

A THOMAS GUMEDE FILM

# KEDIBONE

SMATSATSA COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY PRESENT A SMATSATSA PRODUCTION A THOMAS GUMEDE FILM  
NATASHA THAHANE "KEDIBONE" WHICHT NCUBENI BUSISIWE MSHALI THABO MALEMA MATLI MOHAPOLA THAMI MNGOULO AND KENNETH NKOSI WRITTEN BY ZAGA HLATSHWAYO DIRECTED BY THOMAS GUMEDE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER HARRY MAUTO  
PRODUCED BY HARRY MAUTO PRODUCED BY ANDREW MAHANGU COSTUME DESIGNER ROCHELLE SELLING DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY LANCE GEWER PRODUCTION DESIGNER MIKHAIL HLATSHWAYO MUSIC BY KAGABO KHUMALO VFX BY GEORGE WEBSTER EDITOR MANGALISO NKOSI



**PRODUCTION NOTES**

**The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)**

in association with **Smatsatsa Communications, Shack Pictures Productions** and

**Indigenous Film Distribution**

Present

A film by Thomas Gumedede

**KEDIBONE**

Directed by

THOMAS GUMEDE

Starring

NATASHA THAHANE

WRIGHT NGUBENI

KENNETH NKOSI

MATLI MOHAPELOA

THABO MALEMA

TESSA TWALA

BUSISIWE MTSHALI

Executive Producer

HARDY MAOTO

Producer

ANDREW MAHLANGU

HARDY MAOTO

Director Of Photography

LANCE GEWER



## Synopsis

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Kedibone is a poor, beautiful girl from the township and an aspiring actress. Her devoted boyfriend has put himself in debt to pay for her tertiary education. But while she is studying in Johannesburg, she starts to attract attention from rich hunks, celebrities and businessmen who promise her the affluent life she has always desired. What he doesn't know won't hurt him, surely? Can Kedibone live a double life and enjoy the best of both worlds?

## About the filmmakers

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### **ANDREW MAHLANGU – Producer**

Andrew Mahlangu was schooled at Kgomotso Comprehensive and on the streets of Gauteng. Since 2004, he has worked in the South African film industry, starting as a runner and climbing all the way to the rank of executive producer. He is a multi-talented filmmaker with the experience as a crew member and creative that makes for an excellent director and producer. In 2016, while in the US, Mahlangu so impressed an ABC executive that she invited him to shadow director Jann Turner on the TV series 'Scandal'. On his return to South Africa he went on to create, produce and direct a TV drama series, a number of short films and has one feature in the can and another in development. He is fluent in English, Zulu, isiSwati and Sotho.

### **HARDY MAOTO – Producer / Executive Producer**

Hardy Maoto is a producer, executive producer, scriptwriter and director who holds a Diploma in Media Practice. He comes from a television background, having worked for Multichoice as a media strategist and marketing analysis executive for 3 years between 2006 and 2009. He then co-founded SS Media Shack in 2009, a media agency through which he produced Hydraform, SA National Department of Transport, and Department of Women television commercials. He then went on to form Self Made Cheese, a creatives movement specializing in skills transfer and development in the film and television sector. Hardy already has two independently produced films under his belt (Kedibone, Wathinta Umfazi) as well as a 6-part television series Inganekwane

### **THOMAS GUMEDE – Director**

Thomas Gumede is an actor, director, executive producer and filmmaker. He holds a BA degree in Live Performance. Gumede received the award for Best Actor in a drama at the 2009 South African Film & Television Awards (SAFTAs), making him the youngest winner to date. In 2015 he received another SAFTA award for Best Actor in a local sitcom .

In just 15 years he has shared the screen and stage with some South Africa's greatest actors, comedians and musicians. He has also featured and worked in international films, sharing

the screen with A-list Hollywood super stars such as Idris Elba, Meg Ryan, LL Cool J, William H Macy, Jason Ritter and many more.

He is a walking platform for brands that want associate themselves with a young, black successful entertainer and youth ambassador.

