

# William Collinson

DP (Director of Photography) and Director

Member of SASC (South African Society of Cinematographers)

## PERSONAL DETAILS

**Date of birth:** 03/07/1984  
**Nationality:** South African  
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

- **2011- Present**  
**FREELANCE CINEMATOGRAPHER AND DIRECTOR**  
*Freelancer* – Based in Cape Town, South Africa, but working globally.  
Worked as DP and Director on many feature films, TV series, music videos, commercials and other film projects. See filmography below.
- **2011 – 2016**  
**CO-OWNER, DP, PRODUCER and DIRECTOR**  
*Black Envelope Films* – Johannesburg, South Africa  
Co-ran production company (specializing in content creation for all media industries), managed and produced projects, met with and recruited clients, directed film and TV projects and filmed them as DP. See filmography below.
- **2009 - 2011**  
**DP, EDITOR, PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR**  
*Hotel De Ville Post Production/Embassy Productions Suites* – Johannesburg, South Africa  
Worked as DP, Online & Offline Editor, Producer and Director on a variety of TV commercials and TV shows. See filmography below.
- **2006 – 2007**  
**LECTURER**  
*National College of Photography* – Pretoria, South Africa  
Lectured and taught college students in photography including techniques of photography, advanced photography, studio lighting and dark room developing and printing.

## EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

- **American Society of Cinematographers (ASC) Masterclass** – March 2015  
*American Society of Cinematographers* – Hollywood, California, U.S.A.
- **Advanced Diploma of Screen** – 2008  
*APA (Academy of Photogenic Arts) International Film School* – Sydney, Australia
- **Photography Diploma, Cum Laude** – 2005  
*National College of Photography* – Pretoria, South Africa
- **Matric Certificate High School (Grade 12)** – 2002  
*National School of the Arts (NSA)* – Johannesburg, South Africa

## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- Winner of the highest recognition for cinematography in South Africa - The South African Society of Cinematographers (SASC) Visible Spectrum Award:
  - **SASC Visible Spectrum Award 2017** – Best Cinematography in a Feature Film for *Last Broken Darkness* [DP: William Collinson]
- Recognized as a member of the SASC (South African Society of Cinematographers) in 2017. The SASC is South Africa's version of the ASC (American Society of Cinematographers) and the BSC (British Society of Cinematographers) and is affiliated with both the ASC and the BSC. Membership of the SASC is by invitation only and signifies distinction based on merit.
- Winner of the Best Feature Drama at the 2017 Woods Hole Film Festival:
  - **Best Feature Drama (Jury Award):** *Jagveld* [DP: William Collinson]
- Winner of the Best Feature Film at the 2013 Durban International Film Festival (DIFF):
  - **Best Feature Film:** *Durban Poison* [DP: William Collinson]
- Winner of two Cannes Lion Awards, considered by industry as the most coveted and well-respected awards in the entire global advertising and creative communications industry:
  - **Gold Cannes Lion 2012** (Category: Retail and E- Commerce, Incl. Restaurants) for Wimpy "*Braille Burgers*" ad [DP, Director and Editor: William Collinson]
  - **Silver Cannes Lion 2012** (Category: Best Use of Live Events And / Or Stunts) for Wimpy "*Braille Burgers*" ad [DP, Director and Editor: William Collinson]
- Winner of the Clio Award, which is an esteemed international award competition for the creative business:
  - **Gold Clio 2012** (Category: Special Event) for *Wimpy Braille PR* ad [Director, DP and Editor: William Collinson]

## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS (cont'd)

- Winner of three Loeries awards, considered to be the leading creative awards for the brand communications industry across Africa and the Middle East:
  - **Gold Loerie 2012** (Category: Direct Mail - Dimensional Mail) for Wimpy “*Braille Burgers*” ad [Director, DP and Editor: William Collinson]
  - **Silver Loerie 2012** (Category: Media Innovation - Single Medium) for Wimpy “*Braille Burgers*” ad [Director, DP and Editor: William Collinson]
  - **Gold Loerie 2011** (Category: Non-broadcast Video & Film) for Cambridge Food’s documentary “*Paulina’s Story*” [Director and DP: William Collinson]
  
