



# “A BLIND MAN WITH MUSIC AND VISION”

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## HEIN WAGNER & CH2

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### ABOUT THE TRIO

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Hein Wagner and CH2 will take you on a journey of discovery in who you were, who you want to be and who you truly are. Become the BEST in your workplace because being good is simply not good enough anymore. You need to be GREAT! We will inspire you to unmeasured success in your personal life and your workplace.

Hein and CH2 have respectively become the best at what they do in their business fields through dedication, belief in yourself, hard work, perseverance and never taking your eyes off your goal. We will teach you how to have faith in your abilities. Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible. Our greatest weakness in life is giving up. If at first you don't succeed, try and try again.

Giving it simply one more try might just bring you the fruits of your labour that you have looked for all your life. If you really want something in life, you will do it even if the odds are not in your favour at all. Nothing will be able to distract you from reaching your goals, if you want to achieve them with all your heart.

This experiential session combining the astonishing successes, achievements and world records of a blind key-note motivational speaker, together with the internationally acclaimed multi-award winning CH2 who is conquering the world with their music from the Southernmost tip of Africa, will take you on a journey of inner exploration, effecting dreams into action. Pushing the boundaries beyond belief is what Hein challenged himself with his whole life, thus becoming the inspiration for any others to recognize with gratitude how many positives they still have in their lives in order to be able to excel at their talents by focusing on what they could do to the endth degree, rather than to fall into the trap of wallowing in whatever misfortunes came across their path.

Likewise CH2 has been pushing the boundaries to see what more could be achieved by expanding beyond the limitations of two acoustic / classical guitarists to generate a greater more varied sound unique to the duo, incorporating a wide spectrum of musical genres and styles into a fusion that both easily recognisable and unique, creating a spectacular virtuoso dynamism and energy on and off the stage.

So the moral of the story is: keep pushing the boundaries of what you can achieve with vision into the infinity of your dream and then simply do it with courage and determination.

**This trio will leave you breathless!**

## HEIN WAGNER

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GLOBAL ADVENTURER, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, CORPORATE ENTERTAINER AND LOVER OF LIFE

He has been blind since birth...

Despite this Hein Wagner has many accomplishments to his name. He has completed the Absa Cape Epic, ran the Antarctica Marathon, the Two Oceans and New York Marathons, completed full Ironman, competed in the World Triathlon Series in Cape Town, finished several Cape Town Cycle Tours, tackled the white waters of the Zambezi River, climbed the ten highest mountains in the Western Cape, completed the Cape to Rio Yacht Race, holds the World Blind Land Speed Record at 322.52 km/h, and more.



**Vodacom Special needs** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xw\\_7N\\_s6kLY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xw_7N_s6kLY)

**2011 ABSA Cape Epic** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvG7rdkCONM>

**World Blind Land Speed Record** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5EFNmk8tfw>

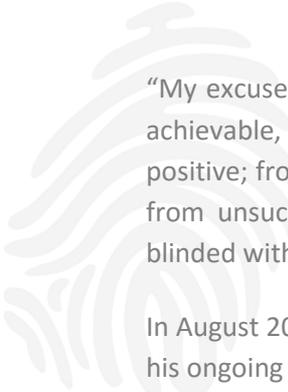
Wagner matriculated at the Pioneer School for learners with visual barriers in Worcester, South Africa. His parents made the difficult decision of sending their blind five-year-old son to boarding school a hundred kilometres away from their home in Durbanville. This was a decision the terrified youngster could not understand at the time, yet today he recognises this decision as the best one they could have made in their quest to prepare their son for the real world.

Hein's first school report is testimony to his adaptive nature and early sense of adventure stating that he 'is on a constant journey of discovery'. His teenage years proved to be more challenging as he dealt with the normal pressures of growing up and also struggled with the question of why he had to be born blind. Not finding the answers he desperately needed made him rebellious and he subsequently made life difficult for those around him. It took a couple of extreme adventures to make Hein see the light. Today he sees his blindness as the biggest gift he could ever hope for.

Hein started his career as a switchboard operator, but the rapidly growing technology sector soon inspired him to enter the IT industry. He worked for companies such as MWeb and Thawte Consulting, where he quickly worked his way up to international sales manager, managing a team of sighted individuals.

Hein's unique experiences and out-look on life afforded him numerous invitations to share his story and in 2004 he decided to take up motivational speaking as a fulltime career. His humorous approach to everything in life has illuminated the lighter side of living in darkness and resonates with audiences around the world. Whether he has his audience rolling with laughter or doing introspection, he aims to leave them with the realisation that they have the capacity to achieve anything they set their minds too.

