

Lungelo Kuzwayo

writer/director

EDUCATION

Columbia College Chicago September 20212 – May 2015 **Master of Fine Arts in Film Directing**

WORK EXPERIENCE

Cosi Productions

Screenwriter & Director:

2021-present

Wrote and directed a short film: "Dragons and Princesses", currently in post. It is a proof of concept for the feature script "Mamlambo". 2019-2022

Wrote a feature film screenplay called "Mamlambo".

Cosi Productions

Screenwriter & Director

2021-2023

Co-wrote and co-directed a short film, "The Note," which screened across Africa and won various awards, including best story & best cinematography at the Cape Town Squad Film Festival, as well as best director & best South African short at the Thokoza Film Festival.

Screenwriter & Director

2017

Co-wrote and directed a short film, "Revolution," which won the **"Best Directing"** award and the **Audience Choice Award** at the Johannesburg 48-Hour Film Festival.

Screenwriter & Director

2014-2015

Wrote & directed the short film "Sawubona" which has screened in over 25 film festivals globally and won multiple awards.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AFDA

Senior Lecturer

February 2016-present

Design and teach film directing curriculum at the university.



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BIO

Lungelo is a writer/director who believes nothing moves people more than a good story. He wants to share stories that contextualize and challenge simplistic narratives of Africa. As the Nigerian gifted author, Chimamanda Adichie, said: "Stories matter, many stories matter. Stories have been used to dispossess and to malign, but stories can also be used to empower and to humanize."

HOBBIES:

watching cinema, reading, swimming & juggling.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

WTTW Channel 11 Chicago, USA

Production Assistant/Intern: "Du Sable to O'bama, Chicago's Black Metropolis"

January-May 2010

Assisted as a grip to light interview segments, media logged, transcribed and did research for the Emmy award winning documentary.

Groundswell Films Chicago, USA

Assistant Producer: Robben Island Singer's Documentary

January 2007-May 2010

Collaborated with staff of various Chicago Public Schools to plan and produce international cultural exchange programs for a documentary about South African ex-political prisoners, teaching social responsibility to the youth.

Columbia College Chicago Chicago, USA

& Harold Washington College

Lecturer

September 2005-December 2015

Taught film theory, public speaking & media criticism classes at various universities.

Changing Worlds Chicago, USA

& Columbia College Chicago

Teaching Artist

October 2008-December 2015

Planned, managed and taught social development theatre programs to youth.

References available upon request