

KIM WITCZAK \$

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SUMMARY

Advertising/marketing communications professional with over 25 years of experience for a variety of industries (e.g. airlines, automotive, fashion, fast food, and retail) as well as non-profit/advocacy campaigns. Great communicator who builds strategic coalitions and collaborative relationships. Known as a problem solver with an ability to think outside the box and find opportunities to connect the dots between seemingly unrelated issues.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE \$

July 2006 - Present

Marketing Consultant/Freelance Producer

Produce all aspects of advertising campaigns, directly tied to or integrated with broadcast productions, digital content shoots, still photography, illustration projects as well as CGI creation for broadcast and print. Invited to present United Airlines illustration/animation campaign at 2010 International Illustration conference. Frequent guest lecturer at Minneapolis College of Art and Design's Professional Practices Illustration course.

- *Advertising Agency Clients: BBDO New York, BBDO Minneapolis, Barrie D'Rozario DiLorenzo, Black Design, Duffy Design, Fallon, Fellow, Latitude, Mono, PMH, Solve, and Rent the Runway*
- *Brands: Adidas, American Red Cross, Best Buy, Del Webb, Dell, Dove Chocolate, Fairbault Mills, Hertz, Lands' End, Minnesota Hospital Association, Polaris, Regis, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital/Francis Foundation, Reebok, Rent the Runway, Shane & Company Jewelers, Starbucks, St. Paul Companies, Target, Thriver, United Airlines, Walmart, Zenith Education Group Altierus*

October 2003 – Present

Co-Founder, Executive Director

Woodymatters, Minneapolis, MN

Woodymatters was founded after the sudden death of my husband in 2003 due to undisclosed side effect of a pharmaceutical drug. Woodymatters is a non profit organization dedicated to advocating for a strong drug safety system and FDA reform. Approached advocacy work through professional advertising/branding lens. Traveled to Washington DC 50+ times since 2004. Developed a messaging platform with results including black box antidepressant/suicide warnings and legislation changes. Invited to speak at multiple international and national conferences as well press conferences resulting in stories/mentions featured in TV, print, radio, and documentaries. Personally invited by the late Senator Ted Kennedy to testify before US Senate HELP. In addition, testified in US Congress, Minnesota legislature, Wisconsin legislature, and various FDA hearings. Work closely with the national Patient, Consumer, Public Health Coalition based in Washington.

November 1997-July 2006

Senior Producer

Fallon, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Negotiated, secured and oversaw/produced photographic and illustrative production needs. Produced all aspects of studio and location photo shoots around the world with budgets ranging up to \$750K. Recommended appropriate artists/talent for project. Handled all usage/legal/licensing issues pertaining to the advertising visual. Developed Production 101 training for employees.

- *Clients: BMW of North America (including BMW Films), Lee Jeans, Nordstrom, Timex, United Airlines, and Time Inc.*

August 1995-October 1997

Account Supervisor

Fallon McElligott, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Managed 7-member account team responsible for all day-to-day national and regional advertising activities. Developed and managed the national lease/finance program. Oversaw all television and print productions.

- *Client: BMW of North America*

April 1994-August 1995

Account Executive

Campbell Mithun Advertising, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Managed the marketing/advertising plans for 80+ DMA's encompassing 3,500 franchisees with an annual budget of \$25 million. Established, managed and maintained production budgets, timelines, and activities. Developed integrated marketing communication plans and creative strategies.

- *Client: International Dairy Queen*

May 1989-September 1993

Account Executive

Jordan Tamraz Caruso Advertising, Chicago, Illinois

Planned, coordinated and implemented monthly advertising campaigns covering 11 DMA's and 175 dealers. Developed creative strategies based on market needs. Coordinated local market special events and sports sponsorships.

- *Client: Buick Dealer Marketing Groups (GA, MN, MA, and TX)*

NON-PROFIT BOARD EXPERIENCE \$

2014 – Current

Member, Board of Directors

James Sewell Ballet, Minneapolis, MN

www.jsballet.org

2016 – Current

Consumer Representative Member

FDA Psychopharmacologic Advisory Committee, Washington, DC

2015 – 2019

Board Member

Indika Alliance, Minneapolis, MN

2014 – Current

Member, Board of Directors

National Physicians Alliance, Washington, DC

www.npalliance.org

1995 – 2018

Past Board President, Board of Directors, Board Emeritus

Free Arts Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

www.freeartsminnesota.org

Co-founded Free Arts in 1996, a non-profit dedicated to bringing the healing power of the arts to over 4,000 abused, neglected and homeless children in Minnesota. Served on Board of Directors including two-year term as Board President (2010/2011).

2008 – 2011

Patient Representative Member

FDA Psychopharmacologic Advisory Committee, Washington, DC

EDUCATION

May 1988

Bachelor of Arts

Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois

Majors: Business and Economics