- Nominated four times for prestigious cinematography awards in South Africa, including two at the South African Film and Television Awards (SAFTAS) and two at the Kyknet Silwerskerm Awards:
  - **SAFTA 2015** (Category: Best Achievement in Cinematography - TV Soap) for *Skeem Saam* [DP: William Collinson]
  - **SAFTA 2014** (Category: Best DOP / Cinematographer of a Feature Film) for *Ballade van Robbie de Wee* [DP: William Collinson]
  - **Silwerskerm Award 2015** (Category: Best Cinematographer {in a Feature Film}) for *Verskietende Ster* [DP: William Collinson]
  - **Silwerskerm Award 2016** (Category: Best Cinematographer {in a Feature Film}) for *Dis Koue Kos, Skat* [DP: William Collinson]

## SKILLS

- **Expert Camera Skills:** Expert experience operating all professional cameras and equipment, including Arri, Red, Sony and Canon digital cameras.
- **Expert Lighting Skills** (for commercial and narrative purposes): Expert experience using all types of lighting equipment including HMI, Tungsten Incandescent, Kino Flo and LED technology.
- **Strong Editing Skills:** Proficient in Final Cut, Adobe Premier and Photoshop.
- **Strong Management Skills:** Experienced in managing large production teams and projects involving up to 100 people.

## REFERENCES

- Darrell Roodt, *Independent Director*, +27 (0) 82-900-9418, darrellr@iafrica.com
- Christianne Bennetto, *Independent Producer*, +27 (0) 78-708-8145, christiannebennetto@gmail.com
- Debbie Strumpher, Line Producer - *Pue Comenications*, +27 (0) 84-376-8494, debbie.strumpher@skeemsaamtv.co.za
- Vusi Sithole, Production Manager - *Pue Comunications* +27 (0) 74-587-1978, vusi.sithole@skeemsaamtv.co.za
- Deon Meyer, Producer - *Karoo Film Company*, +27 (0) 82-449-8081, deonmeyer\_za@icloud.com
- Michael Kolbe, Director - *Black Envelope Films*, +27 (0) 71-493-7052, michael@blackenvelopefilms.com
- Christopher-Lee dos Santos, *Independent Director*, +27 (0) 82-742-7312, chris@dsfilmsentertainment.com

# FILMOGRAPHY

## Feature Films

### **Looking for Love**

Release Date: TBC 2018

Production Company: The Moving Billboard Picture Company

Director: Adze Ugah

DP: William Collinson

### **The Road to Sunrise**

Release Date: November 2017

Production Company: Firstdawn Arts

Director: Shemu Joyah

DP: William Collinson

### **Double Echo**

Release Date: September 2017

Production Company: Karoo Film Company

Director: William Collinson

DP: William Collinson

### **Jagveld**

Release Date: March 2017

Production Company: Karoo Film Company

Director: Byron Davis

DP: William Collinson

Won: Jury Award for Best Feature Drama at the Woods Hole Film Festival (2017)

### **Last Broken Darkness**

Release Date: February 2017

Production Company: Karoo Film Company

Director: Christopher-Lee dos Santos

DP: William Collinson

Won: William Collinson, Visible Spectrum Award for Best Cinematography in a Feature Film from the South African Society of Cinematographers (SASC) (2017)

### **Dis Koue Kos, Skat**

Release Date: August 2016

Production Company: Karoo Film Company

Director: Etienne Fourie

DP: William Collinson

Nominated: William Collinson, Best Cinematographer (in a Feature Film) at the KykNet Silwerskerm Awards (2016)

