



## **Press Release**

### **FIXING SCANDAL!(S)** **Nthati Moshesh** **Thursday November 30**

Morongwe (Mo) Molefe, played by Nthati Moshesh, is the newly appointed corporate strategist (biz speak for a public relations and marketing manager) at Nyathi Zwane Holdings (NZH), PTY Ltd.

Mo is formally introduced to the staff of The Voice and Scandal! via a surprise announcement made by owner, Vusi Zwane (Siyabonga Twala), that the company has bought – and will continue to support – a Newtown orphanage caring for children suffering from HIV and AIDS. The staff is expected to pay a visit to the children on World AIDS Day, December 1 as a gesture of goodwill as well as a publicity opportunity.

The Voice's Editor and NZH co-owner, Stan Nyathi (Luthuli Dlamini), takes great exception to not being informed of Mo's new position and Vusi's ever-expanding plans for the company. (The partners are currently embroiled in a bitter business and personal feud). Stan regards Mo's appointment with suspicion and derision, especially as he was not consulted on it (as will most of the staff). Nevertheless, Mo begins her teambuilding exercises in an attempt to reconcile the two factions at NZH, never mind poking her nose into areas that shouldn't concern her – like people's dress attire and behaviour.

No one knows (yet) that the multi-talented Mo has previous (undercover) links to the government, working for the NIA (National Intelligence Agency). She was privy to certain secrets that she will

use to get exactly where she wants to be – at the top of the corporate ladder.

Born in Katlehong on the East Rand, Nthathi went to school at St Andrews where she did Drama as a Matric subject. She obtained an acting diploma from the Natal Technikon and in the early 90s, worked for NAPAC (Natal Performing Arts Council), touring schools with educational programmes that centred on HIV/AIDS. She also worked with the BOPAC (Bophuthatswana Performing Arts Council). Nthathi moved to Jozi, got herself an agent, and in 1993, made her first SA TV appearance with “African Skies”.

Despite her extensive work on stage, and in film and TV, Nthathi still considers movies as her mini breaks - like her lead role in "Kini and Adams", the film that was on the official selection list at Cannes in 1997 – the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the film festival.

“The most exciting thing about acting is that I get to live out other people’s lives that have nothing to do with my own life. Glamorous? Not at all! I’ve worked on films where I’ve had to wake up at 4am for a bush shoot, where you could be bitten by mosquitoes and face the very real possibility of snakes lurking in the bush,” comments Nthathi.

Nthathi, is no stranger to soapies (she’s done Egoli and 7de Laan), but she definitely feels that her new role is different from a lot of things she’s undertaken – like her role of Thandeka in Home Affairs. “I’ve worked previously with Scandal!’s series producer, Bronwyn Berry - she directed me when I worked on Gaz’Lam. So when I got the character breakdown of Mo, I just had to take the part. It was just too good to pass,” says Nthathi.

“Mo is my kind of woman – she’s strong and has balls. She kicks ass. She’s the kind of woman I want to be all the time. She’s not scared of using her femininity. She’s a stinger with charm. Are there any things I don’t like about her? Let’s just say it’s too soon to say,” concludes Nthathi.

Nthathi is a Virgo (which means she’s a perfectionist); still sucks her thumb; regards “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” as her best movie; loves Maxwell and Barbara Streisand; hangs out at her house

(“more specifically, my bedroom”); likes strawberry daiquiri and any seafood dish; hates pretentious people, but admires kindness; raids her local DVD shop on Saturday nights to spend time with her most favourite person in the world – her son (obviously the clubbing days are over for this self-confessed dance queen!); says she’s her most productive when on a film set, and feels sexiest when wearing her 10-year-old white T-shirt, “that has seen me through the best and the worst”.

Don’t miss Nthati’s most eagerly anticipated debut on Scandal!, (Monday to Thursday at 7.30pm) from November 30, free on e.

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