Since 2012, he has taken on the role of executive producer for 12 television shows, with multiple seasons on the Multichoice platform across various entertainment channels, He has created each one, from conceptualisation all the way to production and delivery.

He executive produced 12 short films for MNet channel Mzansi Bioskop, directing one.

### **LANCE GEWER – Director of Photography**

Lance Gewer is an internationally recognised filmmaker and cinematographer with more than three decades of experience behind him. Gewer uses light, lensing and composition to shape the drama and ultimately the audience's emotional connection to characters on screen. He pursues truth of character and story in approaching his cinematography.

His influence on the work is clearly illustrated in South African classics such as the Oscar winner 'Tsotsi' (2005), 'Beat the Drum' (2002), 'Spud' (2010), 'Otelo Burning' (2011), 'Elelwani' (2012) and 'Happiness is a Four-Letter Word' (2016). Whether it is romantic comedy, like 'Zulu Wedding' (2018), 'Love Jacked' (2017), thrillers like 'Flight of the Storks' (2012), 'Kite' (2014), comedy like 'Jozi' (2010), drama like 'Master Harold and the Boys' (2010), docudrama like 'Mandela's Gun' (2016), documentary like 'Ochberg's Orphans' (2008), 'Dancing with the Devil' (2009), or high-concept TV drama like the BBC's series 'Our Girl' (2017-2019), he is at home with all styles and genres and enjoys taking on the challenges they each present.

His talent and passion for great cinematic storytelling have led him to work with internationally acclaimed directors such as Gavin Hood, Jan Kounen, John Irvin and Jon Blair, and actors such as Samuel L. Jackson, John Cleese, Freddie Highmore, Terry Pheto and just about every one of South Africa's great actors.

He is a proud finalist of the CamerImage Cinematography Festival in Poland (2005), a two-time SAFTA winner, and a recipient of many other awards. He and his work have been the subject of cover feature articles in “American Cinematographer” (March 2006) and Kodak’s “In Camera” (April 2006). Gewer takes much pleasure in challenging his craft, whether innovating with a first-time film director or inspiring an established director. He is looking forward to more challenges and adventures and to being part of ground-breaking teams making ground-breaking stories for people on this continent and around the globe.

### **ZABA LEROTO HLATSHWAYO – Script Writer**

Zaba Leroto Hlatshwayo is obsessed with creating and has worn many hats in the field of creative and commercial arts. A Market Theatre Laboratory graduate, his journey began in the theatre as a writer, director and performer from where he ventured into advertising and told brand stories as a copywriter for the likes of Amstel Lager, CIROC, Johnnie Walker Blue Label, Lays Deli, Crime Line SA, and LG Electronics. He worked his way into television and film where he currently directs, produces content and writes scripts for broadcasters and independent entities alike.

### **ROCHELLE SELLING – Wardrobe**

Rochelle Selling has been in the industry for more than 30 years. She has won three South African Film & Television Awards (SAFTAs), and a ten-year gold medal from the Soapie Awards for Best Wardrobe Designer. Selling is a positive achiever who is willing to take on any challenge a job may offer. She works well under pressure and has strong leadership qualities, and applies her vast experience gained in the national and international film industry.

### **MIKHAIL HLATSHWAYO – Art Director**

Mikhail Hlatshwayo is a recognised production designer who started his career in 2003 as a wardrobe assistant for the 'Pure Monate Show'. He worked his way up on various productions ranging from short films to international and local feature films, TV drama series, commercials and a lot more as a production designer responsible for the creative look and feel of productions.

He is known for his out-of-the-box thinking and creative genius, ensuring that he produces picture perfect designs for all sets he works on. He has a passion for imparting his knowledge to hardworking filmmakers working in his department. In 2012, he was a part of Mnet's mentoring programme Bubblegum Factory, where he headed a group of 10 aspiring art directors, some now working in the industry as HOD's. He has also helped train emerging filmmakers in KZN on multiple projects (short films) with Ingomso in 2014.

