

**COLLIN  
NCUBE**

**LLOYD  
MAZENGULA**

**BENHILDAH  
KANDAWASVIKA**

**HARDLIFE  
MAKUKU**

**WINNER**  
BEST DIRECTOR  
**Thilsri International  
Film Festival**  
2024

NOMINEE  
**SOTAMBE Zambia  
International Film Festival**  
2024

**WINNER**  
BEST ORIGINAL SCORE  
**Thilsri International  
Film Festival**  
2024

**WINNER**  
BEST INTERNATIONAL FEATURE  
FILM  
**Thilsri International  
Film Festival**  
2024

**WINNER**  
BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY  
**Thilsri International  
Film Festival**  
2024

IT'S NOT ABOUT WAR OR PEACE, IT'S ABOUT PRIDE

# NYANGA

TALENT OF STEEL PRESENTS

IN ASSOCIATION WITH ZHOU MEDIA ZIMPARKS AND TUCKSHOP IDEAS A TALENT CHITAURO  
PRODUCTION A FILM BY EDDIE NDHLOVU AND JAKOV DAKOVIC "NYANGA" COLLIN NCUBE

LLYOD MAZENGULA BENHILDAH KANDAWASVIKA ANNELINE GWASIRA HARDLIFE MAKUKU

PHOEBE GUNDA PETER CHESTER CALVIN SEVERA TALENT NYAMAYEDENGA LUCKY MUNYUKI & MUNASHE MAGWANI

CASTING BY TUCKSHOP IDEAS

MUSIC BY PETER "M.U.S.E" CHESTER

COSTUME DESIGNER DWAMI NDHLOVU

SOUND DANIEL KIWITTY

EDITED BY ANDRE NDHLOVU

DIRECTORS OF PHOTOGRAPHY BRANDON MUSHANINGA & ANDRE NDHLOVU

PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR CHARITY MAHOWA-MATAVO

LINE PRODUCER MERCY NYAWASHA

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER EDDIE NDHLOVU

SOUND DESIGNER JOSHUA CANNINGS

CO-PRODUCERS JAKOV DAKOVIC

ANDRE NDHLOVU BRANDON MUSHANINGA TEMBA TAGWIREYI PETER CHESTER AND EDDIE NDHLOVU

PRODUCED BY TALENT CHITAURO

SCREENPLAY BY EDDIE NDHLOVU

WRITTEN BY EDDIE NDHLOVU

DIRECTED BY EDDIE NDHLOVU AND JAKOV DAKOVIC

**THIS SUMMER**



# ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT

COLLIN  
NCUBE

LLOYD  
MAZENGULA

BENHILDAH  
KANDAWASVIKA

HARDLIFE  
MAKUKU



IT'S NOT ABOUT WAR OR PEACE, IT'S ABOUT PRIDE

# NYANGA



---

Title: Nyanga  
Genre: Drama  
Lang: Shona (with English subtitles)  
Writer: Eddie Ndhlovu  
Producer: Talent Chitauro  
Directors: Eddie Ndhlovu & Jakov Dakovic  
Editor: Andre Ndhlovu  
DOPs: Brandon Mushaninga & Andre Ndhlovu  
Starring: Collin Ncube, Benhildah Kandawasvika, Hardlife Makuku, Llyod Mazengula, Talent Nyamayedenga, Peter Chester

---

“

At the heart of the story lies the theme of pride—an exploration of what it means to embrace one's heritage, confront the challenges that come with it, and ultimately find strength and purpose within. The film delves deep into the lives of Rangers, their struggles, their triumphs, and the unbreakable bonds that bind them together.

”



## SYNOPSIS

Set during the COVID pandemic time, in the heart of one of Africa's remotest and most breathtaking national parks, lives a ranger named Panganayi. Panganayi, a 35 year old man, has dedicated his entire life to the noble cause of saving rhinos from the clutches of poachers. He patrols the vast landscapes of the park, a rugged and unforgiving terrain teeming with wildlife, where he and his ill-equipped team do their best to protect these majestic creatures.

