



Mpho Osei-Tutu

Actor | Voice Over Artist | Writer | Director

Mpho Osei-Tutu was born in Paris to a Mosotho mother and Ghanaian father and has lived in South Africa, Lesotho, France, England, Togo, Ghana and the United States.

His love of drama began at the tender age of eight. He holds a B.A. (Hons) in Dramatic Art from Wits University, where he majored in Performance, Television and Screenwriting and is a familiar actor on the South African stage and screen.

On stage, Mpho has performed in Mike van Graan's *When Swallows Cry* (2018 Naledi Awards Best Play). He also played Mr. Grove in Reza de Wet's *African Gothic* (2018 Broadway World Awards Best Play and Best Actor in a Featured Role). His portrayal of multiple roles in Wajdi Mouawad's *Scorched* earned him a Best Actor nomination at the 2017 Naledis and he was part of the 2013 Naledi Best Play ensemble of Moliere's *The Miser*. He enjoyed success with his self-penned *Convincing Carlos* (2010 Standard Bank Ovation Award) and has enjoyed multiple runs with Zakes Mda's *The Mother Of All Eating*, Paul Slabolepsky's *For Your Ears Only* and Athol Fugard's *The Island*. He also played Ramabanquo in Pieter-Dirk Uys' *MacBeki*.

On screen, Mpho has starred in TV shows, films and commercials. He currently plays the role of fallen Mayor of Joburg, Shivambu, on Mzansi Magic's *Isithembiso* and played twins Tebza and Gary in the second instalment of the popular anthological series *The Imposter* (on Showmax). He received Best Actor nominations in the form of Peter Bishai's internationally acclaimed *A Million Colours/Colors of Heaven* (on Netflix) and the Mzansi Magic sitcom *Samsokolo* at the SAFTAs (South Africa's Oscars) in 2013 and 2014 respectively. In 2007 he was part of the cast for the International Emmy nominated *Home Affairs*. He has acted in TV shows for HBO, BET, BBC, Endemol and Discovery Channel and has worked with acclaimed winning directors Phillip Noyce, Peter Bishai, Bronwen Hughes, John Irvin, Julian Jarrold and Akin Omotoso.

Mpho is a voice over artist who has voiced radio and TV commercials, corporate events, telephone IVRs, audio books and radio plays. He was part of the cast of the MTN Radio Award Winning radio *Radio Vuka*.

He is also an award winning screenwriter, a director and a producer with sitcom, drama and talk show credits to his name. He has been on the following SAFTA winning teams: *Thuli no Thulani* (2019 Best Writing in a Comedy), *Ga Re Dumele* (2016 Best Directing in a Comedy), *Check Coast* (2015 Best Writing in a Comedy) and *Rhythm City* (2009 Best Writing in a Soap). He was on the writing team of the 2010 International Emmy Nominated *Hopeville*, co-created the sitcom *Kota Life Crisis* (12 SAFTA nominations and 1 win for season 1 and 2) and wrote two seasons of the late night talk show *WTF Tumi* which earned him a Comics Pen nomination at the Savanna Comics Choice Awards.

Mpho served as a trustee of Johannesburg's longest running Schools Drama festival The Raps One Act Play Festival from 2010 till its winding up in 2018. He was also on the board of The South African Guild of Actors from 2012 to 2014.

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TRAINING

BA (Hons) Dramatic Arts, Wits University

FILM EXPERIENCE:

2020	Seriously Single	Role: Hotel Receptionist	Dir.
2018	The Crocodile	Role: Siyanda	Dir. Kris Withakay
2019	Do Geese See God	Role: Otto	Dir. Natalie Urban
2016	The Journey Is The Destination	Role: Tanzanian Mechanic	Dir. Bronwen Hughes
2016	Mandela's Gun	Role: Dan Tloome	Dir. John Irvin
2012	Lucky Numbers	Role: Prophet Mabuya	Dir. Scottnes Smith
2012	Bongeziwe Mabandla: Gunuza (Short)	Role: Policeman #2	Dir. Kelsey Egan
2011	A Million Colours	Role: Bomba	Dir. Peter Bishai
2010	Ausgerechnet Afrika (TV Movie)	Role: Tuli	Dir. Axel Barth
2010	Bush Station	Role: Tuli	Dir. Axel Barth
2008	Swop!	Role: Security	Dir. Hlomla Dandala
2007	Forbidden Cure	Role: Victor	Dir. Dillon Govender
2006	Catch a Fire	Role: Shanghai	Dir. Phillip Noyce
2005	Rifle Road	Role: Junior	Dir. Akin Omotoso
2005	Faith's Corner	Role: Sunglass vendor	Dir. Darrel James Roodt
2004	I'll See You Just Now	Role: Mpho	Dir. Johnny Barbuzano
2003	Vision	Role: Mpho	Dir. Bruce Allen
2003	The Canterbury Tales	Role: Man with Gun	Dir. Julian Jarrold (BBC)

