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#### **PROFILE**

Willie Venter was born in Kuruman, South Africa. In 1982 he left for Pretoria, where his entertainment career took off. In 1994 he became a finalist in the Mr SA competition and used it as a stepping stone for his career. He worked in every genre of entertainment including dance, music variety, award shows and pageants. The wide range of projects and productions choreographed and directed by Willie Venter bear the testimony of his versatility and skill.

Since he started, Willie Venter has been entrusted with the very biggest of live shows and television productions in the country.

## **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Willie was Patron of the Bloemfontein Children's choir until 2020. Rated as one of the best in South Africa and well known across the globe. He was also the Producer and Choreographer of their shows from 2004 - 2020.

## ACHIEVEMENTS:

Received confirmation in 2022 from American Guild of Artists as Creative Director.

Received award as best Producer/Creative Director for the award winning music show AFRIKAANS IS GROOT 2012, 2013 AND 2014.

# **RECENT:**

THE MUSICAL - I AM YOUNG 2023 / PRODUCER ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)

TOPMODEL SA 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023 CREATIVE DIRECTOR / PRODUCER / CHOREOGRAPHER

EXTRAVAGANZA DRAW MBOMBELA (AUGUST 2023) CHOREOGRAPHER/PRODUCER

EUNICE HIGHSCHOOL 2023 GALA EVENT CHOREOGRAPHER MARIMBA BAND CHOREOGRAPHY PIECES ENSEMBLE CHOREOGRAPHY PIECES

WILD LIGHST CORPORATE EVENT 2022/2023 MENLYN MAINE PRODUCER

# MRS GLOBE SOUTH AFRICA 2022 (INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT) PRODUCER AND CHOREOGRAPHER

MONDE VESTIMENTAIRE FASHION LAUNCH 2021 PRODUCER/DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER

# THE GIFT - I AM YOUNG 2021 / PRODUCER ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)

MOMENTS 2018 - 2019 OWNER / PRODUCER ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)

# "BROADRAY" 2019 - DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL COUNTERTENOR - RAY CHENEZ - (SOUTH AFRICAN LAUNCH)

MOMENTS I AM YOUNG - 2021 OWNER / PRODUCER ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)

### **BREBNER REVUE - CHOREOGRAPHER DIRECTOR - 2019**

ANDRE RIEU - ASSISTING BLOEMFONTEIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

## **UD TRUCKS - LAUNCHES 2019**

UD TRUCKS (DEALER OF THE YEAR) 2012 - 2019

## **OWN SHOWS:**

Producer of MOMENTS AS WELL AS I AM YOUNG - successful music show in Bloemfontein to create platform for young up coming artists.

#### MOVIES:

"AS JY SING" feature film - released November 2013 - Choreographer

# **MUSICAL SHOWS AND AWARDS:**

F. Wilson Fashion Launch - Director

Tempo Awards 2010 - 2012 - Stage Director/Choreographer Huisgenoot Skouspel (Skouspel Plus) 2000 - 2012 Stage Director and Choreographer AFRIKAANS IS GROOT 2012 - 2014 (Creative Director/Choreographer/Producer)

TUT Dance Season 2012 - Choreographer

He is Stage director and choreographer of UD Truck Awards 2012 – 2019 – Director/Choreographer

Women of the Year Awards 2009 – 2012

Bloemfontein Children's choir 25 year Reunion at Sand du Plessis 2012 Avusa Awards 2010

Shoprite Checkers Awards 2006 - 2012

African International Fashion Awards (choreographer)

# **FLASHMOBS:**

Texas Girl's Choir 2019 - Sundance Square

Bloemfontein Children's Choir <a href="https://youtu.be/xZpjmyl2zfY">https://youtu.be/xZpjmyl2zfY</a>

Northridge mall Flash Mob <a href="https://youtu.be/13Op-9YXLBE">https://youtu.be/13Op-9YXLBE</a>

Vodafone Flashmob in Ghana 2010 (watch the video) - First ever in AFRICA

Vodacom BAFANA BAFANA "Make the circle Bigger" flashmob in Sandton Square as part **Worldcup** fever.

Amstel flashmob 2010 - Bara taxi rank - Soweto

REF:

https://youtu.be/CypwnWSh7lc https://youtu.be/ecAsBlhN4zM https://youtu.be/Yb77XCv79tY https://youtu.be/HRHIHERF8w8

You Awards 2010-2011 Kaapse Jol 2007, Heroes Awards 2007

Willie was in house choreographer for the stars on the award winning television production (sitcom) Sewende Laan - from 2002 - 2013.