His love for film has seen him work on productions such as feature film 'Baby Mamas' (2019), 'Abomama', a controversial drama series shot in Soweto for Mzansi Magic Primetime. His international commercial 'Africa Millions' from the DRC won an Emerald Cristal Award at the African Cristal Festival in 2014. He also production designed the

heartfelt multi-award-winning short film 'The Letter Reader'. One of his most recent production is the drama series 'Grass Roots', created for Showmax.

## About the cast

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### **NATASHA THAHANE – Kedibone Manamela**

Natasha Thahane is a New York Film Academy alum, who stars as Wendy Dlamini in the Netflix teen drama *Blood and Water*. Thahane graduated in 2018 from NYFA's New York City campus after completing her 1-Year Conservatory Program in Acting for Film. She is a brand ambassador for French cosmetic company Garnier.

### **WRIGHT NGUBENI**

Wright Ngubeni began acting as a teenager in the SABC 1 television series 'Generations' as Jonathan Motene from 2003 to 2008. He also appeared in e.tv's 'Rhythm City' as Thula. He has appeared in the sitcom 'Thulani No Thuli' (2017), and the films 'Human Cargo' (2004), 'Duma' (2005), and 'Faith's Corner' (2005).

### **BUSISIWE MTSHALI**

Busisiwe Mtshali is a well-known television actress. She starred as working girl Shirley Dlamini in the Mzansi Magic crime drama series 'Mshika-shika' in 2012. In 2014 she starred in the second season of the e.tv anthology romance series 'Mzansi Love: Kasi Style'. She then went on to star as the title character Thandeka, a clever high schooler, in the SABC1 sitcom 'Thandeka's Diary' in 2015. She also had a guest starring role as DJ Gugs on the SABC3 soapie 'Isidingo'. More recently, she has starred in Mzansi Magic series 'Lockdown' and 'Abomama'.

Mtshali completed a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Dramatic Arts at Wits University.

### **THABO MALEMA**

Thabo Malema is one of South Africa's most recognised and versatile actors, having appeared in locally and internationally acclaimed films. He graduated from AFDA with a BA degree in Live Performance and has studied communication at UNISA.

He began acting in 2006. In the theatre, he has appeared in 'All Balls', 'Umuzi ka Vusi' and 'Woza Albert'. In 2015, he was nominated for the Golden Horn Award for Best Actor in a lead role at the South African Film and Television Awards (SAFTAs) for his role as Khaya in the film

'Single Guys'. He is best known for his roles as Vuyo in 'Agent', and as young Selogilwe Namane in 'Ashes to Ashes'. He also appeared 'The Lab' and 'Room 9', 'Gold Diggers' and 'Lithapo', and 'Single Guys'.

In 2016, he produced the historical film 'Kalushi', which tells the story of Solomon Mahlangu, a young boy who joins the South African liberation movement after being beaten by apartheid police officers. In 2020, he starred in the sex comedy film 'Seriously Single', co-directed by Katleho Ramaphakela and Rethabile Ramaphakela.

### **KENNETH NKOSI**

Kenneth began his acting career in community theatre. In 1993 he enrolled at the Market Theatre Laboratory in Johannesburg and in 1995 he made his debut in the comedy 'Afrodizzia' at the Johannesburg Civic Theatre. He also co-produced the sitcom 'Mzee wa Two Six', with Endemol.

In 2010, he was the host of the SABC2 World Cup show Siyaya 2010. He was the host of the SABC1 reality competition television series Class Act, from 2010-2011. In 2013 he began hosting the Mzansi Magic and Mzansi Wethu game show 'Wang Verstana', which tests how well engaged couples know each other.

In 2014 he hosted the e.tv reality competition series 'SA's Kitchen Queens', in which six women – with the aid of celebrity mentors – face off each week in challenges for a grand prize, whilst being equipped with skills such as negotiating, budgeting and cooking.

He is a well-known film actor, appearing in films including Otelo Burning (2011), 'Ayanda' (2015), 'Five Fingers for Marseilles', (2017), and 'Blessers' (2019).

