# STEFAN SIMAK

# Senior UX/UI Designer & Senior Creative Producer | B.Sc. Online Media / Digital Media

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Senior UX/UI designer and Senior Creative Producer with more than 8 years experience, based in Mainz, Germany. Background in brand strategy and marketing, that allows me to understand users emotional needs, and to create strong and engaging experiences. Highly skilled in User Experience Design (UXD), Visual Design and Creative Concepts, as well as in Media Production and Creative Direction.

### **Experience**

# Senior Digital Service Design & UX Concept Expert | Forwerts Interactive

April 2023 - Present / Frankfurt, Germany

- Designing user interfaces and creating prototypes for international groups
- Conducting moderated, on location and remote user tests, creating user journeys & stories
- Corresponding with stakeholders and internal teams to create the best digital products

# Freelance Visual & UX Designer / Brand strategist | Freiraum Erlebnis GmbH

Mai 2022 - April 2023 / Mainz, Germany

- Designed a brand identity for the biggest climbing gym in the middle rhine area
- Evaluated, refined and aligned existing identities for the brands' other outdoor activities
- Created a brand guideline to ensure the quality and consistency of future communication

# Freelance Filmmaker / Photographer | Peloton Magazine, Kenda Tires

June 2022 / Emporia; Kansas, USA

- Compiled and produced a short documentary about the story of two times olympian Lea Davison and her wife / Photography for social media and brand ads
- Corresponded with stakeholders to ensure the best output and distribution

### Creative Producer // Photographer | Canyon Bicycles

April, 2017 - April, 2022 / Koblenz. Germany

- Directed teams of multiple creatives on campaigns and shoots
- Facilitated and created creative concept and brand campaigns
- Founded and established an internal content team, strengthened and modernized the creative
- Developed and nurtured relationships across teams marketing & brand, product and digital to define best practice content production, design and distribution

#### UX Designer // Creative Concept | Canyon Bicycles

January 2016 - March 2017 / Koblenz, Germany

- Analyzed, developed and proposed solutions for the brands website
- Designed online specials that helped to push sales over 1.000.000 € a day
- Established a system and guideline to ensure the quality of sales campaigns and brand stories
- Coordinated and lead UX related workshops with brand management and other stakeholders

## **Education**

#### Certificate in User Experience Design | Career Foundry

June 2022 - December 2022 / Berlin, Germany

### Certified Scrum Master | Scrum Akademie - SE Consulting GmbH

March 2017 / Cologne, Germany

#### Von der Strategie zur Kreation Art Directors Club für Deutschland (ADC) December 2016 / Berlin, Germany

#### B.Sc. Degree in Online Media | Hochschule Furtwangen

March 2007 - August 2010 / Furwangen, Germany

# **Skills**

#### Media

Photography Video production Creative Conception Creative Direction **Project Management** Social Media

#### Design

**UI** Design **UX** strategy User stories Concept sketches User flows Wireframes Prototypes Typography Design systems Graphic design Branding

#### Research

User interviews Usability testings Persona hypothesis Competitor analysis

## **Tools**

Figma Sketch Adobe XD Miro Keynote Illustrator InDesign Photoshop

Premiere Final Cut Pro Capture One Lightroom

Jira Trello Smartsheet Asana

MS Office