Panga joined the rangers when he was just coming out of school and he was just 17 years old. When he was still in school, he would join his father on a ride along on patrols where he learned a number of things from his old man. Panga is a man of strong character, his face weathered by years spent under the scorching African sun. He married his high school sweetheart Noma (Nomathemba) at 23 who also share his passion for conservation. Together, they have two beautiful children –Anita (11) his daughter named after his mother and Simba who is a 14 year old boy. Panganayi's family is his rock, providing him solace and support as he faces the challenges of protecting the rhinos.

Tragedy struck one fateful day when Panganayi receives the devastating news whilst on patrol that his beloved wife has passed away from COVID although she seemed as she was recuperating. The loss of Noma sent shockwaves through his soul, leaving him shattered and questioning his purpose. But he knows that he has to find the strength to carry on, not only for himself but also for his children, who relied on him as their guiding light. As Panganayi picked up the pieces of his broken heart, taking care of his children and homeschooling them as schools are closed because of the pandemic. The routine of their studies serves as a beacon of hope amidst the darkness that has descended upon their lives. Panganayi found solace in their laughter and dreams, vowing to protect their future and the future of the rhinos they held so dear.

Little did Panganayi know that his life was about to take another dramatic turn. Word reached him that a ruthless gang of commercial poachers has infiltrated their remote park, driven by greed and determined to profit from the illegal trade in rhino horns. Panganayi's heart sank as he realizes the dangerous threat this posed to the rhinos he has dedicated his life to safeguarding. With a heavy heart and a sense of urgency, Panganayi gathers his ill-equipped team, knowing that they are facing overwhelming odds. Armed with only basic weapons and lacking essential defense mechanisms, they embarks on a perilous mission to confront the poachers and protect the rhinos. The odds are stacked against them, but their unwavering determination gives them strength.

As they closes in on the poachers, a fierce battle ensued. Panganayi lost his men during a fight with the poachers but he has to fight valiantly, using every ounce of his strength and skill.



## PRODUCTION NOTE

From the creative minds behind the acclaimed productions “Wenera,” “Bundu,” and “Thandie’s Diary,” comes a compelling cinematic masterpiece that explores the theme of pride. Get ready to be captivated by “NYANGA,” an amazing film that will leave you inspired. In this extraordinary storytelling, we invite you to embark on a soul-stirring adventure that celebrates the indomitable human spirit. “NYANGA” takes place in a scenic remote area nestled amidst the breath-taking landscape of Nyanga.

Not all films are crafted solely for profit or to make a statement. Some are born from pure passion, and NYANGA is one such labor of love. After two years of nurturing this heartfelt project, we are thrilled to finally unveil it to you this upcoming summer. The film was brought to life in different locations around Zimbabwe over a span of 15 days. Talent of Steel, our main production company, joined forces with our revered partner, ZIMPARKS, to secure stunning shooting locations. Additionally, production houses such as Zhou Media, Tuckshop Ideas, The Audio Guy, The Balcony Studios, Astonish Media, Motion script, Inspired and Olivewood lent their expertise in various units to ensure the success of this remarkable endeavor.

## CHALLENGES FACED

The production of NYANGA presented its fair share of challenges, as any ambitious film project does. However, the dedicated team behind the film tackled these obstacles head-on, demonstrating their resilience and commitment to bringing this cinematic masterpiece to life.

One of the primary challenges faced during the production was the logistical complexity of filming in remote locations like Nyanga, Lake Kyle, Hwedza and Haka Game Park. These locations provided the perfect backdrop for the story, but it also meant navigating rugged terrain, limited infrastructure, and unpredictable weather conditions.

Another hurdle was the tight schedule. With a production timeline of just 15 days, every moment counted. The team had to meticulously plan each scene, manage time efficiently, and maintain a high level of focus and productivity throughout the shoot. Long hours and intense work became the norm as they strived to capture the essence of the story within the given timeframe.

