

Tamryn is a Young Performer Support Specialist, Acting coach for adult and actors, and is also a professional actor, director, drama teacher and movement coach. She has worked in her field for the last 25 years. Her experience directing, producing her films and theatre productions, and having studied film and film theory has given her years of practical insight into the needs of directors, producers, actors, as well as having a keen understanding of the various departments, and can engage and participate in the team seamlessly and with ease.



Her introduction into the world of YPS was born out of her close collaboration with Intimacy Coordinator Dr. Emil Haarhoff (SAG-Aftra) while working on and off of the child acting coach to 10-year-old lead Lamiyah Barnard, in Meg Rickards' Snake. The young actress has been awarded Best Actress in a Feature Film Jury at the Florence International Film Festival.

This work also led her to co-author the book, *A Filmmaker's Guide to Working with Children*, for Focal Press, Routledge, with Meg Rickards.

Internationally, she has worked on: Amazon and Sony's "Wheel of Time, Season 3" (2024); "Huntington," written and directed by John Patton Ford, produced by Blueprint Pictures (2024), One Piece season 2 for Northstar Pictures LLC.( 2024)

Locally, she has worked on: Niggies for Wolflight films SA, Unseen Series, season 2, produced by Gambit Films (2024), Wyfie Series produced by Homebrew Films, Fatal Seduction Series, season 2 produced by Ochre Media.

Today, Tamryn is a senior Acting coach and lecturer at ACT Cape Town Film Acting Academy, a post she has held since 2006. She has directed numerous of her own short film productions and theatre productions.

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## 2025 - In Production/Post

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SPINNERS S2       | Young Performer Support Specialist              | Canal+/Backstory Films - Dir: Jaco Bower - Ep 7                         |
| DIE OORD S1       | Young Performer Support Specialist              | Wolflight Productions Dir: - Ep 9                                       |
| ONE PIECE S2      | Young Performer Support Specialist              | Netflix/Northstar Pictures LLC & Film Afrika - Dir: Lukas Ettlin - Ep 7 |
| NIGGIES S1        | Young Performer Support Specialist/Acting Coach | Wolflight Films - Dir:Jaco Bouwer - Eps 1, 2, 3 & 4                     |
| 2024              |                                                 |                                                                         |
| HUNTINGTON (Film) | Young Performer Support Specialist              | Blueprint Pictures - Dir: John Patton                                   |

Ford

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| FATAL SEDUCTION S2            | Young Performer Support Specialist/<br>Acting Coach | Netflix/Ochre Media - Dir: Craig<br>Friedmond Eps 1, 5 & 10                                                                                                |
| UNSEEN S2                     | Young Performer Support Specialist/<br>Acting Coach | Netflix/Gambit Films - Dir: Brett<br>Michael Innes, Travis Taute & Rea<br>Rangaka - Eps 2, 4 & 6                                                           |
| WHEEL OF TIME S3              | Young Performer Support Specialist                  | Amazon Prime/Film Afrika - Dir:<br>Marta Cunningham - Ep 3                                                                                                 |
| WYFIE S1                      | Young Performer Support Specialist/<br>Acting Coach | Showmax/Homebrew Films - Dir: Eva<br>du Preez - Ep 31                                                                                                      |
| 2023<br>SNAKE (Film)          | Acting coach                                        | Boondogle Films and Kno Associates<br>Entertainment (KAE) - Dir: Meg<br>Rickards                                                                           |
| CHICKEN (Short Film)          | Acting Coach                                        | Pipe Dream - Dir: Bill Chen                                                                                                                                |
| 2015<br>MOMENTUM (Film)       | Acting Coach                                        | Azari Media and Thaba Media - Dir:<br>Steven Campenelli                                                                                                    |
| 2013<br>SAF3 S3               | Acting Coach                                        | Emmett/Furla Films, Engine<br>Entertainment - Dir: Gregory J.<br>Bonann, Gary Capo, Phil Scarpaci,<br>Casey Brown, Dave Keffer, Eric<br>Locko, Eps various |
| 2008<br>THE MAGIC TALE (Film) | Child Acting Coach                                  | Envision Entertainment Corporation,<br>Orbita Max Films & Namib Films -<br>Dir: Jordi Lampart                                                              |

Professional Actors coached off and on set during films/series

Lee-Anne Summers ( Momentum), Sibongile Mlambo (Honey 3), Colin Moss (Vagrant Queen), Anlezia Moné (Troukoors)

#### Courses/Qualifications

CAPE ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ARTS – 3-year diploma

AFDA – Acting for Screen

Black Nexxus – Acting for Camera NYC

Stella Adler- Acting NYC

Tvi Studios-NYC

HB Studio- 6-week acting intensive in NYC

The Actor's Foundry- Vancouver, Canada

Trinity College London ( L.T.C.L)

LAMDA ( Performers and Teachers LSDE)