**Bond of Blood**

Release Date: August 2015

Production Company: Karoo Film Company

Director: Christopher-Lee dos Santos

DP: William Collinson

**Verskietende Ster**

Release Date: April 2015

Production Company: Faith in Motion Productions/Philo Films

Director: Darrell Roodt

DP: William Collinson

Nominated: William Collinson, Best Cinematographer (in a Feature Film) at the KykNet Silwerskerm Awards (2015)

**Seun**

Release Date: March 2015

Production Company: Karoo Film Company

Director: Darrell Roodt

DP: William Collinson

**Alles wat Mal is**

Release Date: July 2014

Production Company: Karoo Film Company

Director: Darrell Roodt

DP: William Collinson

**Ballade van Robbie de Wee**

Release Date: September 2013

Production Company: Karoo Film Company

Director: Darrell Roodt

DP: William Collinson

Nominated: William Collinson, Best DOP / Cinematographer of a Feature Film at the South African Film and Television Awards (SAFTAS) (2014)

**Durban Poison**

Release Date: July 2013

Production Company: Karoo Film Company

Director: Andrew Worsdale

DP: William Collinson

Won: Best South Africa Film at the Durban International Film Festival (2013)

**Die Laaste Tango**

Release Date: June 2013

Production Company: Karoo Film Company

Director: Deon Meyer

DP: William Collinson

# FILMOGRAPHY (cont'd)

## TV SERIES

### **Agent** (Currently in Production)

Broadcast Date: TBC 2018

Production Company: Cinebar Studios

Directors: Athos Kyriakides, Sean Else, Jon Rabaud

DP: William Collinson

### **Skeem Saam**

Broadcast Date: 2016-2017

Production Company: Peu Communications

Directors: Percy L. Maboane, Neo M. Matsunyane, Archie Mzu Mzazi, William Collinson

DP: William Collinson

### **Skeem Saam**

Broadcast Date: 2013-2015

Production Company: Peu Communications

Director: King Shaft Moropane

DP: William Collinson

Nominated: William Collinson, Best Achievement in Cinematography - TV Soap at the South African Film and Television Awards (SAFTAS) (2015)

### **Snake Park Season 2**

Broadcast Date: March 2015

Production Company: Welela Studios

Directors: Byron Davis, Deon Potgieter

DP: William Collinson

### **Snake Park**

Broadcast Date: March 2014

Production Company: Welela Studios

Director: Darrell Roodt

DP: William Collinson

### **Takalani Sesame**

Broadcast Date: March 2013

Production Company: Ochre Moving Pictures

DP: William Collinson

### **Japanese Comedy Variety Show 'SA' (South Africa)**

Broadcast Date: 2013

Production Company: Voice Japan Inc.

Director: Shinji Ohira

DP: William Collinson

**Japanese Comedy Variety Show 'SA' (South Africa)**

Broadcast Date: 2012

Production Company: Voice Japan Inc.

Director: Shinji Ohira

South African DP: William Collinson

**Japanese Comedy Variety Show 'Malawi'**

Broadcast Date: 2011

Production Company: Voice Japan Inc.

