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# MIND GAMES

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## PRESS KIT

REELNET MULTIMEDIA PRESENTS A FILM BY CHARLES MAWUNGWA:

DAX L. JACKSON · KEVIN HANSSEN · PAMELA LEWSEY · SANDRA CHAWABVUNZA · COURTNEY ANTIPAS · ERYN JOHNSTONE

PRODUCTION MANAGER: THANDIWE N. MAWUNGWA DIRECTOR: CHARLES MAWUNGWA

PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS: STANFORD JONI · NKOSILATHI NDLOVU



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## LOG LINE

A man tortured by guilt meets a psychopathic killer who forces him to revisit and conquer his personal demons in order to save his only daughter and survive the day.

## SYNOPSIS

Sam's guilt over the death of his son has led him on a dark secret life which has destroyed his relationship with his family and led to divorce. However, when he goes to work, he becomes victim of a genius psychopath known as Ex, who takes Sam through a series of tests that inadvertently forces Sam to revisit his dark secrets and resolve his personal demons. When it turns out that Ex, was merely a hired gun in a plot to rob Sam of his inheritance, Sam must use his new found focus to save his kidnapped daughter and possibly reunite his broken marriage.

Set in modern day Zimbabwe, Mind Games is a psychological thriller that unravels the complexities of human thought and emotion. The film takes your mind on an exciting journey filled with action, suspense and yes, the unexpected twists.



## DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Mind Games the movie is an adaptation of the 2011 short film of the same title, which scooped the Outstanding Production Award at Nama 2011 and Netone's Most promising Director award at ZIFF 2010.

Six years down the line, I have certainly grown a lot more as a director, I have access to better cameras, cast and everything else. So I began the work for Mind Games the feature film beginning of 2016. The script itself was designed to produce a highly entertaining, good-looking film with a minimum cast and location and effectively on a very low budget. My wife, Thandie who has over 10 years experience writing for theatre, and several writing awards under her belt, helped in the adaptation of this screenplay, and came in as both producer and production manager.

The key cast for Mind Games, Kevin Hansen and Dax Jackson both have great experience on and behind the screen, making the outcome of this film a very collaborative effort.

It was a ten day shoot between the 5th and 21st of November in 2016. We used mostly natural light and skills acquired from years of making UN documentaries, to achieve a great looking film, with a minimum crew.





## THE FILM MAKER WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

### CHARLES MAWUNGWA

Charles Mawungwa has been in the film Industry for over eleven years as an editor, screenwriter and director. He entered the industry as a writer and assistant director for a short film called *The Search* and it won the DSTV best short film production at the Zimbabwe International Film Festival (ZIFF) in 2006 and was featured in over 40 countries. He wrote directed and produced another short film called *Mind Games* which won Outstanding Production at the National Arts Merits Award (NAMA) in 2011. The film also won Most Promising Director at ZIFF in 2010. He has just completed *Mind Games* as a feature length film. Charles has directed music videos for local and international artists and currently holds a 2016 NAMA for one of his videos. As an editor, he has edited two feature films which include *The Gentleman* which won an award at the American International Film Festival. He also edited a television series called *Fading Pictures* which won four awards at NAMA 2009. His strengths lie in the ability to work with minimum resources to produce innovative and unique productions. For example, *The Search* was the first Zimbabwean film to contain a mixture of live action and 3D animated reality. The short film *Mind Games* was made on a 50USD budget but featured visual effects such as advanced explosions and realistic CGI. Charles has also been involved in the production of over fifteen documentaries and awareness videos for various UN organisations.



## PRODUCER

### THANDIE N. MAWUNGWA

Thandiwe N. Mawungwa started her career in the theatre industry. She has written, directed and produced plays for theatres, schools and organisations in Africa and Europe. Four of her plays have won a total of six awards locally and regionally. Although she has also written for TV, *Mind Games* is the first movie she has produced as she begins her transition into the film industry. She has a personal artistic vision of using storytelling as a tool for positive socio-economic development in Africa and beyond...

### Awards

1. *Two Dead Government Officials – August 2016* – Won ‘Most Promising Script’ at the Ishashalazi Festival in South Africa
2. *Dirty Laundry, A family affair – September 2011* - Won ‘Best Costumed’ Play at Zimbabwe One Act Play Festival
3. *Roommates – September 2011* - Won ‘Best Production’, ‘Best Actor’, ‘Best Supporting Actor’ at Zimbabwe One Act Play Festival
4. *The Coin - October 2012* - Won ‘Best Achievement Award’ for an outstanding script

## LEADING CAST

### KEVIN HANSSEN

#### AWARDS

Twelfth Night – Pick of the Fringe Award, Edinburgh Festival

Born African – Spirit of the Fringe Award, Edinburgh Festival

Miss Julie – BAT Best Actor Award

I'm Not Rappaport – BAT Best Supporting Actor

An Inspector Calls – AFDIS Best Actor Award

### DAX JACKSON

Dax L. Jackson is a well accomplished actor, producer and events coordinator who holds the 2011 NAMA best actor award. Aside from his acting accomplishments from films such as Fading Pictures, Up the hill and Perfect match, he has worked as an events co-ordinator for various functions such as the ZImpraise album launch in 2007, the launch of Sores of Emmanuel in 2010, and the launch of The Gentleman in 2011.

## CREDITS

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A FILM BY CHARLES MAWUNGWA:

SAM-	DAX L. JACKSON
EX-	KEVIN HANSSEN
MELODY-	PAMELA LEWSEY
KUDZI-	SANDRA CHAWABVUNZA
DREE-	COURTNEY ANTIPAS
AMY-	ERYN JOHNSTONE
MRS MULAMBO-	ELIZABETH DZIVA
AUNT CAROL-	RUDO MTANGADURA
BLAH DHADZA-	STANFORD JONI
MELANY-	TENDAI MUSUNGO
JOSHIE-	JAEDYN MICHAEL ARMANDO
COMBI DRIVER-	DOUGLAS SABAWO

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