



Press Release

Doctor Kwasu-Nkantlo sings her way onto Backstage

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There's a new face on your favourite youth drama. Tune in as the fresh-faced Dolly Malinga, played by hot new talent Doctor Kwasu-Nkantlo, sings her way into the Backstage lime-light from Friday 5 May.

THE CHARACTER:

Dolly Malinga is an African lady of big build. She is also a magnificent singer, confident, feisty and strong. Her responses to life are quick, sharp and cutting. She is one of three sisters: their mother has instilled in them the fact that being big is healthy, sexy and very beautiful.

HER BACKSTAGE DEBUT:

Dolly auditions at Vulindlela College with a piece of acting. Drama head Naomi (Tahira Syed) and singing coach Katlego (Baby Cele) are both very impressed by her abilities. Dolly receives a call back and this time, she has to sing. Her performance is breathtaking. And college principal, Ipeleng (Grace Mahlala) reckons a new South African talent has been discovered.

Watch how our gum smacking, tough babe film student, Lu, becomes jealous when her best mate, drama student, Vusi (she has a secret crush on him), takes an immediate interest in Dolly – this, after having just finished his obsession over Roxanne (Carmel Fisher).

DOCTOR KWASU-NKATLO:

Doctor Kwasu-Nkantlo has a passion for languages – she can speak German and French – and loves to sing and dance, especially in children's shows. "It keeps my inner child alive." She's acted in television shows from Malonga, Kgweetsa, Di nali baji to Schoop Schoombie. A former student at the National school of Arts and Arroyo Grande School in California, she believes that The Arts is where she belongs.

An Aries, the most memorable occasion for Doctor was when she toured with the Soyikwa Dance Project in Germany. Doctor feels that if she had a choice and enough money she would be living in Lesotho. "Lesotho is the most beautiful place; this is where my soul finds peace." She also believes that the role of Dolly is spiritually appealing. Reading books is one of Doctor's favourite pastimes - and she dislikes driving.

Doctor has a company called the Bomkhozi Project, a broad based company that offers HIV/ Aids training, via theatre performances, for corporate companies. She admires opera singer Sibongile Khumalo.

**It's the singing Doctor on Backstage – weekdays @ 6.30pm
From Friday May 5**

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