

DENISE KHUMALO

DIRECTOR - PRODUCER - COORDINATOR

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DIRECTOR (Mnandi Productions); 2008 – Present

- Project Name: Khayalami (My Home), Unconventional, Cultural Exchange, Au Naturel, Still Ill, What's Next?
- Oversee all creative aspects including storyboarding and shot listing of production operations
- Work with actors and technical crew to capture the vision of the screen
- Manage the dramatic and artistic aspects of narratives, documentaries, and talk shows

PRODUCER 2008 – Present

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- Apply interpersonal and negotiation skills to secure cost-effective contracts with key talent and funders
- Interview and hire qualified talent that meet position requirements and crew goals
- Play a vital role in ensuring the seamless development of materials, scripts, and reports before the production of movies, television shows, web series, and commercial videos
- Streamline and expedite production operations from inception to completion to maximize productivity

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER (Official Best of America) 2018

- Editing, writing and organizing scripts for each segment
- Assisted with shot selections, pitching story ideas and handling bookings

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR (Z Palette) 2019

- Creatively designed and executed engaging marketing campaigns using photography and videography content that drove increases in new business growth
- Developed brand strategy and product samples while ensuring high-quality
- Liaison between company and celebrity clients

PRODUCTION COORDINATOR (HBO/DCTV); 2021

- Project Name: Reopening Night
- Organized and distributed shooting schedules, crew and cast lists, call sheets and scripts
- Coordinated equipment rentals, transportation and other supplies based on production budgets
- Kept lines of communication open with crew members to discuss production updates
- Guaranteed production expenses and catering adhered to strict budgetary constraints

(PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED)

PRODUCTION COORDINATOR

- **Commercial** (Ember 2021 Holiday Sip Symphony)
- Key point of contact for onboarding of crew members
- Assisted with location scouting and prepping
- Co-ordinated Covid-19 testing schedule for talent and crew

PROFILE QUALIFICATIONS

- Highly accomplished Director & Producer with 13+ years of professional experience in Directing & Producing
- Finalist for Cultural Exchange at the Next Generation Indie Film Awards 2021
- Earned the Leadership Africa Summit Award for entrepreneurship in 2019
- Achieved the Best Short Documentary Film at the Silicon Valley African Film Festival in 2017
- Awarded Winner for Best Short Documentary during the Gona Film Awards, Golden Leaf International Film Festival, Sasee Film Awards, Emerging Artists Film Festival, and Creation International Film Festival
- Strategically prioritize, coordinate, and manage the overall operations of a film including the organization of all the needs of a production staff, management of required permits and documents, and assistance with daily production tasks to ensure schedules are met from inception to completion
- Expertise in coordinating talent, crews, and equipment in accordance with budgetary constraints
- Dynamic communication and interpersonal relation skills with a continual commitment to discussing daily issues as they arise during filming with crews
- Multilingual individual with fluency in English, Ndebele, Shona

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Master of Fine Arts in Filmmaking, Emphasis in Documentary & Narrative, New York Film Academy; 2014
- Bachelor of Science in Communication, Television & Digital Film, State University of New York; 2012
- Intimacy Coordinator, Intimacy Coordinators of Colour (ICOC) 2021
- COVID Compliance Officer: Music Video, Commercial, TV, and Film Production Sets, Health Education Services; 2020

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Volunteer/Donor, "Because I am a Girl Campaign" at Plan International (NGO), Amnesty International (2013-Present), Relay for Life (2010-2012), Boys and Girls Club (2009-2012)