As a keynote motivational speaker, he holds audiences' attention. His motto: "Anything you believe is not possible, is actually possible; you just have to change the way you look at things. If you do that, the things you look at will change." With so many accomplishments under his belt, he always states:



“My excuse is that I’m blind, what’s yours? By opening my mind to turn the unachievable into the achievable, I moved myself from being filled with pain to being filled with joy, from negative to positive; from unhappy to happy, from uninspired to inspired, a taker to a giver, a loser to a winner, from unsuccessful to successful, from ungrateful to grateful and from just being blind to being blinded with possibilities.”

In August 2014, Hein received an honorary Golden Key award from the University of Stellenbosch for his ongoing commitment to social upliftment. He is also the brand ambassador for Innovation for the Blind, a non-profit organisation based in South Africa with the aim of supporting the blind to reach their full potential.

Hein is well-known both locally and abroad and has received extensive media coverage.

He is married to Monica and they have a little daughter called India. The family divide their time between Sweden and South Africa.

Hein Wagner is living proof that despite the challenges that come our way, anything is possible. He does not allow his blindness to stand in the way of his dreams and people often refer to him as the blind man with exceptional vision.

## CH2

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Now in their 18th year as professional musicians, CH2 goes from strength to strength with *Insomnia*, their 11th album to date. The album went to number 7 on radio stations in Australia and enjoys world-wide radio play. The album took 9 months to record and complete, and contains a number of own compositions as well as classics known all over the world.

This magical duos best claim to fame can only be winning the Worldwide Classical / Flamenco category in the Lee Ritenour Six String Theory International Guitar Competition, held in the USA. This is the single biggest most prestigious guitar competition in the world, covering all genres and styles of music on the six stringed instruments, all competing in one arena.

With their flawless, effortless technique and pulsating rhythms they showcase what can be done on only two guitars, classical guitars, and create a very exciting instrumental pop sound whilst mimicking drum sounds and bass guitar all at the same time. CH2 has truly developed their own style unique to the band and continues to blow people away with their virtuosity. The members of CH2 keep challenging themselves with new techniques every day and see themselves as pioneers of the classical guitar, pushing the instrument into genres it is not known for.

CH2 are proud members of the Grammy Foundation and will enter *Insomnia* in the next round of the Grammys. The Grammys is of course the top music accolade on the planet, sought after by every musician in the world. No honour is greater than winning a Grammy in the music industry.

CH2 has won numerous awards over the years, with 2 x SAMA (South African Music Award) awards for best instrumental / classical album. The SAMA award is arguably the top music award in the whole of Africa.

They've also won 2 x Ghoema, Geraas, Oscar and VryFees awards. They have performed on various international tours over the years and enjoy a strong international following across all the continents. CH2 has recently been accepted into one of the biggest movie libraries in the world that supplies Hollywood and Bollywood music for A-list movies.

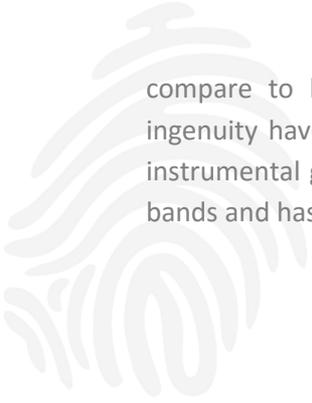
The visual impact of what they do on two nylon stringed guitars mesmerizes audiences all over the world and is a must see live act. They showcase the virtuoso and technical possibilities on the classical guitar, using classical, flamenco, Spanish and other techniques to create a completely unique style.

### **CORNEILLE**

Corneille Hutten began to play classical guitar at the age of five. He is a multi-award winning classical soloist and founded CH2 18 years ago, with the aim to introduce classical guitar to a larger audience and showcase the virtuosity possible on the instrument. As part of CH2, he was the winner of the World Classical / Flamenco category in the 2011 Lee Ritenour Six String Theory International Guitar Competition. As a soloist he won numerous Overall Eisteddfod-winner trophies, and he won a silver medal in the Commonwealth in an international guitar exam, scoring a record 94%.

### **DIRKIE**

Dirkie van Staden is a multi-instrumentalist. He plays and educates on all the brass instruments, but his focus is on classical guitar with a unique and distinctive rhythmic style. Few guitarists can



compare to his virtuoso nuevo-flamenco and Spanish Rasgueado technique and his rhythmic ingenuity have become one of the cornerstones of CH2's unique sound. As member of two other instrumental groups, Dirkie has won 1st prize in 4 talent competitions. He enjoys conducting wind bands and has an honours degree (cum laude) in music education.



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