



Carla Fonseca-Mokgata

Actress | Performance Artist | Director | Voice Over Artist

Carla Fonseca-Mokgata is a storyteller whose audacious and thrilling ideas have captivated audiences around the world. Hailing from the rich cultural tapestry of South Africa and Mozambique, she is a multi-disciplinary artist: director, writer, actress and musician. Graduating from the esteemed University of Cape Town in 2010, Fonseca has fearlessly dedicated her creative talents to exploring the historical and contemporary societal traumas of South Africa.

With an unwavering commitment to her craft, Fonseca has transported her storytelling prowess to numerous countries, leaving her mark on audiences globally. Her artistic footprint extends to places as diverse as Belgium, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Kenya, Uganda, China, South Korea, the UK, Brazil, the USA, Australia, Singapore, Poland, Indonesia, the Netherlands, France, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and more. Fonseca's magnum opus, the indie full-length dramatic feature film "Burkinabe," was shot amidst the landscapes of Burkina Faso. This cinematic experiment has graced film festivals in over 10 countries across the globe. In 2023 she was written and directed a feature film, licensed by Amazon Prime, which is slated for completion and release in April 2024.

Beyond her cinematic triumphs, Carla is a tireless advocate for cultivating a vibrant storytelling and artistic culture within South Africa. Her creative arsenal spans a diverse range of mediums, all meticulously wielded to achieve her visionary objectives. Drawing inspiration from personal experiences, the annals of African history, the richness of African traditions, and the unfolding tapestry of global affairs, Fonseca's creative energy finds its truest expression in the realms of Avant Garde theatre and thriller cinema. As the Sunday Times once wrote "One of South Africa's exciting young contemporary artists, Fonseca is best known for producing thought-provoking, emotionally resonant, and daring artworks." Her contributions to the world of art are a testament to her unyielding dedication to pushing boundaries and crafting narratives that challenge, inspire, and captivate audiences worldwide.

Performance Resume



TRAINING:

University of Cape Town – BA Theatre and Performance Diploma Acting Pro Arte High School of Arts – Matriculated with additional Drama subjects

THEATRE:

2020	Virtual Lecture	Role: Guest Lecturer	Columbia University
2019	MODJADJI IN ABSENTIA	Role: Director	THE MARKET THEATRE, JHB
2019	THE SAME PAIN	Role: Director	SOWETO THEATRE, JHB
2017	MODJADJI	Role: Director	MAGNET THEATRE, CPT
2016	WHISKY & CIGARETTES	Role: Director	POP ART THEATRE, JHB
2015	SENT	Role: Actress + Co-Director	SOHO PLAYHOUSE, NY, USA
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2014	SENT	Role: Actress + Co-Director	SIGHT SPECIFIC, JHB
2012	OTHER PEOPLES LIVES	Role: Claire	Dir. Sanjin Muftic
2011	PASSAGES	Role: Radical woman	Dir.Sue Kiel
2010	SIENER IN DIE SUBURBS	Role: Ma	Dir. Sandra Temmingh
2010	SALOME	Role: Nazareen	Dir. Geoffrey Hyland
2009	ADAPTATION: A LOVELY SUNDAY AT CREVE COUER	Role: Tennile	Dir. Inna Bruce
2009	KERSIEBOORD, CHERRY ORCHARD	Role: Ma / Liefie	Dir. Sandra Temmingh
2009	COWBOY MOUTH	Role: Cavalle	Dir. Lefraas Mouton
2008	DRIE SUSTERS	Role: Minnie	Dir. Sherna Botto

TELEVISION AND FILM:

2023	PROJECT NOT RELEASED YET-TBC	Role: Orla	Film Afrika/Netflix
2022	SHAKA ILEMBE	Role: Charlotte	Bomb Productions
2022	KIZAZI MOTO: Surf Sangoma	Role: Mlindos, Ma Se Kind & an Ancestor	Disney Animations
2022	MIETA SCREENPLAY (In Development)	Role: Writer	
2022	THE ESTATE	Role: Latifah	Clive Morris Productions
2021	SKELETONS (Digital)	Role: Lead Actress	Dir. Jade Bowers
2021	ZIZOJIK' IZINTO (Short Film)	Role:	
2021	BUT SOME OF US ARE BRAVE (In Development)	Role:	
2017	BURKINABE (Feature)	Role: Director and Actress	Dir. Carla Fonseca
2017	THE OTHER SIDE (Short)	Role: Actress	
2017	STRANGER (Short)	Role: Director and Actress	Dir. Carla Fonseca
2016	PEOPLE YOU MAY KNOW (Pilot Series)	Role: Actress	
2014	HEROES	Role: Lead	Dir. Zandi Tisani
2014	RING AROUND THE ROSES (Short)	Role: Director + Actress	Dir. Carla Fonseca





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PERFORMANCES:

Carla Fonseca is the lead vocalist for South African collective, BATUK.

Between 2015 - 2019 she has performed in over 30 countries worldwide, including Belgium, Burkina Faso, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Norway, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Reunion Island, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Swaziland, Switzerland, Sweden, Uganda, USA and the United Kingdom.

EXHIBITIONS:

2021	LABYRINTH PIECE	Time Drum Production
2021	ZIZOJIK' IZINTO – (Un)Infecting The City	
2020	AGAIN SHE REIGNS EXHIBITION	Loop Gallery
2020	FONSECA&MOKGATA ART	Investec Capt Art Fair
2019	PLEASE DO NOT REPLY	FNB ART Festival, JHB
2015	OTHER	FNB ART Festival, JHB
2015	PLEASE DO NOT REPLY	Turbine Art Festival, JHB
2014	IN HONOUR OF THE WOMAN	German Artists, Berlin
2014	DON'T REPLY TO THIS SMS (Performance Showcase)	Kalashnikovv Gallery
2014	RIOT EXHIBITION	Consitutional Hill, Jhb
2014	DEATH OF THE OLD	Kalashnikovv Gallery
2013	BANG (Group Exhibition)	Kalashnikovv Gallery
2012	DID YOU KNOW (Performance Art Installation)	Toffie Pop Festival
2011	REPUBLIC (Performance Art Installation)	Cape Town City Hall
2011	TOO LEITE (Solo Exhibition)	Barrington Studios
2010	POST - PRE TENSE (Dancer)	Cur. Jay Pather

SKILLS:

- Writing
- Directing
- Singing
- Film Editing





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