



## **Press Release**

### **A BUBBA T – EVERY WOMAN’S FAVOURITE ACCESSORY! Wed March 8**

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That’s French for, “There was a certain promise of a better world when I came to South Africa from Senegal in 1997, but I quickly learnt that being a stranger in a strange land is a difficult thing.” That’s 28-year-old, Senegalese-born, Bouba Badiane talking.

He plays the role of Senegalese bodyguard, Bubba T (who also speaks French), whose sole job is to protect and shadow the wealthy, mysterious, extremely attractive and a bit of a show-off, Abigail Martins (Michele Maxwell), mother of property developer, Tino (Clint Brink).

“I lived in Kempton Park back then and life was really, really hard! If I had two Rand I felt like I had a hundred bucks but I was determined to make it so I persevered. And now my dreams are being realized and who knows what other opportunities will open up for me!” says Bouba.

“Scandal is my first break on SA TV and I am ecstatic. The cast is cool and the actors are very supportive of a beginner like myself.” It was while working one night as a bouncer at a nightclub that Bouba was spotted by someone from Scandal’s production team who told

about the role of a bodyguard that would soon be cast. “I didn’t take him seriously but I gave him my number and he called and that was how I got this part,” recalls Bouba.

A security consultant and owner of a clothes shop in real life, Bouba has featured in movies and ads, his most recent and notable appearance being in ‘The Zulu Love Letter’. He’s also scheduled for a movie, ‘Black Diamonds’, in Mozambique later this year.

“When I first arrived in South Africa I became a personal trainer and a model. I stayed here for a year, but after the struggle I initially experienced, I decided to move back to Senegal. I soon realized that success was more easily attainable here than back home, so I returned to South Africa in 1998. When I think about my childhood there are so many memories – not all are necessarily happy. I come from a large family. My father had three wives so there were a lot of us which means you cannot be as happy as you would be if you come from a smaller family. My father was very reserved and so I was closer to my mother who had six children in total.

“Bubba T’s character is easy to get in terms of what drives him, because it’s what I do now for a living. Security is not an easy job but I love doing it. I would never compromise someone else’s life and so the job possesses a huge responsibility.”

Bubba T would take a bullet for Abigail. He is well-connected and street smart. He was a street kid who was taken in by Abigail at the age of 14. He works out to keep his six foot six frame in athlete shape. Bubba is fiercely loyal to Abi and is the strong, silent, intensely private type.

“Acting is not as easy as it seems”, reflects Bouba. “If you can’t act, then you can’t, it’s one of those things that you have to have a natural ability to do. I first tried it out not knowing whether I’d be good or not, but I’m really enjoying it. I also have to consider the language factor, as I am an English third language speaker.”

Que Abigail a-t-il fait pour mériter un garde du corps par sa nuit et son jour latérale ? Ses secrets scandaleux - et le physique de Bouba intimidant - sera révélé sur l’écran très bientôt.

But in simple English, please! So here we go... (What has Abigail done to warrant a bodyguard by her side night and day? Her scandalous secrets - and Bouba's intimidating physique - will be revealed on screen very soon.)

She wears him well – for photos of Abi and Bouba, please contact:  
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