

# 2020 Simon 'Mabhunu' Sabela KZN Film and Television nominees announced

The KwaZulu-Natal Film Commission has announced the nominees for the 2020 Simon 'Mabhunu' Sabela KZN Film and Television Awards - which will take place online on 12 September 2020.



2017 Simon 'Mabhunu' Sabela KZN Film and Television Awards

The awards are aimed at recognising outstanding achievement and talent in the film and television industry, with a particular focus within the KwaZulu-Natal province. The awards, named in honour of the late South African film legend and icon Mr Simon 'Mabhunu' Sabela, are an initiative of the KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs are implemented by the KZN Film Commission will again be held during this year's Durban International Film Festival.



Durban International Film Festival announces opening and closing films 17 Aug 2020



The following are the nominees for the eighth Simon Sabela KZN Film and Television Awards

Best Newcomer Actress

Rizelle Januk – *Kings of Mulberry Street*Yola Plaatjie – "Dreams of Gommorah"
Nomakhwezi Becker – *Emzansi in Orania* 

#### Best Newcomer Actor

Vuyo Tshambula – *Saloon*Tristan Robertsons – *Emzani in Orania*Aaqil Hoosen – *Kings of Mulberry Street* 

## Best Use of KZN in a Music Video (new category)

Duncan Feat. Prince Bulo – "AmaWeave" Duncan Feat. Thee Legacy – "Sikelela" Dj Tira Feat. Joocy - "Thank you Mr DJ"

#### **Best Actress**

Andrea Dololo – "Isidima" Nqobile Khumalo – *Uncovered* Maeshni Naicker – *Kandasamys: The Wedding* 

## **Best Actor**

Madhusan Singh – *Kandasamys: The Wedding*Aaqil Hoosen – *Kings of Mulberry Street*Robert Hobbs – *Uncovered* 

## **Best Supporting Actor**

Mfana Jones Hlophe – *Dreams of Gomorrah* Tevin Kunene – "Thulile" Brendan Cooper – *Emzansi in Orania* 

## **Best Supporting Actress**

Mariam Bassa – *Kandasamys: The Wedding* Rizelle Januk – *Kings of Mulberry Street* Annalisa Gxabu – *Dreams of Gomorrah* 

## **Best Director**

Zuko Nodada – *Uncovered* Tewardkar Rajiv – *Last Victims* Jayan Moodley – *Kandasamys: The Wedding* 

## Best Micro-Budget Film now known as Best Made For TV Film

Raphael Chillis Mhlongo – *Anger*Siyabonga Godfrey Dlamini – *Nomthawelanga*Happiness Mpase – *Minenhle* 

## Best Short Screenplay

"Isidima" – Mlingane 'Mli' Dube
"Thulile" – Megan Van Der Merwe
"Dreams of Gommorrah" – Sithabile Mkhize

### Best Feature Screenplay

Kandasamys: The Wedding – Jayan Moodley Uncovered – Zuko Nodada Kings of Mulberry Street – Judy Naidoo

#### Best Use of KZN in a Film

Kandasamys: The Wedding – Jayan Moodley "Thulile" – Andre Cronje Kings of Mulberry Street – Judy Naidoo Izinyoni Zohlobo – Dr Nontethelelo Nxumalo

#### Best Film

Kings of Mulberry Street - Judy Naidoo Uncovered - Thandeka Nodada Kandasamys: The Wedding - Jayan Moodley

#### **Best Short Film**

"Isidima" – Mlingane 'Mli' Dube "Dreams of Gomorrah" – Sithabile Mkhize "Saloon" – Dayakar Padayachee

## Best IsiZulu Film

Igqubu Lothando – Sanele Maziya Izinyoni Zohlobo – Dr Nontethelelo Nxumalo Nomthawelanga – Msizi Khuzwayo

#### Best Documentary

Beyond the Headlines – Pragna Parsotam-Kok Buddha in Africa – Nicole Schafer Phefumula – Pragna Parsotam-Kok

## Best Environmental Film

Phefumula – Pragna Parsotam-Kok

Part of the Pack – Emily Cross Beyond the Headlines – Pragna Parsotam-Kok

## Best Student Film

Emzansi in Orania – Sibongiseni Pearl Peter Little Bump in the Road – Thabani Dhlomo Thulile – Andre Cronje

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