



Lorcia Cooper-Kumalo

Actress | Presenter | Dancer | Choreographer | Motivational Speaker | Life Coach

Lorcia Copper Kumalo was born in raised in Cape Town. Lorcia trained in dance at Debbie Turner's Academy of Dance. A renown face on SA shores, Lorcia where's many caps, namely; Dancer, Choreographer, Dance Teacher, Actress, Presenter Motivational Speaker and Life Coach.

Lorcia joined her first youth dance group at the age of 15, Cape Youth Dance Company. Moving on to join her first professional outfit, the North West Dance Company at the age of 18 years old. At the age of 20 Lorcia was nominated for the FNB Dancer of the Year. This catapulted her dancing career as she went on to perform in various theatre and corporate shows across the world, including Europe and the USA.

Lorcia's first break onto local television screens was on the hit ETV show, Backstage. Both acting and choreographing for the show, Lorcia played the role of Charmaine. After leaving the show, she moved on to perform in various prime time shows. In 2019 and 2020 Lorcia was nominated for a SAFTA award for Best Supporting Actress in a Drama series (Lockdown), taking home the award in 2019.

With her passion rooted in being a change facilitator and making a positive difference to the youth, Lorcia started a programme called 'Life Skills through Dance', by partnering with brands such as McDonald's, Easy Waves and Shield the programme which has to date reached over 3000 young people and taught them valuable life skills through the medium of dance, empowering their future's.

Performance Resume

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TRAINING:

Debbie Turner Academy of Dance

TELEVISION EXPERIENCE:

2024	Breekpunt	Role: Roslynn Joshua	Ochre Media
2023	Red Ink	Role: Detective Morapedi	Bomb Shelter Productions Showmax
2023	Nikiwe	Role: Mimi Cooper	Parental Advisory Productions Etv
2021 - 2023	The Estate S1-3	Role: Det. Jo Mohammed	Clive Morris Productions SABC 3
2022 - 2023	Scandal	Role: Erin	Ochre Media Etv
2020	Still Breathing	Role: Lucille	BBZEE Films MNet
2020	Housekeepers S2	Role: Mkhonto	Ochre Media Msanzi Magic
2019	The Queen	Role: Cordelia	Ferguson Films Msanzi Magic
2017 - 2020	Lockdown S1-5	Role: Tyson	Blackbrain Pictures Msanzi Magic
2017	Bedford Wives	Role: Lorna Williams	Burnt Onion Productions SABC 3
2013 - 2016	Scandal	Role: Erin	Ochre Media Etv
2000 - 2007	Backstage	Role: Charmaine Jacobs	Bottom Line Productions Etv

PRESENTING, HOSTING & CHOREOGRAPHING EXPERIENCE:

2021	Stand Up South Africa	Role: Judge	Hipster Media SABC 2
2018	Showville S2	Role: Host/Mentor	Okuhle Media SABC 2
2012	Step Up or Step Out	Role: Choreographer	Etv
2011	Cartoon Network Dance Club S2	Role: Host/Choreographer	Cartoon Network
2010	So You Think You Can Dance	Role: Choreographer	SABC 1
2009	Cartoon Network Dance Club S1	Role: Host/Choreographer	Cartoon Network
2008	Dans Dans Dans	Role: Judge	Kyknet
2008	Highschool Musical Spotlight SA	Role: Judge/Choreographer	EdenRage Media MNet

FILM EXPERIENCE:

2023	Neelan & Kevin	Role: Mercia	EVOD
2022	Nandi	Role: Jayan	Dir. Khalid EL-Jelailati
2022	Father's Matter: Manskap	Role: Sandra	Heartlines Foundation SABC 2
2017	Zulu Wedding	Role: Marang	Luju Films
2003	Hey Boy	Role: Cindi	Brave Films

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS:

2021	SAFTA	Nominated	Best Supporting Actress in a TV Drama Series	Housekeepers S2
2020	SAFTA	Nominated	Best Supporting Actress in a TV Drama Series	Lockdown S4
2019	SAFTA	Winner	Best Supporting Actress in a TV Drama Series	Lockdown S2

SKILLS:

Choreographer and dancer





Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Height:

Language: Afrikaans, English