



Kwanele Mthethwa

Actress | Singer

Kwanele Mthethwa is a South African actress who rose to fame with her role as Ayanda in the Mzansi Magic telenovela *Isithembiso*. Born and raised in Durban, she moved to Johannesburg in 2018 and immediately landed the role of Ayanda on *Isithembiso*.

Originally a recurring character, her first appearance in the role was in Season 2, Episode 221, which first aired on Mzansi Magic on 4 February, 2019. She then got an opportunity to star cast for the third season, which ended in 2020.

Kwanele next starred in the Mzansi Magic telemovie *Indandatho Yokukhanya*, a supernatural drama which aired as part of the channel's "Lokshin Bioskop" strand on Sunday, 5 January 2020. Also starring Unati Guma, the film follows a timid and overly cautious girl who finds out that her parent's spirits were taken by the Dark One and she embarks on a mission to save them.

Kwanele next played the recurring role of Boity on the Mzansi Magic drama series *Abomama*, making her first appearance in the role on 1 August, 2021 (Season 2, Episode 5). Later that month she starred in a second Mzansi Magic movie - *Umlukanisi* - which first aired on the channel on 28 August, 2021.

The premise of the movie is that after seven years of marriage, a domestic worker finds herself falling in love with her boss - but her husband finds out and manipulates her to rob the family she has grown to love. The film also stars Fortune Thobejane.

Another film role followed, this time in the Showmax Original Movie *Umakoti Wethu* - the feature film directorial debut of Nozipho Nkelemba - which was released for streaming on 23 September, 2021. Fulu Mugovhani stars in this drama as Khathu, who finds herself in crisis when her husband's new job ignites old flames. Melusi Mbele plays her husband Sizwe, with Kwanele Mthethwa as the woman caught in the middle.

Kwanele next found herself in another recurring role in an Mzansi Magic series, this time in the role of Phumeza on the channel's flagship soapie, *The Queen*. Her first appearance in the role was in Season 6, Episode 69, which aired on 28 October, 2021.

The following year she starred in another Showmax Original movie, *Induku*, which was released on 20 January, 2022. In the film she stars as Khethiwe Shibe, who defies her father in order to save her family by secretly entering her community's biggest stick-fighting tournament. Kwanele also had a guest role in an episode of the 1Magic romantic comedy-drama series *Entangled* which aired on 18 March, 2022 (Season 1, Episode 11).

Kwanele again had a guest role on the SABC 13 part drama series *The Premier as Dudu Madau*. She followed this up with another starring role in television when she was cast as lead role *Thembelihle* in the Mzansi Magic drama series *Umbuso*.

Her character in the show is Ma E's (Bheki Sibiya) daughter who is trapped in a loveless, childless marriage with Mothusi (Sphamandla Dhludhlu), a superficially charming businessman working in the NGO sector. Mothusi is an emotionally abusive serial cheater who wants a Thembelihle to be a traditional wife while offering none of the respect that role would involve.

Thembelihle secretly still loves Uncle Tiny's son, Tshepiso (played by Khojane Morai).

Umbuso premiered on Mzansi Magic on Sunday 3 April, 2022.

She is currently on the BET telenovela *REDEMPTION* playing the leading role of Faith Zikode and has an upcoming feature film Titled "Wathinta umfazi" playing the lead role of Bongzi promise Khumalo. Based on a true story

Performance Resume

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TELEVISION EXPERIENCE:

2024 UMKHOKHA S1 & S2
2023 IN THE DOCK S1
2022 UMBUSO WETHU
2022 ENTANGLED S1 & S2
2021 ABOMAMA S2
REDEMPTION S1
2021 THE QUEEN
2018 ISITHEMBISO S2 & S3

FILM EXPERIENCE:

2023 LOBOLA MAN
2021 UMAKOTI WETHU
2021 UMHLUKANISI
2020 INDANDATHO YOKUKHANYA

SKILLS:

- Singing
- Mc'ing

Role: Nobuntu
Role: Noliitha
Role: Lihle
Role: Mbali
Role: Boity
Role: Faith
Role: Phumeza
Role: Ayanda

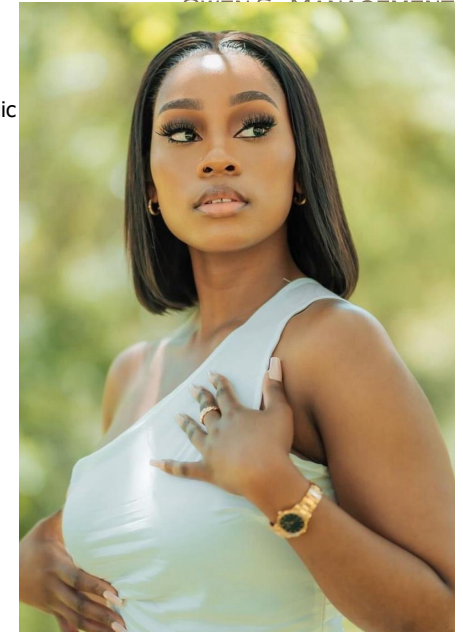
Role: Zandile
Role: Nobuhle
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The Milton Empire | Mzansi Magic
Meca | Mzansi Magic
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Parental Advisory |
BET&ETV | Seriti & Burnt On
Ferguson Films | Mzansi Magic
Bomb | Mzansi Magic

Burnt Onion | Netflix
Beyond Black | Showmax

Mzansi Magic

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Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 1.56
Languages: English & IsiZulu (KZN dialect)