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## EDUCATION:

BA with Honors in History and French from the University of Wisconsin.

MA in French Literature from New York University.

MFA in Film from Columbia University.

## DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY:

### Features and Dramas

**MRS PLUM**, feature film for One Blood Films (in post-production) – director Noma Dewavrin

**LASGIDI COPS**, drama series for Asake Productions (**Canal Plus Commission**) (in post-production) – directors multiple

**BARE**, drama series for Enzillog Productions (**Netflix Commission**) (in post-production) – director Samad Davis

**DIE DEKONSTRUKSIE VAN RETTA BLOM**, feature film for The Ergo Company (**Silwerskermfees 2024**) – director Pieter Grobbelaar

**THE HOUSE THAT NEVER SLEEPS**, short film for The Ergo Company (**Durban International Film Festival 2025**) – director Sean Mongie

**THE PARTY**, feature film for Cinemax Entertainment (**Netflix**) – director Filmboy Morafa

**HIJACK 93**, feature film for Native Media and Play Network Studios (**Netflix**) – director Robert Peters

**THE MASKED KING**, feature film for Fito Fili Films – director Uduak-obong Patrick

**ANIKULAPO**, feature film for Golden Effects (**Netflix Commission**) – director Kunle Afolayan

**UTHANDO LWETHU**, feature film for NJW Productions (**Netflix**) – director Zuko Nodada

**A NAIJA CHRISTMAS**, feature film for Golden Effects (**Netflix Commission**) – director Kunle Afolayan

**SHANTYTOWN**, four part drama series for Giant Creative Media (**Netflix**) – director Dimeji Ajibola

**SWALLOW**, feature film for Golden Effects (**Netflix Commission**) – director Kunle Afolayan

**THOLWANA BORELEDI**, short film for BGN – director Kopedi Aphone

**CITATION**, feature film for Golden Effects (**Netflix Commission**) – director Kunle Afolayan

**POU (PEACOCK)**, feature film for The Ergo Company (**Amazon Prime**) – director Jaco Minnaar

**LA FEMME ANJOLA**, feature film for The Audrey Silva Company (**Amazon Prime**) – director Mildred Okwo

**SEW THE WINTER TO MY SKIN**, feature film for Yellowbone Entertainment (**Netflix**) (**winner best feature film SAFTAS 2019**) – director Jahmil Qubeka

**VOICELESS**, feature film for Native Media (**premiered PAFF 2020**) (**Netflix**) – director Robert Peters

**STILL BORN**, short film for Yellowbone Entertainment (**winner best short film SAFTAS 2019**) – director Jahmil Qubeka

**SHE IS KING**, feature film for The Griot and Indigenous Film – director Gersh Kgamede

**DIS EK ANNA**, feature film for Palama Productions (**winner best feature film Silwerskermfees 2015; winner best feature film SAFTAS 2016**) – director Sara Blecher

**AYANDA**, feature film for Cinga Productions (**opening night film Durban International Film Festival 2015**) – director Sara Blecher

**OF GOOD REPORT**, feature film for Spier Films and New Brighton Pictures (Netflix) (**opening night film Durban International Film Festival 2013; winner best feature film SAFTAS 2014**) – director Jahmil Qubeka

**THE REPUBLIC 2**, television series for Tshedza Pictures

**UNMARRIED 2**, television drama for Ferguson Films

**HOUSEKEEPERS 2**, television drama for Ochre Media

**RING OF LIES**, television drama for Penguin Films

**VLUG NA EGIPTIE**, television drama for Stark Films

**HAPPY EVER AFTERS**, feature film for Newgrange Pictures (starring Sally Hawkins) – director Stephen Burke

**HARTLAND**, television drama for Bottom Line

**SIRI**, East African television drama for Alison Productions

**ANNER HOUSE**, feature film for Little Bird – director Stephen Burke

**CONFESSIONS OF A GAMBLER**, feature film for Roguestar Films – director Amanda Lane

**UNCLE MAX I & II**, BBC television comedy for Little Bird

**GUMS & NOSES**, feature film for Tom Pictures – director Craig Freimond

**DEATH & TEXAS**, feature film for Neofight Films – director Kevin DiNovis

**PURE BLOOD**, feature film for Bioskope Pictures – director Ken Kaplan

**SURRENDER DOROTHY**, feature film for K. Dinovis Productions – director Kevin DiNovis

## **Documentaries**

**BUILDINGS REMEMBER PEOPLE**, documentary for Shapiro and Sons (in production) – director David Shapiro

**THE ARCH, A FOUR-PART DOCUMENTARY**, documentary series for Attuned You and Arena Holdings – director Clarence Hamilton

**UNTITLED PIZZA MOVIE**, documentary series for C41 Media (premiered at Sundance 2020) – director David Shapiro

**MINERS SHOT DOWN**, documentary for Uhuru Productions (winner best documentary **International Emmy's 2015**) – director Rehad Desai

**28UP SOUTH AFRICA**, documentary for ITV/Granada Television – director Angus Gibson

**CHARLIE NKUNA, A GAME RANGER**, documentary for Public Nature Media – director Pat van Heerden

**THE TWELVE DISCIPLES OF NELSON MANDELA**, documentary for Thomas Allen Harris Productions and Curious Pictures – director Thomas Allen Harris

**THE RETURN OF SARAH BAARTMAN**, documentary for Zola Maseko Productions – director Zola Maseko

**KEEP THE RIVER ON YOUR RIGHT**, documentary for Lifer Productions (**IDFA Special Jury Award 2000**) – director David Shapiro