

YOLANDA LINDEQUE-STRAUSS

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT YOLANDA

"I have worked with Yolanda on a couple of projects for a few years. As a writer I wrote with her in a writer's room on a new drama series. Yolanda knows story, her characters are rich and her dialogue is great. She is a great collaborator and an excellent writer, and I would recommend her for any project she takes on, and as a writer and a producer I will continue to work with her going forward," Dominique Masson, producer, writer, creative.

"Yolanda is a passionate creative with an imagination to rival the best I've had an opportunity to work with. Her creativity extends past the obvious to the unimaginable and she brings with her a new perspective on old ideals. Working with her is an evolution that one greatly embraces as it can only lead to better and greater things... need to "pimp" your idea? Give Yolanda a shout and she'll deliver 10/10," Mpho Olifant, producer, South Africa.

"I know her to be an enthusiastic person, creative, capable and hardworking, who always strives to deliver quality work," Thea About, Executive Officer, Writers Guild of South Africa.



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LINKS

["HALLO! HALLO!"](#) sitcom pilot episode

["THE GROOM"](#) short film

["WOLRAAD WOLTEMADE"](#) Proof of Concept

[Upon A Quest Blog](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE

WRITING

TV AND FILM

- Episodes 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 20, 22 for "CRIME AND NUMEROLOGY" (working title), being produced by Di Productions and Footprint Media TV Academy for Africa XP, 2023
- Episodes 8 and 9 for "DIPHETOGO," a SABC 2 drama series, 2018
- 222 Episodes for Christian TV talk show, "HEARTBEAT", Mnet spare channel 8, August 2010 to November 2014
- Educational video script for the Department of Justice's Maintenance Court, 2014
- Educational video script for the Department of Justice's new Sexual Offences Courts, 2014

OTHER

- Location scout, ["THE GROOM"](#), short film by Garth McCarthy, 2018

REFERENCES

- Mpho Olifant
T. 083 365 4678
- T. Proza Mnisi
073 545 4594
- Lorato Phefo
T. 084 883 5944

EDUCATION

- Grade 12, (Math, Accounting, Science, Biology, English & Afrikaans), 1993
- N5 Secretarial Certificate, 1996
- Diploma in Media & Public Relations, 2005
- FrontPage Basic Web Design Certificate, 2006
- Magazine Journalism Certificate, 2009

ACCOLADES

- Finalist in Writers' Guild South Africa's Great Idea competition 2013 with sitcom entry "Hallo! Hallo!"
- Staff Award from the School of Public Management and Administration, University of Pretoria, 2002

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- Training Of Trainers workshop presented by the Writers' Guild of South Africa, funded by the DSAC, 2020
- Workshops and knowledge share sessions hosted by the Writers' Guild South Africa, 2010 to 2017
- "Writing For Games," masterclass presented by Andrew (Andy) Walsh (best known for his work on the computer games Prince Of Persia, Shadow Of The Beast, Lego City: Undercover, Risen, Harry Potter, Fable Legends and Need For Speed), February 2014
- Comedy writing masterclass presented by Tim O'donnell (producer-scriptwriter, showrunner

- Character re-enactment in the BBC documentary "HOLMFIRTH HOLLYWOOD" (under her previous surname, McCabe), 2006.

PUBLISHED

- "Wolraad Woltemade", Africana Society, Yearbook 2020 No. 35, STN Drukkers, Pretoria, ISSN 0396574
- "Surfer Girl," Wild Sunshine Magazine, 2020

CORPORATE

UPON A QUEST SCREENWRITERS' AGENCY AND MANAGEMENT COMPANY (PTY) LTD.

MARCH 2017 – DECEMBER 2019

Founding Member, Company Director, Chief Operations Officer, Screenwriters' Agent

Designed and implemented standard operating procedures (SOP), and business plan. Extensive research and implementation of agency, option, sales, and writer-for-hire contracts, and business tax. Secretarial, administrative, and bookkeeping duties. Website design, management and blogging. Attend film festivals and markets to market clients' work. Negotiation of option agreements for screenwriters, short-term screenwriting assignment agreements. Assist clients with basic business practices. Online marketing and cold queries to producers and production houses on behalf of clients. Script reading, screenplay editing and script doctor services. Manage outsourced script services for the agency's clients.

THE INDEPENDENT WRITER YOLANDA (PTY) LTD.

AUGUST 2010 – NOVEMBER 2020

Company Owner, Screenwriter

Writing television scripts for a Christian talk show, educational scripts for Department of Justice Sexual Offenses Court and Department of Justice Maintenance Court of South Africa, conceptualized, wrote and produced the pilot episode of the sitcom titled "Hallo! Hallo". Wrote and produced a short film titled "Sky Unlimited" but which was never edited. Wrote 2 episodes for the SABC 2 drama titled "DIPHETOGO" (The Change). Social media administrator for the Writers' Guild of South Africa (WGSA) for many years, and WGSA newsletter editor and contributor. Established a presence for the WGSA in Pretoria, South Africa. Judged scripts in the first round of the WGSA Muse Awards. Script edited "Finding Joy", a dark comedy adapted for film-for-TV and broadcast on ETV in 2011. Intensive research about Wolraad Woltemade in archives, from 2006 to 2019, and directed a Proof of Concept as well as published part of the research in the Africana Society's Yearbook, 2020.

SUMMARY OF OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

JANUARY 1994 TO JULY 2010 AT VARIOUS COMPANIES

(Companies' details and dates can be provided on request)

and director, known for “Growing Pains”, “Clueless” and “Phil Of The Future” as well as adapting “Everybody Loves Raymond” for the eastern European audience), June 2014

- “From Page To Screen” and “Find Your Voice As A Writer” workshops presented by Daniel Dercksen, 2011
- Prose short course, presented by the ATKV (Afrikaanse Taal En Kultuur Vereniging), 2009

WORKSHOPS PRESENTED

- 2011 – 2013 Numerous workshops for beginner screenwriters in Pretoria for the Writers Guild of South Africa (WGSA)
- 2020 WGSA Outreach Programme online training and mentorship (Afrikaans)
- 2021 WGSA Indigenous Screenwriting Programme 2-and-a half day course (Afrikaans) in Pretoria

SOFT SKILLS TRAINING RECEIVED

- Time management and team leadership, 2002

General administrative office work - Legal office secretary - Departmental Administrative Assistant: managing department budgets, reports to international funders, exam logistics, travel logistics, preparing purchase orders, submitting invoices to University Finances Department and personal assistant duties for the Head of the Department during absence of his PA, set-up and technical support at departmental events. - Residential lettings agent - Printing representative - Teaching unemployed adults Word Processing, typing electronic typewriters and computer training on Quattro Pro, WordPerfect and Presentations - BBEE certification applications data capturing - Bookkeeper and data capturing at accounting firm - Lecturer to adults in Word Perfect 2.1, PowerPoint and QuattroPro (1996) - Design and implement training manuals for adults in: typing, word processing, and basic principles and use of spreadsheets

COMPUTER SOFTWARE SKILLS

- MICROSOFT: Word (type 90 w.p.m.), Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher.
- OTHER: PropCo (England), Unikom at the University of Pretoria, NedExec for salary transfers, Prism (printing industry software), and CelTX and KitScenarist (script writing software like Final Draft)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

WRITERS GUILD OF SOUTH AFRICA

- Full Member
2010 – CURRENT
- Council member: Professional Development Pretoria
2011 – 2012
- Council Member: Communications Portfolio
2021-2022
- Qualified Trainer for Beginner Screenwriters, Afrikaans and English
2021 - CURRENT