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WEDDING BELLS, DELUXE, ON SA'S FAVOURITE DRAMA SERIES – ISIDINGO!

Endemol Shine Africa, the makers and creators of Isidingo - SABC3's signature weekday drama series – is celebrating matrimonial bliss this September, and everyone's invited!

The Matabane wedding is finally here! Shot in the beautiful **North West Province**, at the **Christiana All Seasons Resort** this past June, the end result is now ready to air on the 23rd and 26th September, all in full pomp and expected ceremony. Collaboration with Isidingo and Endemol by the NWDC was visionary in advancing the mandate of economic development and awareness in the North West Province. The Provincial Department for Economic Development (FEED) had been instrumental in concretising the exposure.

More than that, we were able to expose young talent to the media and television sector in celebration of youth month and proudly showcased 16 talented youngsters from across the length and breath of the province. The NWDC is committed to ensuring accessibility to business opportunities, growth and expansion of entrepreneurs and creating platforms for exposure and development" said Investment Marketing Specialist for NWDC, Sam Mudramuthoo.

Heritage Day 2016 is when extraordinary design and art direction elevates and celebrates Lerato and Sechaba in fine Tswana and Sotho matrimonial tradition.





Family opinions and financial constraints, all threatening to drive a wedge between Lerato and Sechaba, as their wedding day draws nearer, and genius scripting delivers compelling television, all beautifully salvaged in a visual spectacle never quite seen on this scale on South African television.

An episode filled with tension and drama, the very recipe Isidingo is famous for, the Matabane wedding is about love triumphing over doubt, adversity and family fuss. A chapter filled with hope for the future from two families and their respective cultures, as they become one.

Add an extraordinary reveal from Lerato, mere days before the big day, turns Sechaba's world upside down. Viewers can be rest assured their favourite soapie will do nothing shy of impressing at every turn.

A big secret threatens to destroy the union of one of South Africa's most loved TV couple. "Sechaba and Lerato's big day is our central focus," says the producers of the show, "but we've also woven in a couple of surprises, as regular viewers have come to expect from Isidingo, only this time the twists and turns are even more sudden."

Sophie Ndaba makes a guest appearance on the show as Lerato's mother when she visits Horizon Deep for the wedding. Not one to mince her words, Sophie's character adds even more flavour to the cast when she starts putting her nose in where she's not welcome.

Ferry Jele also makes her appearance as Sechaba's mother. Having not been a part of Sechaba's life, her arrival at the wedding is a massive surprise to everyone. On a mission to rebuild her broken relationship with her son, expect emotional stuff when she hits your screens come the 23rd of September.

Making it all look as good as it was scripted, the experienced and award-winning Isidingo Production team makes magic happen at the year's biggest marriage Imbizo.





“The brief was to go traditional,” Julie Palmer (Isidingo Costume Designer) explains. “We wanted a Sotho/Tswana wedding that accentuated the bright, vibrant and rich colours of the two cultures. It took a lot of research. It was critical for us to respect the cultures, so marrying the two together took some doing. I also wanted to add a bit of a twist to it, which I think we’ve achieved” “Just watching it all come together, when it came to shooting time, made all the hard work worthwhile,” Julie concludes. “They all looked beautiful!”

The choice of location, as beautiful and unique as it is, brought with it its own challenges too. “Distance was a big hurdle,” Willie Coetzee (Art Director) admits. “We sourced props décor from Kimberley and brought them all the way back to the venue. We got there in the end, but we clocked up some serious mileage in-between too.”

The plants and foliage that further complemented the set came from the resort. “As for the colour palette, it was important not to upstage the bride and bridal party with colours that are too bright,” Willie enthuses. “I therefore decided to use more earthy tones, with a little bit of gold and glitter for a pop! Lerato is, after all, a bit of a glitter girl herself”.

Classy, stylish and classical, these are just some of the themes viewers will get to appreciate come 23rd September, not forgetting traditional, in tune with the wedding day falling on heritage day weekend.

Festive, filled with the usual intrigue, along with the prospect of even more excitement as the script unravels, this wedding’s going to have fans wishing they’d been on the guest list, but





no less grateful for their SABC invitation to enjoy the spectacle in all trademark Isidingo fashion!



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