

Ally de Beer completed their BA (Hons) in Theatre and Performance at UCT, graduating at the top of their directing class with a distinction in drama.

After landing an internship with SA Film Academy they entered the world of film and have since worked their way up the AD department on larger international film sets, whilst also working as a 1st AD on a range of smaller, local short and feature length films. With a focus on empowering indie filmmakers and local storytellers, Ally has built a reputation as the go-to young 1st AD for artistically driven films. They are an AD who is known not just for keeping a shoot on schedule, but for leading the crew with passion, consideration and a calm confidence that allows for our local talent to shine and make the most of our often limited resources. Through their role as an AD they developed a passion for cultivating change in the local film industry - seeing the need for a shift in culture. They have ambitions to contribute to shaping an industry which empowers local talent and stories through creating efficient, safe and positive creative environments throughout the production process.



Getting their training as an intimacy coordinator through Safe Sets thus seemed like a natural progression for their career - and an opportunity to utilize their theatre training and experience.

Their first role as an IC was on John Trengove's upcoming feature *The Smell of Apples*, where beyond working on simulated sex and shower scenes, they also worked closely with the minors on set to prepare and assist them with the emotional and psychological challenges of the film. They are excited to further their experience as an IC - combining their set savviness with their love for working with actors and collaborating with directors and other crew members to enhance storytelling whilst creating safe and respectful environments on set.

To enquire about or book Ally for Intimacy Coordination Work, please contact:
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2025 - In production/Post

THE SMELL OF APPLES	INTIMACY COORDINATOR	Orchard Films - Dir: Jon Trengove
SPINNERS S2	3rd AD	Showmax/Backstory Films - Dir: Jaco Bouwer
I AM ALIVE AFTER DEATH	1st AD	Fam Films - Dir: Robyn Phillips
FAITH IN THE FLAMES: THE NICHOLE JOLLY STORY	3rd AD	Lifetime - Dir: Jozua Malherbe
THE SMELL OF APPLES	3rd AD	Orchard Films - Dir: John Trengove
2024		
THEY WILL KILL YOU	3rd AD	Sky Dance/Film Afrika - Dir: Kiril Sokolov
TRANSMISSION	1st AD	Frikken Films/Free Women Films - Dir: Liese Kuhn

EXTRAVAGANT WAYS TO SAY 1st AD
GOODBYE

Frikken Films/Free Women Films -
Dir: Liese Kuhn

FINDING OPTEL 1st AD

Blended Films/Showmax - Dir:
Jesse Brown

ADAM 1st AD

Blended Films/Showmax - Dir:
Liyema Speelman & Winford
Collings

WYFIE 2nd AD

Homebrew/Showmax - Dir: Emilie
Badenhorst & Eva Du Preez

For further credits, please see 'Full CV'

Courses and Qualifications

2025	Intimacy Coordinator Training with Safe Sets
2025	Certificates of Completion - Ihasco Courses; Bullying & Harassment For Employees, Conflict Resolution, Unconscious Bias For Employees, Safeguarding Children (Level 2)
2025	Certificate of Attendance - Mental Health First Aider England; Mental Health First Aid
2021	SA Film Academy Internship Programme
2019	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Theatre and Performance (Specializing in Theatre Making) - University of Cape Town

Awards and Achievements

2025	Winner of Best South African Short at DIFF - B(l)ind The Sacrifice
2025	Nominated for Best Film, Best African Film and Best Editing at JFF - Adam
2025	Official Selection at JFF - Seasons of Longing
2025	Official Selection at Sundance - B(l)ind The Sacrifice
2024	Official Selection at Locarno - B(l)ind The Sacrifice
2024	Winner of Best Short Film at SA Indie Fest - Seasons of Longing
2024	Official Selection at Locarno - B(l)ind The Sacrifice
2023	Official Selection at LA Independent Women Film Festival - Even Though I Ate The Cake
2022	Jury Award at Cannes International Film Festival - AEIOU
2022	Official Selection for London Music Video Festival - Aah
2021	Accepted into SA Film Academy Trainee Programme
2019	UCT Class Medal for Theatre Making
2018	Golden Key Award for top academic achievement at UCT
2018	UCT Class Medal for Introduction to Directing
2018	UCT CTDPS Mentor
2017	Baxter Hall Mentor
2017	Baxter Hall Tutor
2016	UCT Class Medal for Introduction to Theatre and Performance
2016-19	Dean's Merit List