



MARK ENGELS

DIRECTOR CINEMATOGRAPHER
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

An experienced, creative and insightful professional, with a respectful, determined personality - whose understanding is that the success of commercial filmmaking is found in the combination of art and commerce wrapped in a dramatic and dynamic film! As a director, my objective is to create meaningful character performances, construct cinematic pace and offer visual entertainment. My filmography spans years of music videos, commercials and television broadcasts, as a director/cinematographer and producer.

Currently I am writer/producer/director of MASINGA: an independent South African occult, crime thriller, which will spawn a mini-series of the same name.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Directed "The Endangered" An action genre feature film on Rhino Poaching and International Gun Running - released internationally, starring Musetta Vander (Wild Wild West).

Co -Producer on Leon Schuster's "Oh Schucks, I'm Gatvol" one of South Africa's most successful indigenous, comedy feature films.

Directed more than 100 television commercials and music videos.

Produced and directed numerous multi camera, broadcast music concerts for national / international TV / DVD / VOD sales worldwide.

Production service producer on many international commercials shoots with teams from Europe, India, Malaysia, USA and UK while at Blast Films, Cape Town.

Selected twice to judge the International Emmy Awards 2013/14 in NYC.

SA delegate @ Cannes / Rio / Berlin / Tribeca & American Film Market.

SOUTH AFRICAN MUSIC ASSOCIATION AWARD

VICKY SAMPSON: "MY AFRICAN DREAM" MUSIC PROMO OF THE YEAR

SILVER STONE AWARD

DARIUS RUCKER: "EXODUS" MUSIC PROMO VIDEO

VISIBLE SPECTRUM AWARD: GOLD

JONATHAN BUTLER: "FORGIVENESS" MUSIC PROMO VIDEO

VISIBLE SPECTRUM AWARD: SILVER

BURNING SPEAR: "HOME TO MY ROOTS" LIVE CONCERT FILM

VISIBLE SPECTRUM AWARD: BRONZE

CULTURE: "LIVE IN AFRICA" LIVE CONCERT FILM

BIOGRAPHY

Born in Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa: Mark Engels' extensive career includes a diverse array of creative film projects, as well as accolades on a local and international scale. His expertise in film crosses the disciplines of film through award winning directing, producing and cinematography.

Mark rose to prominence when his "My Afrikan Dream" music promo was awarded a SAMA (South African Music Award). Subsequently the South African Society of Cinematography's (SASC) "Visible Spectrum Award" (three times) for Jonathon Butler's "Exodus" - followed by live concert films of Burning Spears "Home to my Roots", and Joseph Hill's "Live in Africa".

Mark's love for African culture and heritage has seen him work with many African legends: Philip Tabane, Caiphus Semenya, Vusi Mahlasela, Judith Sephuma and Yvonne Chaka Chaka - as well as directing television on Cape Town's legendary Jazz Festival for a number of years. He has also produced scores of international advertising commercials for visiting production teams.

Mark's long and successful working relationship with national broadcaster SABC (and more recently MNET) has seen him represent South Africa internationally at film markets including: Rio, Cannes, Berlin, Tribeca NYC & AFM. He has twice been selected by the Emmy Academy of Arts & Sciences to judge the International Emmy Awards in NYC.

Mark is currently in post production on feature film MASINGA – THE CALLING, with a pre sale to MNET and production funding from the NFVF, KZN Film Commission and the DTI. The 6 x 1 hour series: MASINGA - MUTI OMN'YAMA is expected to break cover in 2024.

Also supported by NFVF development funding are feature films: Time After Time and Xiangya



KWELA FILM TRAINING

<https://vimeo.com/377027154>

THE ENDANGERED - FEATURE FILM

<https://vimeo.com/363747286>

DARIUS RUCKER - EXODUS

<https://vimeo.com/86092171>

HOME TO MY ROOTS - BURNING SPEAR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-BB8Aks8s>

VUSI MAHLASELA - WEEPING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVMS3he4rhY>

YVONNE CHAKA CHAKA - POWER OF AFRICA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nKU1YcdWOI>

JONATHAN BUTLER - FORGIVENESS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-5VxjWnGyl>

WATERFONT - TV PILOT

<https://vimeo.com/75855788>

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