He was invited to choreograph the fashion show event for Sewende Laan again in 2018.

He was also involved in the 2006 Sanlam SA Fashion Week held at the Sandton Convention Center,

South Africa - is still very involved in Fashion shows in South Africa.

#### **CHARITY:**

Willie is also very active in the shelter communities and charity is part of his human relationships and community responsibilities.

#### **Live Events:**

He opened the Kora/Aids ceremony in Durban (December 1, 2005), broadcasted live across the globe. Created the successful "Make the circle bigger" flashmob in Sandton during the 2010 "World cup" as well as the Vodafone Flash mob in Ghana (2010)

Willie Worked with acclaimed camera director Julia Knowles from the UK as Stage Director for 16th Annual South African Music Awards 2010 (VL Productions). Julia credited him "I've never worked with someone who can take and execute direction as you".

Willie Venter was approached to direct and choreograph the first ever combined "Miss South Africa / Miss South Africa Teen pageant" (Sun International) held at the Sun City Superbowl in December 2003 - 2005.

He also Choreographed his dance group for the Miss South Africa / Miss South Africa Teen 2004.

Other major successes have been Miss Malaika 2001 (Sun City), 2002 (Harare, Zimbabwe,

broadcast to 79 countries), and (Galagher Estates, SA) 2004

His Dance Choreography is rated among those of international choreographers. As a well known Director (Producer), Performer and Choreographer, he is one of the few-if not the only - that has the ability to adapt to versatile environments and tasks.

Willie is manager of the successful career of On-Que, one of the best up and coming artists in South Africa - http://www.on-que.co.za.

Willie was Director of Kurt Darren's Sama award winning live DVD 2008,

as well as the creative force (Directing and Choreography) behind the mega successful Sama award winning DVD of Juanita du Plessis Platinum DVD, 2009.

Because of his creativity and understanding of his clients' needs, most clients respect his work and say

"if you haven't worked with Willie Venter, you don't know what quality is"!

Extensive travel to countries, i.e. USA "New York City - Broadway" is undertaken to remain in touch and informed regarding changing trends within the entertainment field, in order to transfer new skills and requirements for success to his trainees, enabling them to enjoy successful career development.

## MORE REFERENCES OF WILLIE VENTER

7de Laan roadshows and 7de Laan outside performances 2004 - 2013 Face of Emnotweni 2008/2009,

The Miss South Africa pageant of 2001 and 2003

the Kora All Africa Music Awards (2002), the Miss South Africa Teen pageants of 1999-2002.

Miss Garden Route 2005 - 2011(charity).

The "Egoli Roadshow" as well as "Mr South Africa" pageants 2000 (Menlyn Arena) and 2001 (Gateway Theatre of Shopping), all for Frontline Productions.

Willie Venter also choreographed for "IT Productions" the "RAPPORT" shows at Vodaworld 1999 and 2000

Miss Legs 1998 - 2003 as well as Miss Record 2001 - 2003.

Mnet "Face of Africa" 1998 - 1999

Mrs South Africa 2001 - 2006, and Miss Deaf SA 2004

A pleasing aspect of his growth is reflected in the increasing number of projects in the corporate field: He choreographed and Directed "Best of the Boys" 2003, "Blondes" 2003.

"Born In the RSA" 2004, "King and Queens of Music" 2005, "Born in the RSA 2" 2005,

"Melodies of Love" 2005, "Decades Deelite" 2006, "Born in the RSA" 3 2006 and the hit show "Movin & Shakin" 2006 (rated as one of the best shows in the country) at the Performer Theatre in Pretoria. Willie also scripted and produced the show. He Stage Directed "Calender Boys" 2004.

Willie choreographed for theatre "Poppie die Drama" 2004, "Love Valour and Compassion" 2005, Vaselinetjie, 2010, for Director Henry Mylne and "Dirk en Lindie" 2008 for Chris and Diaan (better known as Ryno and Paula from 7de Laan) as well as Chris Vorster's 2011 and 2012 Stage Productions.

#### **SKILLS**

Willie is still working for different companies, because of his sought after professionalism.

Willie is good in Directing, Street dancing, Choreography, Producing, Ballroom teaching and especially to work with children to make them understand art, acceptance, self love - and he can bake an egg.

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