TELEVISION EXPERIENCE:

2021	13 Weeks	Role: Molefi	Penguin Films
2021	Resident Evil	Role: Yen	Moonlighting Productions
2020	Black Tax	Role: Pastor Miles	Rous House/BET
2018 - 2019	Isithembiso S2 & S3	Role: Mayor Shivambu	The Bomb Shelter
2018	The Imposter S2	Role: Tebza & Gary	Seriti Films
2018	Saints & Sinners S3	Role: Prosecutor	Penguin Films
2018	Z'bondiwe 2	Role: Wandile Yenga	Paw Paw Films
2017	Black Sails	Role: Guthrie Footman	Starz Pirates Productions/HBO
2013 - 2017	High Rollers	Role: Mobutu	Rous House
2014 - 2016	My Perfect Family S3 & S4	Role: Mr. Leleli	Burnt Onion Productions
2016	The Sober Companion	Role: Mpho	Gumbi Productions
2015	Ya Lla	Role: Dr. Kau	Quizzical Pictures
2014	Kota Life Crisis S2	Role: Gabriel	What Not Entertainment
2014	Kowethu	Role: George	Doppelganger
2013	Mzansi Love: Kasi Style S2	Role: Coach Lekota	Fireworx Media
2009 - 2013	Rhythm City	Role: Hot Plate Mpho	Curious Pictures
2004	Isidingo	Role: Lungi	Endemol
2012	Samsokolo	Role: Niko Manamela	Black Brain Pictures

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Performance Resume

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TELEVISION EXPERIENCE CONTINUED:

2011	Laugh Out Loud	Role: Charlie
2010	InterSexions	Role: Mpho
2010	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Role: Mumba
2008	Kruispad	Role: Thabo
2007	Font	Role: Snorty
2007	For Sale	Role: Lerumo
2006	Mzansi S2	Role: Sbu
2006	The Lab	Lungi
2005	Home Affairs	Role: Desmond
2004	Justice For All S3	Role: Elvin
2003	Molo Fish S2	Role: Vuyo
2000-2003	The Phat Joe Show	Role: Various

THEATRE EXPERIENCE:

2019	The Dead Tinder Society	Role: Various	Dir. Lesedi Job
2018-2019	When Swallows Cry	Role: Various	Dir. Lesedi Job
2018	African Gothic	Role: Mr Grove	Dir. Alby Michaels
2017	Scorched	Role: Various	Dir. Jade Bowers
2014-2017	The Mother Of All Eating	Role: The Man	Dir. Makhaola Ndebele
2013	The Miser	Role: La Fleche & Policeman	Dir. Sylvaine Strike
2010	Convincing Carlos	Role: Various	Dir. Craig Morris
2009	MacBeki	Role: Ramabanquo	Dir. Pieter-Dirk Uys
2008	For Your Ears Only	Role: Tumi	Dir. Ralph Lawson
2006	Macbeth	Role: Captain, Doctor & Menteith	Dir. Mark Graham
2006	Don't Drink The Water	Role: Kilroy	Dir. Bill Flynn
2005	Love, Crime and Johannesburg	Role: Jimmy 'Long Legs'	Dir. Malcolm Purkey
2003-2008	The Island	Role: Winston	Dir. Malcolm Purkey, UK, US & Greece Tours

COMMERCIAL EXPERIENCE:

2020	Renault
2019	Chicken Licken
2019	Iliadin
2017	Capfin
2016	Amstel Malta

AWARDS:

2019	New Vision International Film Festival Nomination for Best African Actor (The Imposter 2)
2018	BroadwayWorld.com Award Win for Best Actor in a Featured Role (African Gothic)
2018	SATMAG Nomination for Best Supporting Actor (African Gothic)
2018	Naledi Award Win for Best Play (When Swallows Cry)
2017	Naledi Award Nomination for Best Actor in a Play (Scorched)

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2014	SAFTA Nomination for Best Actor in a TV Comedy (Samsokolo)
2013	SAFTA Nomination for Best Supporting Actor in a Feature Film (A Million Colours)
2013	Naledi Award Win for Best Play (The Miser)
2013	Naledi Award Nomination for Best Ensemble (The Miser)
2012	MTN Radio Awards Win for Best Drama Programme (Radio Vuka)
2010	Standard Bank Ovation Award Win (Convincing Carlos)
2007	MNet EDiT Win for Best Performance By A Cast (Forbidden Cure)
2006	International Emmy Award Nomination for Best TV Drama (Home Affairs)
2000	Zwakala Festival Nomination for Best Play (Min Dae)

SKILLS:

Accents: Standard American, Standard British, Cockney, French, West Indian, South African, West African.

Singing Voice: Tenor

Dance:

Sports: Skateboarding, Tennis

Other: Improvisation

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