Coordinating multiple production houses and departments also presented its own set of challenges. Each entity brought its unique creative vision and expertise to the table, but effective communication and collaboration were crucial to ensure a cohesive and harmonious end result. The team had to



---

work diligently to synchronize efforts, align artistic visions, and overcome any potential conflicts that arose. Despite these challenges, the production of NYANGA persevered. The team's passion, dedication, and resourcefulness allowed them to overcome obstacles and deliver a film that truly captures the spirit of the story. Their unwavering commitment to their craft and their ability to adapt and problem-solve in the face of adversity are a testament to their talent and professionalism.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

The team behind NYANGA was well aware of the unpredictable weather conditions that could potentially impact the production. They approached this challenge with careful planning, flexibility, and contingency measures to ensure the smoothest possible filming experience.

First and foremost, the production team closely monitored weather forecasts leading up to and during the shoot. This allowed them to anticipate any potential weather disruptions and make necessary adjustments to the schedule and shooting locations accordingly. Throughout filming in Nyanga, the weather was fair but the biggest challenge was the scenes which were filmed at the Nyangani Mountain. The mid-storm affected shooting but the team managed to pull through. The most challenging and unpredictable weather was in Lake Kyle where the rains affected the shooting schedule and the rhinos were nowhere to be seen. Luckily the last day of shoot the sun blessed the day and with the help of ZIMPARKS staff we managed to track down the rhinos.

To mitigate the impact of adverse weather, the team built in buffer days within the production schedule. These buffer days acted as a safety net, allowing for rescheduling or additional shooting time if weather conditions were unfavorable on any given day. This provided some flexibility and helped ensure that the production stayed on track despite unpredictable weather.

Overall, by staying vigilant, adapting as needed, and having contingency measures in place, we were able to navigate the challenges posed by the weather and ensure the successful completion of NYANGA.



## AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

Nyanga started its first film festival run and first ever screening at the SOTAMBE Zambia International Film Festival in September 2024. Its second run was at the Thilsri International Film Festivals in October 2024. Nyanga has been submitted to different festivals around the world and its World Premiere is expected to be held in Harare in December 2024.

SOTAMBE Zambia International Film Festival  
Nominee & Special Mention  
Best Feature Film Southern Africa

Thilsri International Film Festival  
Winner  
Best International Feature Film

Winner  
Best Director

Winner  
Best Cinematographer

Winner  
Best Original Score



## PRODUCTION COMPANY

Talent of Steel (TOS) is a dynamic and reputable local visual entertainment company that has firmly established itself as a leader in television and motion picture productions in Zimbabwe since its inception in 2015. At TOS, we pride ourselves on creating and distributing compelling and original content across various mediums. Our comprehensive range of services includes film, video, and media content production, all conveniently housed under one roof.

As trailblazers in the Zimbabwean film and television industry, TOS has played a pivotal role in bringing independent filmmaking to the forefront of the mainstream. Notably, our groundbreaking production, "Sores of Emmanuel," released in 2010, propelled us into the spotlight and paved the way for our continued success.

In recent years, TOS has achieved remarkable milestones through strategic collaborations. We are proud co-producers of the critically acclaimed "Cock Off" movie, available on Netflix, which has garnered international recognition. Additionally, our involvement in noteworthy projects such as "Thandie's Diary" film, "Bundu" TV series, aired on Zimbabwe's most popular satellite channel 3KTV on DStv, and the highly regarded Zimbabwean soap opera "Wenera," has solidified our position as industry leaders.

TOS remains committed to pushing creative boundaries, nurturing local talent, and delivering exceptional entertainment experiences to audiences both within Zimbabwe and beyond.

COLLIN  
NCUBE

LLOYD  
MAZENGULA

BENHILDAH  
KANDAWASVIKA

HARDLIFE  
MAKUKU



IT'S NOT ABOUT WAR OR PEACE, IT'S ABOUT PRIDE

# NYANGA



**CONTACT**

+263 774 070 663

+263 774 370 520

+263 719 070 663

**COLLIN  
NCUBE**

**LLOYD  
MAZENGULA**

**BENHILDAH  
KANDAWASVIKA**

**HARDLIFE  
MAKUKU**

IT'S NOT ABOUT WAR OR PEACE, IT'S ABOUT PRIDE

# NYANGA

