

Jesse Kitten

Biography

1969- Began as a stage hand working with the IPPA (Independent Professional Performing Artists) at the Louis Theater in Chicago, Illinois under the artistic direction of noted Broadway Playwright Theodore Ward ("Our Lan" Royale Theater 1947)

1971- Theatrical stage debut in "Ole Judge Moses" at Chicago State University.

1974- Toured the US as Uncle Remus in the children's play "The Black Fairy"

1975- Feature film debut in "Mahogany" (Diana Ross)

1976- Appeared in "Million Dollar Ripoff" (Freddie Prinze)

1979- Professional stage debut in the Goodman Theater production "Native Son"

1979- Appeared in The Paolella's Dinner Playhouse production of "Street People"

1979- Appeared in the Peabody award winning tele-film "Dummy" (Levar Burton)

1980- Originated the role of Sgt. Amusa in the US premiere of Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka's stage play "Death and the King's Horseman" at the Goodman Theater and Kennedy Center

1981- Appeared in "Ragtime" (James Cagney, Howard Rollins Jr.)

1982- Appeared in "Looking To Get Out. " (Jon Voigt)

1984- Appeared in "Cotton Club" (Gregory Hines, Richard Gere)

1983- Off Broadway debut in the NYSF/Mabou Mines production "Cold Harbor"

1982-1988

Stand up comedy performances in New York, New Jersey, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

1986 - West Coast theatrical stage debut in "Drums Across the Realm"

(Directed by Forest Whitaker)

- 1987 - Appeared in feature film "Hollywood Shuffle" (Robert Townsend)
- 1988- Produced and directed short film "Extensions"
- 1990- Produced and directed short film "Sherlock Jones and the missing Hot Dog"
- 1991- Film Research (Brazil)
- 1992- Film Research (Hong Kong and Macau)
- 1994- Founding member Sambala Samba School www.sambala.org
- 1995- Member MILA Samba School (Mocidade)
- 1996- Director Sambala Bateria (Drum Section)
- 1994 - Present Numerous performances with a variety of samba groups throughout Southern California, Las Vegas, Arizona, Mexico, and Korea.
- 2000- Produced and directed "Enter...the Afro". Winner of the Communities.com 2000 online short film festival award (20-30 minute category)
- 2001- Film Research (India)
- 2005- Producer of Lionsgate Films "Vampire Assassin"
- 2009 - Present "The Deathtrap Trilogy" feature film three-quel currently in development.
- 2015 - Musical stage play: "The Jazz Rehearsal" currently in development
- 2018 - Bombay Deathtrap (Honorable Mention Award Winner)
Barcelona International Film Festival

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