

Mpolokeng Chabane is a highly collaborative Johannesburg based certified intimacy co-ordinator, who is passionate about rooting actors in their bodies, and breath, so that they can face intimate scenes with confidence and truth.

Mpolokeng first broke into the industry as an actress, working on popular South African telenovelas and series. Her love for storytelling and prowess for performance led to her working as a casting director, and it is here that her love for directing was first ignited. Feeling called to pursue writing and directing, in 2019 she wrote and directed her first short film Lefa, which was an official selection for the esteemed Poitiers Film Festival in France. The film also won an award for best actor at the New York Independent Film Festival and Best Short Film at the Golden Door International Film festival.



In 2023 she started working as an intimacy coordinator, creating safe spaces on sets to ensure that actors and directors feel safe and supported to bravely and creatively step into their work.

IC credits include work for Netflix (How to ruin love, Blood Legacy, Yoh Christmas, Complete Chaos (UK), Bad Influencer), Showmax (Entangled, LLB, Adulting) and other major South African channels, as well as feature films (The Drop, Izimfihlo Zasembumbulu), series (Black Tax, Dichipi), telenovela (Isiphepheto, Smoke and Mirrors, Empini, Queendom) and theatre (Amaxelegu).

“The work we did together really made me feel confident enough to do the scene the way I wanted to do it, while still respecting and reinforcing my own boundaries/limitations. The experience left me knowing that we can absolutely find creative ways of telling the story of intimacy without coercing actors past their boundaries.” - Renate Stuurman, Happiness

To enquire about or book Mpolokeng for Intimacy Coordination Work, please contact: Crew-Etc Tania de Villiers T:+27 83 654 2471 E: tania@talent-etc.co.za

2025 - In Production/Post

Complete Chaos (UK) SA Intimacy Coordinator Netflix - Dir: Jeremy Webb - EP: 2

How to Ruin Love (S2) Lead Intimacy Coordinator Netflix - Dir : Zolani Phakade & Ferry Jele - EP: 2,3

Retribution (S1) Co-Intimacy Coordinator Netflix - Dir:Akin Omotoso EP: 1,2,4,5,6,9,10

Heavy Hearts (S1) Co-Intimacy Coordinator Netflix - Dir: Phumi Morare EP: 5,6

2024 - In Production/Post

MPONDOLAND	Intimacy Coordinator	Origins Pictures/Showmax - Dir: Nthabiseng Mokoena & Nthabiseng Tau - Eps: 1,6-8,11
BAD INFLUENCER	Co Intimacy Coordinator	Gambit/Netflix - Dir: Director Kit & Ari - Ep: 6
SPIRIT	Intimacy Coordinator	Star Films/Independant - Dir : Tebogo Malope Short Film
HAPPINESS	Intimacy Coordinator	Blingola Media/Netflix - Dir: Karabo Lediga, Nthabiseng Mokoena Eps: 1, 2, 3
MISFORTUNATE	Intimacy Coordinator	Bruce Zwane - Dir: Zuko Nodada Feature Film
EMPINI	Intimacy Coordinator	Crystal Pics TV/Showmax - Dir: Sibusiso Phakathi - Eps 39 & 40
ADULTING S3	Co-Intimacy Coordinator	Tshedza Pictures/Showmax - Dir: Menga Nhlabathi & Thembaletu Mfebe - Eps: 1, 3, 6 11
PROTEX COMMERCIAL	Intimacy Coordinator	Wishbone - Dir: Jonathan Parkinson TVC
DICHIPI	Intimacy Coordinator	Thape Media - Dir : Siyabonga Mkhize & Thabang Masanabo - Eps: 2, 4, 5, 10 & 13
LLB	Intimacy Coordinator	Izwi Media/Showmax - Dir: Nthabiseng Tau & Nthabiseng Mokoena Eps :1, 8
ISIPHETHO	Intimacy Coordinator	BlackBrain/E-TV - Dir : Thandokazi Msumza Ep: 46 & 50
QUEENDOM	Intimacy Coordinator	Clive Morris/Showmax - Dir: Athi Petela Eps:54
SMOKE & MIRRORS	Intimacy Coordinator	The Final Chapter - Dir : Wandile Magadla & Sfundu - Eps: 360 & 420
IZIMFIHLO ZASEMBUMBULU	Intimacy Coordinator	Izimfihlo Zasebumbulu (PTY) - Dir:Khayakazi Ngqula - Feature Film
HEIST CITY	Intimacy Coordinator	Quizzical Pictures/Netflix - Dir: Akin Omotoso Eps: 1
AMAXELEGU	Intimacy Coordinator	Market Theatre - Dir: Qondiswa James

2023- AIRED

1802	Intimacy Coordinator	Hela Media/1Magic - Dir: Tshepo DeSantos - Eps: 107 & 123
ADULTING	Intimacy Coordinator	Tshedza Pictures/Showmax - Dir: Sandile Mdluli - Ep: 5
THE SPEAR	Intimacy Coordinator	Gambit Films/Netflix - Dir: Nozipho Nkelembe, Nthabiseng Mokoena, Marvin Beukes & Bonie Sithebe - Eps: 1, 8-11, 14-16, 19 & 20
ENTANGLED S2	Intimacy Coordinator	Burnt Onion/Mzansi Magic - Dir: Twiggy Matiwane & Vivek Mehta Eps-1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
YOH CHRISTMAS	Intimacy Coordinator	BBZEE Films/Netflix- Dir: Johnny Barbazano - Eps: 2-5
THE DROP	Intimacy Coordinator	eVod/Unknown Associates - Dir: Jonathan Parkinson
BLACK TAX (S3)	Intimacy Coordinator	BET/Rous House Productions - Dir: MQ Ngubane - 2 Eps.
SMOKE AND MIRRORS	Intimacy Coordinator	ETV/The Final Chapter Productions - Dir: Stephina Zwane

Additional Credits

- Writing, directing and performance coach

Courses and Qualifications

2022	Intimacy Coordinator Training - Safe Sets; Consent, Kissing, Masking & Choreography
2022	Certificates of Completion - Ihasco Courses; Bullying & Harassment For Employees, Conflict Resolution, Unconscious Bias For Employees, Safeguarding Children (Level 2)
2022	Certificate of Completion - Easy Training; Sexual Harassment Prevention
2022	Certificate of Attendance - Mental Health First Aider England; Mental Health First Aid
2019	Honors Degree Directing (AFDA)
2012-2014	BA in Screen and Stage Acting (AFDA)