Fact-Checking
- Audio Recording and Editing (ProTools, Reaper, Sadie 6, Audition, Cubase)
- Sound Design
- Project Management
- Pitch Writing
- Voice Acting

WORK HISTORY

MANAGING PRODUCER 07/2022 to CURRENT

MUNCK Studios Berlin | Berlin / Remote, Germany

- Researching, developing and pitching stories that reflect the unique sensibilities of specific network brands like the BBC.
- Planning and coordinating schedules for production, editing and approval for timely delivery for 13 seasons (52 episodes) of the storytelling podcast *Against the Odds* for Wondery Germany
- Supervising each stage of the production process to ensure impactful content and brand fit.
- Reviewing finished episodes to maintain quality and verify compliance with artistic and technical standards.
- Managing project costs through careful budgeting and monitoring of expenditures.

SENIOR PRODUCER 06/2020 to CURRENT

BosePark Productions Berlin | Berlin / Remote, Germany

- Conceiving, developing and lead producing serial podcasts from pitch to publication for several major media outlets including Audible, Spotify, and the German National Public Broadcaster.
- Booking and scheduling guests and contributors; planning and conducting interviews in person and remotely.
- Researching and developing stories, fact-checking, writing scripts and editing audio.

- Collaborating with co-producers and sound engineers to develop best story development practices and sound design concepts, and to encourage innovation in production techniques.

COLUMNIST

02/2016 to 12/2019

An.schläge - The Feminist Magazine | Vienna, Austria

Authored a comedic bi-monthly column about sex, sexuality and relationships

PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

08/2018 to 10/2019

Radio ORANGE 94.0 | Vienna, Austria

- Managed and co-curated a programme of 160 shows for the largest community radio station in the German-speaking world
- Organized and curated special programmes, such as for Europride 2019 and International Women's Day and produced jingles and intermittent radio content
- Sat as a member of the Orange 94.0 Programme Council, considering and selecting new radio shows
- Onboarded new radio makers with training and documentation.

PORTFOLIO [EXCERPT]

BBC

- **Witness History "Bonn vs. Berlin" [Lead Producer]**

ARD/RBB (National Public Broadcaster Germany)

- **Dark Matters - The Secrets of the Secret Service (Geheimnisse der Geheimdienste) (2023) [Lead Author]**, 10 two-part episodes

WONDERY

- **Against the Odds Germany (Überlebt) [Lead Producer]**, 13 Seasons / 52 Episodes

AUDIBLE

- **Who's afraid of Blood? (Wer hat Angst vor Blut?) (2022) [Lead Producer]**, 12 Episodes

SPOTIFY ORIGINAL PODCASTS

- **Your Daily Horoscope (Dein tägliches Horoskop) (2020-2022) [Lead Producer]** 13 daily Episodes
- **Serial Killers (Serienkiller)(2020) [Sounddesigner]**

ARD (National Public Broadcaster Germany)

- **Murder Scene - The True Crime Podcast (Tatort) (2021-2022) [Producer]**

PODIMO

- **Someone Disappears - The Story of Daniel Küblböck (Ein Mensch verschwindet) (2021) [Lead Producer]** 10 Episodes

EDUCATION [ALL GRADUATED WITH FIRST CLASS HONORS]

Master of Arts | RADIO JOURNALISM

09/2020

Goldsmiths University of London, United Kingdom

- No. 1 Radio Journalism Course in Europe

Master of Arts | GENDER STUDIES

09/2015

University of Vienna, Austria

Bachelor of Arts | FILM + MEDIA

08/2012

University of Vienna, Austria

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PUBLISHED WRITING

I have published journalistic and other non-fiction writing on a range of subjects from gender and sexuality to current affairs and politics in *fiber*, *an.schläge*, *LondonMultimediaNews* and *Unique*.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

I have worked extensively as a comedy performer at comedy clubs, events and festivals across Vienna, making me a confident and entertaining public speaker in both English and German as well as a skilled writer for spoken delivery. My performance experience also includes voice acting for animation and on-screen acting.