## Education

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| 1995-1997 | BA, UCT Major in English ( incomplete - second major, Sociology- left early to pursue Acting Career)<br>Cape Academy of Dramatic Arts |
| 1999-2001 | CADA ( Trinity and LAMDA studies )                                                                                                    |
| 2004      | UNISA (Psychology 1, Communication 1)                                                                                                 |
| 2005/2006 | AFDA (Part-Time Courses)                                                                                                              |
| 2010      | NYC ( Various studios -Black Nexus, Stella Adler, TVI, HB Studios)                                                                    |
| 2012      | The Actor's Foundry ( Matthew Harrison)                                                                                               |

## Experience in Tertiary Teaching Work Experience in Schools

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|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2006- present | ACT Cape Town Film Academy<br>Acting for film and Theatre                                                              |
| 2014-2017     | Part-time lecturer<br>CPUT                                                                                             |
| 2020          | Directing Actors for the 2nd and 3rd year BA- Film students.<br>Part-time lecturer                                     |
| 2016, 2018    | SAE Institute<br>Directing Actors, Casting and Auditioning Actors                                                      |
| 2018, 2019    | Freelance guest lecturer<br>ORMS School of Photography and Film<br>Short film Production, Casting and directing actors |

## Professional Experience Directing

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|------|----------------------------------|
| 2014 | THE HAUNTING - Teen short film   |
| 2016 | HONEYMOON - 48-hour film project |
| 2020 | THE INNOCENTS - Short film       |
| 2021 | THE BLOOD ROSE - Short film      |
| 2022 | BIGGER THAN US - Short film      |
| 2023 | THE CHOICE - Short film          |

## Other Professional Industry Experience

TELEVISION DIRECTING AND PRESENTER TRAINING  
 Cooking show pilots for production company Table of friends,  
 In association with Africade.  
 Presenter training for ETV- The Earth report- Sophie Varden  
 Presenter training for Hectic 9-9

## Professional Theatre Directing

FAT PIG BY NEIL LABUTE - On Broadway CT, Theatre on the Square JHB  
 A MEMORY, A MONOLOGUE, A RANT AND A PRAYER - Alexander Bar Fringe  
 Festival CT.  
 AFRICA KINK - Alexander Bar

FIVE WOMEN WEARING THE SAME DRESS - Grahamstown Festival, On Broadway  
FRANKIE AND JOHNNY - Alexander Bar  
AUTOBAHN - Grahamstown Festival  
ACTORSLIFE - Baxter Theatre CT

School Theatre Musical Production ( Child casts ranging from 70 cast members to 200 cast members)

THE JUNGLE BOOK - Bishops Diocesan College - Musical Director  
ALADDIN - Ballet - Choreographer  
FROG AND TOAD, Jr - Musical Director  
Aladdin, Disney Jr. Musical -Director and choreographer  
Narnia- An adaptation - Director and choreographer  
Aristocats, Disney Jr. Musical - Director and choreographer  
Annie, the Musical - Director  
Seussical the Musical - Director  
Guys and Dolls - Choreographer  
Grease- Director  
Wizard of Oz- Director  
Adaptation of Trolls - Director and choreographer  
Bugsy Malone -choreographer

## THEATRE EXPERIENCE:

|           |                                                          |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 2016-2018 | THE V DAY MONOLOGUES - CT Fringe - Dir: Marlisa Doubell  |
| 2014      | AFRICA KINK - Alexander Bar - Dir: Nicol Ritchie         |
| 2011      | THE MAIDS Role: Claire - City Hall - Dir. Ruth Levine    |
| 2010      | BLUE ROOM - Intimate Theatre                             |
| 2010      | FIVE WOMEN WEARING THE SAME DRESS - Grahamstown Festival |
| 2009      | PRIVATE LIVES - Role: Amanda - Milnerton Playhouse       |
| 2007      | A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM - Role: Helena - NYC           |

## TELEVISION EXPERIENCE:

LOST GOLD - Role: Allison - Trilogy Creative Studios  
WHAT LIES BENEATH - Role: Kim Scott - Trilogy Creative Studios  
DANZ - Role: Renee Dulany - Trilogy Creative Studios  
AMERICAN MONSTER 2 - Role: Joanne Dowling - Trilogy Creative Studios - Dir: Nick Davies  
DEELTITEL DAMES - Role: Bernice Penguin Films  
FTV - Presenter

## FILM EXPERIENCE:

|      |                                                                                |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2025 | WHEN THE CUCKOO CALLS- Dir: Nicola Hanekom                                     |
| 2022 | DARBY HARPER WANTS YOU TO KNOW - BIA - Dir. Silas Howard                       |
| 2018 | UNSPOKEN - Dir: Nicola Hanekom                                                 |
| 2017 | ZANDILE'S BIRTHDAY - Role: Carol - Still Waters Cinema - Dir. Dir. Ben Rycroft |
| 2015 | GIRL FROM NOWHERE -- Dir: Mark Jackson                                         |
| 2015 | TESS - Boondogle Films - Dir: Meg Rickards                                     |
|      | LE RAINBOW WARRIOR - Reeleyes Films                                            |



# Tamryn Speirs

YOUNG PERFORMER SUPPORT SPECIALIST (YPS)  
And ACTING COACH

MONSIEUR N - Orange Films  
RENT A BABY - Orange Films