**END CREDITS****CAST**

Kedibone	NATASHA THAHANE
Mrembula	WRIGHT NGOBENI
Franco	KENNETH NKOSI
Dexter	MATLI MOHAPELOA
Msithi	THABO MALEMA
Tanya	TESSA TWALA
Geminah	BUSISIWE MTSHALI
Smash	TAMSANQA MNGQOLO
Magauti	UNATHI GUMA
Pebbles	MELVINA EHELI
Amanda	KWEZI NDLOVU
Niki	SIVENATHI MABUYA
Madame	KEKE MPHUTI
Mingus	TSHEGO KOKE
Bra D	MUNTU ZWANE

**CREW**

Production Manager	Tebogo Ngobeni
Production Coordinator	Tshidiso Maoto
Production Assistant	Gift Zwane
Production Assistant	Chulumanca Dyasi
Cast Director	Nolwazi Ngubeni
Scheduler	Karen Pepler
Production Accounts	Igna Knoetze
Crew Driver	Itumeleng Mue
Cast Driver	Sekunjalo Vezi
1 <sup>st</sup> AD	Muntu Zwane
2 <sup>ND</sup> AD	Nkonzo Zwane
3 <sup>ND</sup> ADBoy	Derick Zulu
Continuity	Sfundo Ntuli
	Zanele Antonette Wardle
Focus Puller	Liphumile Goduka
Focus Puller	Wayne Cosby
Camera Assistant	Thulani Nghonyama
Camera Assistant	Mbali Ntshangase
Camera 2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Trevor Mdaki
Steadicam Operator	Charl Kamffer
Drone Operator	OM Films
DIT	Tanika Wessels
Gaffer	Emmanuel Sithole
Spark	Sifiso Hopewell Sibiya
Key Grip	Grant Anthony Rowe
Best Boy	Vukani Muthakhi
Best Boy	William Mnisi
Grips AssistantBongani	Wiseman Sibeko
Sound Mixer	George Ramosime
Sound Assistant	Portia Seonyane
Boom Swinger	Papiso Losaba
Boom Swinger	Samukelo Masuku
Art Director	Msindisi Mikhail Hlatswayo
Assistant Art Director	Tebogo Tshabalala
Production Designer	Msindisi Mikhail Hlatswayo
Art Standby	Tebogo Tshabalala
Set DresserReabetswe	Tlabyane
Props Master	Ayanda Maseko
Props Buyer	Ayanda Maseko
SFX,Stunts, Doubles & VFX	George Webster
Wardrobe HOD	Rochelle Rosey Selling
Wardrobe Intern	Keneilwe May

Wardrobe Driver	Mike Taunyane
Laundry	Janet Elms
Costume Assistant	Comfort Tyuthu
Costume Standby	Dikeledi Mosetsa
Make-Up Supervisor	Joyce Mpotle
Make-Up Artist	Simangele Nhlabathi
Make-Up Assistant	Naidene Maitland
Hair Supervisor	Joyce Mpotle
Hair Stylist	Simangele Nhlabathi
Hair Stylist	Basetsana Gorenkwang
Hair intern	Sophie Sulu
Location Scout / Unit Manager	Calvin Mlangeni
1 <sup>st</sup> Unit Assistant	Kenneth Mola
2 <sup>nd</sup> Unit Assistant	Kamogelo Lesobea
Stunt Driver	Mpho Khotsano and Crew
Set Catering and Craft Services	Dinkwe Catering
Post Production Supervisor	Mangaliso Nkosi
Picture and Color Grading	Alex May
Subtitles	Geno Shelile
Post Production Facilities and Final Mix	Solethu Visual Group Beyond Sound
Distribution	Indigenous Film Distribution
Music	Karabo Khumalo mabala Noise Ghetto Ruff Mash Linda Mkhize Swati King Kong Shack Records Bonezitto
Film Guarantors	Hollard Film Guarantors
Insurance	KEU

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