Director: Jun Adano

DP: William Collinson

**Ultra Simple Golf (USG)**

Broadcast Date 2009 - 2012

Production Company: Hotel De Ville

Directors: Peter van Jaarsveld, Douglas Warren Styn

DP: William Collinson

**FILMOGRAPHY (cont'd)****SHORT FILMS****Awakening Truth** (Created for the Johannesburg 48 hour Film Festival)

Release Date: September 2013

Production Company: N/A

Directors: Wesley Phelan, Nyiko Ray-Ray Mphande

DP: William Collinson

**Tanks and Bicycles**

Release Date: November 2013

Production Company: A Breed Apart Pictures

Director: Neil Impey

DP: William Collinson

**I Wrote This For You** (Produced for Book Launch)

Release Date: December 2011

Production Company: N/A

Director: Wesley Phelan

DP: William Collinson

**Late Brief**

Release Date: February 2011

Production Company: N/A

Director: Dave Hawkins

DP: William Collinson

# FILMOGRAPHY (cont'd)

## DOCUMENTARIES

### **Chris Barnard: The First Heart Transplant**

Release Date: TBC

Production Company: Welela Studios

Director: Byron Davis

DP: William Collinson

### **Bridging Worlds: The Life and Teachings of Rav Azriel Chaim Goldfein**

Release Date: June 2014

Production Company: N/A

Director: David Sassoon

DP: William Collinson

### **Behind Silent Eyes**

Release Date: July 2014

Production Company: Black Envelope Films

Director: William Collinson

DP: William Collinson

### **Wigs & Sangomas**

Release Date: August 2011

Production Company: Voice Japan Inc

Director: Yasuo Nakamichi

DP: William Collinson

### **Black-footed Cats**

Release Date: September 2011

Production Company: Wild Revolutions

Directors: Pat Bonior, Jessica Babich

DP: William Collinson

### **Paulina's Story**

Release Date: 2010

Production Company: Hotel De Ville

Director: William Collinson

DP: William Collinson

Won: Gold Loerie (Category: Non-broadcast Video & Film) (2011)



# COMMERCIAL WORK AND MUSIC VIDEOS

## TV COMMERCIALS

- SABC Sport: Soweto Derby Promo for *Black Envelope Films* – 2017
- Playboy/Playgirl: Hypnotize/Mesmerize for *Black Envelope Films* – 2017
- Clere Radiance / Equity Range for *Black Envelope Films* – 2016
- Afrisam: Hey Sexy for *Black Envelope Films* – 2016
- Daily Sun for *Black Envelope Films* – 2015
- Espresso Veloce for *Welela Studios* – 2014
- Airtel Brand (Nairobi) for *Ogilvy Africa* – 2014
- Builders Brand for *Black Envelope Films* – 2014
- Nandos Nek Nomination for *Metropolitan Republic* – 2014
- Boardmans for *Ireland Davenport* – 2013
- Mzansi Magic Daily Sun Promo for *Black Envelope Films* – 2013
- MTN Cycling for *Metropolitan Republic* – 2012
- Boardmans for *Ireland Davenport* – 2012
- Wimpy Braille Burgers for *Metropolitan Republic* – 2012 [Winner of: 2012 Gold Cannes Lion (Category: Retail and E- Commerce, Incl. Restaurants), 2012 Silver Cannes Lion Category: Best Use of Live Events And / Or Stunts), 2012 Gold Loerie (Category: Direct Mail - Dimensional Mail), 2012 Silver Loerie (Category: Media Innovation - Single Medium) and 2012 Gold Clio Award (Category: Special Event)]
- Autotrader for *Hotel De Ville* – 2011
- Cambridge Foods Fiesta for *Hotel De Ville* – 2010
- MTN Wafa Wafa for *Hotel De Ville* – 2010
- MTN Couch for *Hotel De Ville* – 2010
- Edgars Denim for *Jupiter Drawing Room* – 2010
- Dettol for *Hotel De Ville* – 2010
- Wimpy: 500 Stores for *Hotel De Ville* – 2009

## MUSIC VIDEOS

- 'Pistol' by Josh Kempen – 2016
- 'LaLa Land' by Lily White – 2013
- 'Brothers' by Inkredible Infadzile – 2012
- 'Eendag' by Jaco Van Wyk – 2012
- 'On the Radio' by Madjoy – 2012
- 'The Decider' by Rite of Passage – 2012
- 'Counting Sheep' by Camera Boy – 2011
- 'Bbanging' by Eric M & Lauren Angel – 2011
- 'Birds and Bees' by Rocketeers – 2011
- 'My Darling' by Wren – 2011
- 'Sirens' by 4am – 2010
- 'Born to be Famous' by J Maxx – 2010
- 'Misled' by Gross Misconduct – 2009