



Busisiwe Ntintili

Curriculum Vitae

Busisiwe Ntintili is a multi-talented creative powerhouse and respected industry leader, working as a Writer, Director, and Executive Producer in the South African film and television industry for over 23 years. Her commitment to advocacy, training and development has been the cornerstone of her career and sees her currently sitting as Chair of the Writers Guild of South Africa.



A Career Spanning Decades

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Early Beginnings

Busisiwe's passion for storytelling began at a young age, writing and directing her first play at 13 under the New Jersey Young Playwrights Programme.

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Formal Education

She earned a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in English Literature and French Literature from Rutgers University in May, 1999.

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From 20 years abroad to returning home

Returning to South Africa in 1999, she has consistently worked as a creative practitioner in various media, from advertising to radio, film and television.

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Award-Winning Success

Her work has garnered numerous awards, including a Peabody Award and numerous SAFTAs.



Diverse Creative Portfolio

1 Clients

Busisiwe has written and directed for major South African broadcasters, including SABC, e.tv, Mnet, and Netflix.

2 Film & Television

She has written and directed drama series, soapies, telenovelas, feature films and documentaries, showcasing her versatility.

3 Animation

Her company's first animation project, "My Big World," was selected for the Annecy International Animation Film Festival.





A Legacy of Storytelling

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Milestones

She has made significant contributions to the South African film and television industry through critically and commercial acclaimed projects like Happiness is a Four Letter Word, Intersexions and 4Play Sex Tips for Girls.

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Industry Development

Busisiwe is a mentor and trainer, nurturing the next generation of creatives at film festivals, universities, theatres and labs and institutions.

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Inspiring Vision

Her work aims to empower individuals and restore pride in South African culture. And her vision is to transform the industry into a world class industry and a robust creative economy.



Notable Projects

2024	LEVELS (Mnet)	Executive Producer / Creator / Writer / Director
2021	JIVA! (Netflix) (SAFTA Nominated)	Executive Producer / Creator / Writer / Director
2019-2021	ISIPHO (eTV)	Executive Producer / Creator / Writer
2015	HAPPINESS IS A FOUR LETTER WORD	Screenwriter
2011-2012	INTERSECTIONS (SABC1) (Peabody Award)	Storyliner / Scriptwriter
2009-2011	4PLAY: SEX TIPS FOR GIRLS (eTV)	Storyliner / Scriptwriter



Career Highlights – FILM AND TELEVISION

2022	THE WIFE (Showmax) (SAFTA Award)	Head Writer (S3)
2019-2020	HOPE (Moja Love)	Head Writer
2017	THULA'S VINE (SABC3)	Head Writer / Supervising Producer
2017	GREED AND DESIRE (Mzansi Magic) (SAFTA Nominated)	Head Writer
2011-2016	DREAMWORLD (SABC1)	Head Writer
2014-2015	EKASI STORIES (eTV)	Head Writer
2014	MUTUAL FRIENDS (SABC1)	Head Writer



Career Highlights – FILM AND TELEVISION cont.

2013	VUKA MAWU LELE (Mzansi Magic)	Executive Producer / Creator / Head Writer / Director
2013	ENDGAME (SABC1)	Scriptwriter
2013	LAWLESS (eTV)	Film Director
2008	NOAH'S ARK (SABC2) (SAFTA Nominated)	Executive Producer / Creator / Head Writer
2006-2008	GENERATIONS (SABC1) (SAFTA Award)	Head Writer
2006	LOVELIFE HIV Campaign (SABC)	Scriptwriter
2005	JOZI H (SABC3)	Storyliner / Scriptwriter / Script Editor



Career Highlights – FILM AND TELEVISION cont.

2004-2005	MZANSI (SABC1)	Scriptwriter
2004-2006	Heartlines “THE BET” (SABC2)	Creator, Scriptwriter
2003-2005	ISIDINGO (SABC3)	Storyliner / Scriptwriter / Script Editor
2001	BIG BROTHER SOUTH AFRICA (M-Net)	Logger / Storyliner
2008-2009	SIVELAPHI, SIYAPHI (Parliamentary Millennium Programme)	Executive Producer / Documentary Film Director
2012	FREEDOM PARK MUSEUM Exhibition	Documentary Film Director
2005	VOICES OF BETHAL (Nomoya Masilela Museum)	Executive Producer / Documentary Film Director



Busisiwe Ntintili
Chairperson



Bongzi Ndaba
Vice Chairperson



Sizwe Zuma
Advocacy



Duduzile Mabaso
Strategic Relations



Anil Polton
Treasurer



Dean Ravell
Communications



Zaba Hlatshwayo
Membership



Mohau Mannathoko
Professional Development



Leadership and Vision



Writers Guild South Africa

Busisiwe currently serves as the Chairperson of the Writers Guild South Africa.



Restoring Pride

Her work aims to restore the pride of the South African child and empower individuals.



Creative Tools

Busisiwe believes in providing South Africans with creative tools to transform their lives.



Career Highlights – INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRAINER

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| 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Conference of Screenwriters in Ireland – Panel Speaker |
| 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• London MediaXChange – Guest Speaker |
| 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Germany Producers Alliance – Guest Speaker |
| 2017-2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DURBAN FILM MART – Master Class Workshop Trainer and various Panel Speaker engagements |
| 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EASTERN CAPE FILM FESTIVAL – Workshop Trainer & Mentor |
| 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DURBAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – Talent Campus Mentor |
| 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TIME OF THE WRITER FESTIVAL – Workshop Trainer & Special Panel Guest Speaker |
| 2013-2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LIVE MAGAZINE South Africa – Senior Editorial Mentor |
| 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PHALABORWA MINING COMPANY FOUNDATION Creative Industries Career Expo – Workshop Trainer |
| 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAFTA AWARDS – Judge |
| 2005 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MONASH UNIVERSITY Film Unit (now Big Fish Film School) – Scriptwriting Lecturer |
| 2002 - 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arts Alive, Hillbrow Theatre, Market Theatre Lab, Soweto Theatre, SABC and others - Workshop Trainer |



Industry Recognition

Awards

- SAFTA Awards, Best Drama Writing, Best Soapie, Best Telenovela
- Peabody Award, Intersexions Team
- Mbokodo Women in the Arts Award, Best Feature Film

Festivals

- Annecy Int Animation Film Festival
- Series Mania
- DIFF / Durban Film Mart
- Time of the Writer
- Eastern Cape Film Festival
- Soweto Int Film Festival

Engagements

- Guest speaker at international conferences in Germany, UK, France
- Workshop trainer and mentor
- Judge for the SAFTA Awards



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