

Producer/Writer

Struan Jon Stuart Douglas

Struan Jon Stuart Douglas is a Durban South Africa born author and musician. Following his completion of Bachelor Social Sciences Honours in Philosophy and Religion from the University of Cape town in 1999, he founded afribeat.com, the first online Pan African Music Resource. Afribeat was active in Cape Town releasing 4 music albums.

In 2005 he moved to Durban and authored his first book Shadows of Justice. In 2012 he qualified from Ukusa (University of KwaZulu Natal) with Royal School of Music grade 5 theory and trumpet and has published five books including the award winning book series, Story of South African Jazz, the novel To the Peace on Earth and Oh Huri+oaxa Shipwrecked.

In 2020 he co-founded the Sausage Film Company to adapt Story of SA Jazz (SOSAJ) to screen. To date Sausage Films has released 26 short documentaries and is prolific in fulfilling the gaps in cultural memory caused by historical inequalities.

As an activist he has worked with Bailey African History Archive, MELT2000 and Jazz Against Apartheid South Africa and has made a significant contribution to the cultural advancement of South Africa through his writings in magazines and newspapers including times and independent in South Africa and major international publications such as Billboard and New Africa Magazine.

Selected Works

Mbizo yamaKhono Season Four: uBuntu 5 x 15 min (Producer, Writer, Series). 2025

When you nurture your tree of wisdom, indigenous knowledge and spirit traditions, your roots grow deeper, and your shoots rise higher. In ancient societies wisdom is regarded as an irreplaceable knowledge of experience. Wisdom is highly valuable and sought after in the workplace. uBuntu profiles five key protagonists and the life lessons they are actively returning to community.

Mbizo yamaKhono Season Three: Afrika Year 5 x 12 min (Producer, Writer, Series). 2023

Learning modules broadening the approach to music genres and catering from afro-pop to traditional music, maskandi and reggae. Afrika Year teachings emphasize practicing humility, respecting the audience, taking your business seriously and appreciating indigenous music

Mbizo yamaKhono Season Two: 8 x 10 min (Producer, Writer, Series). 2022

Season Two, delves deeper into South African music. Tools of capacity building in music, self-expression and sustainable practice are shared by great artists with a focus on personal development, jazz, poetry, soul, spirituality, studio work and festival direction.

Mbizo yamaKhono Season One: Assimilation 8 x 5 min (Producer, Writer, Series). 2021

Season One, is a gathering of knowledge. The focus is on general knowledge and capacity building relevant to strong professional and career advancement for a world class South African music industry of the future. Attunement brings a focus on song-writing, African jazz and blues styles, Rhythm Workshops, Spirituality and Freedom in music.

Jazz Against Apartheid: (Producer Cultural Exchange) 2023

The living legacy of Johnny Dyani the composer who bridged music and society, jazz and freedom. Compositions of the magician of the ostinato, re-imagined in the Eastern Cape to restore a complete archive of 30 years of cultural memory.

To the Peace on Earth (Author Biography) 2019

A ground breaking book on healing through spirituality and music. Set during the musical clinic of South Africa's miracle peaceful transformation, it is an amazing story of the power of music to bring joy, growth and healing.

Story of South African Jazz (Author Biography Series) 2015

A life lived and learned through the lens of heart centred South African jazz musical vibration, provides a great journey into exposing the extraordinary role the South African jazz music has played in the development of humanity worldwide.

Shadows of Justice: (Author Biography) 2007

A history from the other side of a true hero of the struggle. A man wanted dead or alive by the notorious apartheid regime from South Africa, Graham's fight for freedom, justice and equality could not be stopped. From the unwavering truths of the heart to the multi-racial freedom of the new South Africa, this book is written so that history is not distorted.

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