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Writer / Producer / Format Developer

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NOTES

Writer, producer and format developer with 25 years in South African television. My credits span documentary, reality, talk, factual and live sports for the SABC, Mzansi Magic and SANParks, including SAFTA-winning series. I develop and run formats end to end, from concept and pitching to on-set content producing and post supervision.

AWARDS

3 ENTRIES

SAFTA WINNER	Umkhonto Ugwaza Ekhaya
	Mzansi Magic · Devandile Media · 2024, 2026
SAFTA WINNER	Pale Ya Kosâ
	SABC 2 · Full Circle Productions · 2017
SAFTA NOMINEE	Mapungubwe: Echoes in the Valley
	SABC 3 · Full Circle Productions

LANGUAGES

Sesotho (mother tongue) / English / Setswana / Sepedi / isiZulu / isiXhosa

PRODUCTIONS

21 ENTRIES

#	PRODUCTION	ROLE	COMPANY / CHANNEL	YEAR	STATUS
01	Echoes of the March Documentary series · 4 parts	Content Producer, Format Developer	Full Circle Productions SABC 2	2026	IN PRODUCTION
	How the 1956 Women’s March shaped South African women, then and now.				
02	Echoes of Kruger Documentary series · 2 parts	Creative Director	Rise Up Productions SANParks	2026	IN PRODUCTION
	A hundred years of Kruger National Park, from before its proclamation.				
03	Echoes of Bambatha Documentary film	Content Producer	Full Circle Productions	2026	IN PRODUCTION
	The life of Chief Bambatha and the historical questions around it.				
04	Imvelo Factual series · Seasons 1 & 2	Series Director	Rise Up Productions SABC 1	2017–18, 2026	ON AIR
	Explores South African cultures and the meaning behind their rituals.				
05	Ama 2000 Intervention series	Content Director	Rise Up Productions SABC 1	2026	PRE-PROD
	Single parents of at-risk children ask the absent parent for help.				
06	Umkhonto Ugwaza Ekhaya 2 seasons	Content Director	Devandile Media Mzansi Magic	2024, 2026	
	SAFTA WINNER	Led from concept through to set.			

07	Eyamadoda 2 seasons Led from concept through to set.	Content Director	Devandile Media Mzansi Magic	2024, 2026
08	Short & Sweet Season 3 Joined for season 3; oversaw the project from development to production.	Content Producer	Devandile Media	2025
09	Oddball Original series A series about unconventional jobs.	Format Developer, Content Producer	Brown Panther Films NFVF	2024–2025
10	Life After Wedding Wrote the series treatment; content produced from pre-production to post.	Writer, Content Producer	MsocoRockers TV / Rockast TV NFVF	2024
11	Amagrootman Reality series	Format Developer	Devandile Media Mzansi Magic	2024
12	Bromance Reality series	Format Developer	Devandile Media Mzansi Magic	2024
13	CEO Nights with Nyimpini Mabunda Podcast Interviews with corporate leaders from organisations such as Denel and Eskom.	Writer	Dzuguda Productions Nedbank & Avis	2023–2024
14	BEYOND Documentary Documentary on the life of a deaf person, for a disability magazine.	Creative Director	Deaf Empire Studios	2023
15	Indeed Documentary series The stories of South Africa's six Nobel laureates.	Content Producer	Full Circle Productions SABC 3	2019
16	Are Itsaneng	Script Editor	Keneilwe Mokoka NFVF / KZNFC	2018
17	Pale Ya Kosâ Music documentary series SAFTA WINNER "The Story of a Song": the people and context behind hit songs.	Content Producer, Format Developer	Full Circle Productions SABC 2	2017
18	A Song of Hope	Script Editor	Full Circle Productions STEPS Initiative	2009–2016
19	Now or Never Documentary series Ordinary people at a crossroads after extraordinary events.	Writer, Format Developer	Dzuguda Productions SABC 1	2008–2016
20	Ba Kae? Studio talk show Favourite former stars return to the studio to share where they have been.	Writer, Format Developer	Dzuguda Productions SABC 2	–

21 **Mapungubwe: Echoes in the Valley** Content Producer Full Circle Productions —
 Documentary series · 3 seasons SABC 3
SAFTA NOMINEE Traces the people of Mapungubwe to their descendants today.

POSITIONS

Jun 2023 – present **Head of Content / Content Director**
 Devandile Media, Randpark Ridge

2021 – 2024 **Script Editor & Consultant**
 MsocoRockers TV, Keneilwe Mokoka, Full Circle Productions

TEACHING

2024 **Masterclass: TV Proposal Writing**
 KZN Film Commission (now KZN Tourism Authority) × Sunrise Emandlini
 Crafting and packaging TV proposals for commissioners and broadcasters.

PITCHED FOR AND WITH

Full Circle Productions / Brown Panther Films / Tribal Media House / Devandile Media / Semamo Film / Connect TV

SKILLS

Format development

- Concept, proof of concept and format bibles
- Pitching and packaging for commissioners
- Casting logic, beat sheets and segment architecture

Writing

- Reality, docu-series, talk, sports and factual
- Treatments, proposals and pitch decks
- Short stories and narrative development

Content producing

- Research, interviews, character arcs and story maps
- Shaping scenes on set; ethical storytelling
- Story edits with editors; adapting arcs in post

Production

- Live studio producing and segment design
- Storyboarding and team leadership
- Builds digital tools for production (TypeScript, React, Python)