

Script Writer

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South African



Vusi Mchunu is a South African poet, heritage practitioner, film researcher, writer and producer. A political exile to Berlin, Germany (1982-1993), he is the 2022 South African Literary Awards, lifetime achievement award winner for his multiple poetry books including *Stronger Souls - Poems, Essays and Graphics* by Lefifi Tladi, *Pipedreams – 450 Zulu poems of Mazisi Kunene* translated by Vusi Mchunu, *Pleiades-iSilimela – 100 poems by Vusi Mchunu*, *Kraal to Eternity – iSibaya saPhakade*; 100 Zulu poems of Sandile Ngidi translated by Vusi Mchunu.

He has a Master of Arts from the Free University of Berlin, 1992, and has founded the heritage solutions outfit, House of Memory (2007 – 2014) and co-founder of the Sausage Film Company in 2020.

Vusi has curated multiple museums of cultural heritage: Haus der Kulturen der Welt (Berlin, Germany) AmaNdebele-People of Colour, Transnet Railway Museums, Samora Machel in Mbuzini, Nomoya Masilela in Bethal, African National Congress 100 years' anti-Apartheid icons sculptures in KZN, Joburg's Downtown Music Hub Museum, DOC Matiwane Family Museum in Pietermaritzburg, Kruger National Park Museum, Swazi King Sobhuza Museum in Piggs Peak, Alexandra Heritage Centre, South African Air Force Museum at Zwartkop Military Air Base. He was Chairperson of Freedom Park Council (2013 – 2016). Chief Director Heritage for the Department of Military Veterans (2017 – 2019). He is currently Associate at heritage solutions company, Creative Repair & A/42 and publisher of "Unauthorised Online Newsletter." A cancer survivor with a speech impediment, Vusi has a twenty year working relationship with Busi Mhlongo.

Umzansi Community Art Centre (1994 – 1996)

Founder and Director of Clermont Township training programme in drama, song, dance, painting, photography and instruments playing. Here, Vusi worked with Busi Mhlongo in the production of the musical "Full Peace Dream-Uxolo Kancane" calling for peace between the ANC & IFP in KZN. Busi

Mhlongo,s message in her first album, ABABHEMU. This musical was performed at the 1994 National Arts Festival in Makhanda.

Amakholwa – Believers Album (2009)

Co-Executive Producer of South Africa's music icon, BUSI MHLONGO's final CD, "Amakholwa – Believers."

Documentary Filmography

1994 Popular History of Clermont Township: Research, writer, video documentation, Umzansi Arts Centre, building the archive.

1999 Destination Durban promotional tourism film: Research, co-Concept, re-enactment casting, Tourism Durban

2008 Samora Machel Museum orientation documentary film: Research in Mozambique, co-Writer for documentary film, at Mbuzini Village.

2011 "People of Bethal"" orientation documentary film: Research, co-Writer & Interviewer, Nomoya Masilela Museum, Bethal.

2013 "Eclipse at iSandlwana- Spirit of King Cetshwayo"": Research, co-Writer and Zululand shoot co-ordinator, Promo/Trailer is available.

2014 SABC 2 "African Glory- Africa & the Olympics": Research, co-Writer, Interviewer: a 2 hour/2 part documentary film for SABC Sport; screened during the Rio De Janeiro Olympics 2014

2022 "THE TEXTURE OF SHADOWS", 6 part/1 hour each TV Series, adaptation of Mandla Langa's acclaimed Texture of Shadows book: Researcher, co-Writer, Proof of Concept Promo/Trailer available, project awaiting Production funding

2024 Development of Busi Mhlongo documentary film: Research, co-Writer, co-coordinator for the 'Busi in Holland' promotional video.