



Mvelisi Mvandaba

Actor | Voice Artist

Mvelisi Mvandaba (24) studied through the prestigious Theatre & Performance Honours Degree Program at the University of Cape Town.

At sixteen, Mvelisi booked his first feature film – *Spud 3: Learning to Fly* alongside international stars Troye Sivan and John Cleese. He has subsequently landed supporting roles on the SABC 1, Penguin Films produced comedy series *Forced Love* as Lutho as well as featured in the SHOWTIME USA Drama *Pariah: The Lives & Death of Sonny Liston* directed by Emmy Nominated director, Simon George.

Mvelisi has starred in an array of international and local television commercials, brand films, and has done voice work for some of the country's biggest brands.

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TRAINING:

2018	Scene Study Workshop	Bonnie Lee Bouman
2016	Accent Coaching	Robyn Scott
2016	Utah Hagan Technique	Bonnie Rodini
2016	Casting for Camera	Mito Skellern
2015	BA (Hons) Theatre & Performance	University of Cape Town

THEATRE EXPERIENCE:

2019	The MP's New Suit	Role: MP	Artscape Arena, dir. Roy Sargeant
2016/17	The Underground Library	Role: Bomvu / Lexicon	Alexander Upstairs
2016	On Time	Role: Nwayi	Women's Playwrights Int. Conference
2016	I Want to Fly	Role: Man / Tean	Women's Playwrights Int. Conference
2015	Karoo Moose	Role: Various	Arena Theatre
2015	Giants	Role: Asante	Arena Theatre

TELEVISION EXPERIENCE:

2015	Forced Love	Role: Lutho	Penguin Films, SABC 1, dir. Mandy Yengo
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FILM EXPERIENCE:

2019	Keep Needing Me	Role: Eli	dir. Joshua van der Velden
2018	Pariah: Sonny Liston	Role: Diner Worker	Trilogy Studios, Showtime USA
2018	The Violent Smell (Short Film)	Role: Greg	SAE, dir. Justin Patterson
2015	Tainted Blood (Short Film)	Role: Mandla	D'Jemba Films, dir. Jembe Moran
2013	Spud 3: Learning to Fly	Role: "Meany" Dlamini	Rogue Star Films, dir. John Barker

PRESENTING EXPERIENCE:

2017	Business Experience Course	Role: Pan African Presenter	Paradigm Shift, Multichoice Africa
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AWARDS:

2016	Nominated	SAFTAS: Best supporting Actor in a TV Comedy for Forced Love
2015	Won	Shotties: Best Actor for Tainted Blood
2013	Won	Best Senior Performer & Senior Bursary at the Cape Town Eisteddfod



Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 1.75m
Languages: English, isiXhosa, Afrikaans
Accents: Standard USA, Various South African, British