

Jehan Casinader

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Jehan Casinader is one of our country's brightest and most influential storytellers. In 2018, he won Reporter of the Year at the prestigious New Zealand Television Awards; at the 2019 Voyager Media Awards, he won Best Features Journalist (General) and was runner-up in the Broadcast Reporter of the Year category. The judges described his work as "storytelling at its very finest"

It's an impressive feat for someone who has yet to turn 30, but Jehan has always been ahead of the curve.

He filed his first story for TVNZ's Holmes programme at just 13 years old. Throughout his teens, he freelanced for newspapers and magazines. By 20, Jehan was traveling the world, telling stories for New Zealand media.

Jehan has worked in the fast-past world of primetime TV for a decade, including long stints on Close Up and Seven Sharp. In 2016, he became the youngest-ever correspondent for TVNZ's flagship current affairs programme, Sunday – a job he holds today.

Jehan tackles the stories that others shy away from. Specialising in reporting on social issues, he brings empathy and nuance to the trickiest subjects. This year, he reported on sexual trauma in men, New Zealand's plastic crisis, the ethics of killing zoo animals, and a doping scandal in amateur sport.

He has interviewed Kiwis from all walks of life, including politicians, convicted killers, porn stars, the leaders of Gloriavale, and everyone in between. From gritty investigations to moving human-interest pieces and revealing celebrity profiles – Jehan has done them all.

In 2018, Jehan produced and hosted TVNZ's first-ever mental health series, The Inside Word. A fresh and engaging voice on social issues, education, culture and innovation, Jehan is a sought-after speaker and MC. He has a unique insight into the shape of our country: what fires us up, what makes us proud, what excites us, and what makes us unique.

Testimonials

We highly recommend Jehan as a MC and facilitator. We engaged



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Jehan to facilitate the Government's Just Transition Summit in Taranaki in 2019. This was a pivotal event for the newly formed Just Transition Unit, requiring a facilitator that could respectively manage the differing views of our five key stakeholder groups – Government, business, workers, Iwi and community. Jehan did this masterfully, working closely with us to understand what we wanted to gain from each session and leading the speakers to ensure insightful views were heard from a range of voices. Jehan has a fantastic ability to listen to the panel discussions, read the audience and manage our interactive event technology to run seamless sessions. During the two day event, Jehan worked with us to adapt and adjust sessions to ensure we continued to deliver the outcomes required. There are not many MCs and facilitators that can be this agile and accommodating, while presenting a professional and seamless face to the audience. We are working with Jehan on further events.

Bronwyn Millar Acumen Republic

We were delighted with the manner in which Jehan undertook his role. His preparation was thorough, and he was most effective in quickly making a strong connection with the audience. He worked very closely with me throughout the day so as to ensure our programme ran smoothly. The following piece of feedback I received after the event sums it up: "The MC is a 'rock star'. He did his job brilliantly!"

Julie Hepburn, NZ Principals' Federation

Jehan was superb. We're delighted with the vibe and verve he brought to the EPICNZ Conference as our MC. It was a dynamic role, given he wasn't just the MC, but also the facilitator and moderator of the panel sessions – and delivered that role with great style and effectiveness. Importantly, this included a snappy pace and he really supported the speakers to shine.

Craig Nicholson, Office of Ethnic Communities

Jehan was a superb MC for the day on Friday. In preparing for the day, I appreciated his professionalism and willingness to work with our plans, yet make useful suggestions for getting the best out of the day for participants. He went above and beyond to get a really good overview of our day and what we wanted to achieve.

I have had nothing but positive feedback from a number of participants, who commented particularly positively about Jehan's ability to ask informed questions of speakers and maximise the opportunity for our teachers to hear key messages.

Kaylene Macnee

Jehan was excellent. He ran the session professionally, and was

flexible with our agenda. He offered his own personal and industry insights that were both relevant and impactful. We were thrilled Jehan could support us in #HeforShe.

Gina -ANZ

Jehan was great. Our lunch event had speakers to juggle and Jehan was professional, clear, engaging and funny too. I would certainly recommend him as an MC or as a presenter.

Guy - ANZ

It is with pleasure to recommend Jehan as a fantastic and informative communicator. Jehan was one of our main guest speakers at The National Young Leaders Days (NYLD) for four years. Each year Jehan would deliver a captivating and inspiring message to the young secondary age students present. The thing I most admired about Jehan is that he had the ability to challenge the students each year about their role as leaders or what they were doing to make a difference. NYLD is all about inspiring and empowering a generation of leaders to lead themselves and others well, and Jehan was a great role model for this. Jehan was always efficient and reliable in his communication and this made our job so much easier.

Annette Fale Founder of NYLD, New Zealand

Jehan Casinader moderated a pre-election political debate for the Wellington Young Professionals in 2014. He had an acute awareness of current events and the then-present political landscape. Combined with a thorough understanding of a relatively broad brief, Jehan was engaging with a sharp wit and humour that kept the audience thoroughly entertained.

Jonathon Griffith Senior Solicitor/ RAINEY COLLINS

The Conference Planning Committee would like to sincerely thank you for the wonderful contribution you made to the success of the 2016 WRPP Conference. We have received very positive feedback about the conference and your slick management in your role as MC certainly contributed to that.

Your professional approach and the media skills you were able to bring added great value to the programme. It was obvious that you had prepared for the event and we thank you for that.

Angela

Just want to say thanks for Jehan's help at our conference. He did a great job and the feedback on the day was very positive. Jehan's knowledge of our sector was invaluable, and allowed him to connect with the conference attendees. He really came into his own when hosting our two panel discussions.

We have already booked Jehan for our team's next event!
Nick Arnott - ATEED