



## **19TH ANNUAL SOUTH AFRICAN FILM AND TELEVISION AWARDS (SAFTAs19) ANNOUNCES THE HOSTS FOR CRAFT AND MAIN SHOW**

**Johannesburg, 11 March 2026** – The 19th Annual South African Film and Television Awards (SAFTAs19) are delighted to announce an exciting lineup of hosts for the upcoming SAFTAs19 live shows, promising to be a spectacular celebration of the nation's vibrant screen industry.

Leading the Main Awards Show is the distinguished Anele Mgudlwa, a celebrated South African television presenter, radio personality, producer, businesswoman, author, and SAFTA-winning host, mother and wife. Co-host of one of South Africa's biggest morning breakfast shows, Anele and The Club on 947, Ms Mgudlwa is an Oscars nominated household brand. She will be joined by the energetic Siphophi Mkhwanazi, a digital content creator, MC, and entrepreneur known for his viral videos, who will co-host with her, bringing more humour and charisma to the stage.

Adding further excitement to the celebrations, the Craft Awards presenters will be Elana Afrika-Bredenkamp and Moshe Ndiki. Elana is a loved TV personality and award-winning radio presenter with extensive experience on popular shows such as S3's Espresso Show, one of South Africa's most-loved midmorning radio shows on Jacaranda FM, kykNET's Parlement Parlement, and the award-winning Parent & Baby Brunch podcast. Moshe Ndiki, a multi-talented entrepreneur, YouTuber, actor, and reality TV star known for roles in shows like The Queen and his own reality TV shows, will bring his vibrant personality and humour to the celebration of behind-the-scenes SA film talent.

Ms. Onke Dumekeo, NFVF Acting CEO and Chairperson of the SAFTAs Committee, highlights the thoughtful choice of hosts: "We wanted individuals who understand the industry and can inspire audiences while celebrating South African talent. Our hosts represent varied career

paths, diverse demographics and embody determination and talent, showcasing the growth of our industry."

The Craft Awards Ceremony will take place on 13 March 2026 at 19h00, streamed live on the SAFTAs YouTube channel, with live updates on social media.

Before the main awards, the excitement begins with the Red Carpet show on Saturday, 14 March 2026, at 19h30, hosted by the young and talented Pamela Mtanga and Katleho Kat Sinivasan. They will interact with industry icons and capture the glamour, fashion, and reactions from nominees before the live show.

The main awards ceremony will be simulcast on SABC 2 and Mzansi Magic (channel 161) on 14 March, starting with the Red Carpet show at 19h30, followed by the awards at 20h00. Our guests can expect captivating performances and surprise appearances, all under the theme: *"One Story. One Industry. One Future. – Celebrating South Africa's Screen Legacy, Together."*

The public is invited to participate by voting for the Best TV Presenter and Most Popular TV Soap/Telenovela categories by dialling \*120\*32020# and following the prompts to vote. Voting lines close on 11 March at 23h59. The Best TV Presenter category is brought to you by Flight Centre, the **Official Travel Partner** of the SAFTAs19.

The anticipation to see who will claim the coveted SAFTAs19 Golden Horn awards is building, promising two nights of stellar entertainment and celebration of South African screen excellence.

Join the conversation and celebration online with #SAFTAs and #SAFTAs19.

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### **About SAFTAs**

The South African Film & Television Awards (SAFTAs) were established by industry representatives and the National Film & Video Foundation (NFVF), as an event that honours, celebrates, and promotes the creativity, quality & excellence of the South African film & television talent. They also serve to encourage the development of new talent, fostering a generation of filmmakers united in the collective mission of telling authentic South African stories.

### **About NFVF**

The National Film and Video Foundation (NFVF) is an agency of the Department Sport, Arts and Culture that was created to ensure the equitable growth of South Africa's film and video industry. The NFVF does this by providing funding for the development, production, marketing, and distribution of films and also the training and development of filmmakers. In addition, the NFVF commissions research and produces industry statistics that provide both the public and stakeholders with valuable insights into the South African film industry.

### **About Multichoice (MCG)**

MultiChoice Group (MCG), listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) and a subsidiary of Groupe CANAL+, is a leading provider of entertainment and related consumer services. The company has an expanding ecosystem, underpinned by scalable technologies, and a track record now spanning almost 40 years. MCG provides video entertainment products and services through its linear and streaming platforms to millions of households across 50 countries on the African continent and continues to grow by producing and acquiring

the best local, sport and international content and offering tiered subscription packages and aggregated streaming services to its customer base. MCG's superior technology capabilities enable it to continue innovating around distribution, digital and payment solutions, and content security to offer the best customer experience across the continent. Reaching up to 100 million individuals daily, the MultiChoice Group is using its scale and distribution to expand its platform to include sports betting and interactive entertainment, fin-tech services, household services (focused on internet connectivity and emergency response services) and ed-tech. Irdeto, MCG's technology business, provides platform cybersecurity services which protect over 6 billion devices and applications globally for some of the world's best media and technology brands, as well as clients in the connected industries sector.

### **About SABC 2**

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It serves adults aged 37–55, with a strong epicentre at 45 years old — the Nkalakathas. This generation experienced South Africa's most defining cultural and democratic moments together. They carry shared memory, social responsibility and national perspective, making them central to cohesion and continuity in a changing country.

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