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## **Hein Wagner**

**Global Adventurer and Motivational Speaker**

It has been said that people born blind grow and mature with an intellect absolutely void of the pre-conceptions or judgments of those with sight. Their minds become formidable think tanks... platforms from which they develop razor sharp insights into life's every day problems & challenges.

**Hein Wagner is such a man –**

### **a man who lists more personal achievements than many!**

- On Guy Fawkes day 2006 Hein completed the ING **New York City Marathon** in a time of 4 hours 27 minutes, before 2 million cheering spectators and more than 300 million television viewers
- During August 2006 he took part in the Standard Chartered Bank **Ironman** event in Korea, completing 180km on a tandem bicycle, under extreme conditions.
- In March 2006 he completed his first **sky diving** attempt successfully from a height of ten thousand feet
- During February 2006 Hein became the first blind person in the world to **cycle solo** over a distance of thirty nine kilometers during the Construction Du Cap cycling race in Durbanville, Cape Town
- He has broken the **World Blind Land Speed Record** in September 2005 and set the new record at 243 km/h
- During 2004 he **bungi-jumped** from the second highest bridge in the world
- He was a player for the South African blind cricket team that won the World Cup in India during the inaugural **Blind Cricket World Cup** final in 1998.
- He tackled the white waters of the **Zambezi River** in a rubber raft during 1997
- He completed the **Cape to Rio Yacht Race** during 1993
- He has run several **Marathons** from 1988 to date
- He has climbed the **10 highest mountains** in the Western Cape
- He achieved Western Province **colours for athletics** (1989 & 1990)
- Performed his **autobiographical show** called Bat Magic at all the National arts festivals with huge success.
- Completed his APM (**Advanced Professional Management**) through the Open University of London.



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Through his powerful motivational talks, Hein is rapidly becoming a sought after speaker of note! His topics include:

### **Power Hour (Against the Odds)**

This one-hour presentation takes the audience on a humorous and moving journey of Hein's view on the world he lives in. He shares some of his light and dark moments as well as his personal recipe to achieve extraordinary results.

### **A blind man with Vision**

This presentation is guaranteed to open the eyes of those that are simply too lazy to see. Hein believes that it is better to be blind and have vision, than to be able to see and have none.

### **Listen, Think & Grow –“LTG”**

This team building session kicks off with a 30-minute powerful, humorous and emotional inspirational talk and is followed by an interactive appreciation, listening, thinking and sharing session. Using the above-mentioned principles, Hein, with the help of his audience, manages to move into a dimension that is based on confidentiality, positive thinking and trust. These elements encourage the audience to share on a deeper personal level and further raise the level of trust, respect and understanding within the group/team. This team building session guarantees to break down known and unknown inter-personal barriers in the group/team and leave them connected, respected, appreciated and “team mated”.

As the creator of this interactive team building session, Hein can change the content to accommodate your organizations' key objectives, core values or any long and short-term goals should that be required.

### **The ABC of Selling**

As international sales manager for Mark Shuttleworth's company, Thawte Consulting, and in Hein's prior sales roles, he gained significant experience in the area of sales, and the power to sustain the energy (as a sales person) in order to over achieve. During the last 4 years as ISM for Thawte Consulting, Hein's division has continuously exceeded all sales goals.

### **Master of Ceremonies**

Do you want to add a twist to your next conference, seminar or corporate function? Put a highly skilled blind MC to the test. Hein understands the importance of running a conference agenda on time and his audiences love his sense of humor and the way he connects with them. By utilising the latest electronic Braille and voice technology he can manage any audiovisual presentation and accommodate any last-minute changes to the program/agenda. Book him now and add an eye-opening twist to your next corporate event!



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## **Bat Magic –The lighter Side of Living in Darkness!**

Bat Magic is a moving, gripping and inspirational autobiography of a blind man with Vision. This 90-minute stage production will take your audience on a roller coaster ride of fun and inspiration, - laughter and motivation. It promises to be an eye opener to those that can, but are too lazy to see!!!

Hein launched his show Bat Magic on the Grahamstown National Arts Festival during July 2003 and from there it went on to the KKNK and Aardklop festivals with great success.

Bertus Colyn a blind musician and longstanding friend of Hein take care of the Guitar work and backing vocals for the music that is included in the show. Some of the songs are original works from Hein and Bertus.

The show is available in English as well as Afrikaans and some of the reviews include:

The Q: "A gripping and inspirational autobiography of a passionate and zestful blind man"

ETV: "one of the more intriguing productions on the fringe this year"

SA FM: "Hein is someone that really embodies the true spirit of the Grahamstown Festival with his show Bat Magic"

## **Disability sensitization training**

Having worked for a number of large corporate organizations in South Africa as a disabled person over the last 15 years, Hein understands the barriers to entry when it comes to the placement of PWD's (persons with disabilities). This one-hour program will equip your employees with the necessary tools to knock down the barriers to entry, as well as assisting them in identifying potential positions that can be filled by PWD's!

**Hein donates 10 % of all his booking fees to the**

**South African National Council for the Blind**

**Hein guarantees a 100 % refund should you feel that his presentation / performance did not make any impact on your audience**

## **Feedback from our Clients:**

**Harry Charlton, Chief Finance Officer, Parliament of SA –25 April 2005**

"Many of my people have said that they went away with a very different perspective on life.

All too often, motivational talks are one-offs with a one-day impact. It is nearly a week after your talk and I am pleased to tell you that people are still commenting about your presentation."

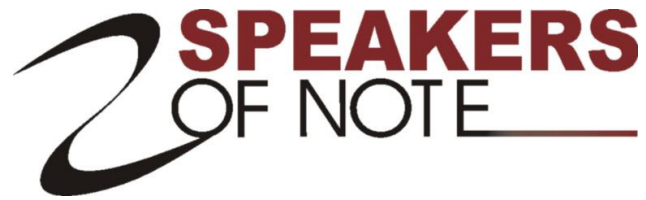
**Jody Pearson, PR Manager, Alexander Forbes**

"Hein is a remarkable young man. He achieved so much in his life that I wouldn't even dream of attempting."

**Brian Robertson, HR Director, Vital Health Foods**

The time we spent together on Friday afternoon was WITHOUT EXCEPTION the most humorous, uplifting, motivational and inspirational experience that I have experienced during my 18 years with the Company. The message was clear, practical and relevant to our people and you manage to reinforce a very strong and positive sense of accountability through turning your disability into a massive ability –"I am blind ... what is your excuse ..."

**Debbie Knipe, Assistant Manager, Institute of Estate Agents**



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Thank you very much for addressing our agents at our AGM last night. What a huge success. You truly are an inspiration and I have never before booked a speaker who stirred up such a positive response as last night. You are a TOTAL delight.