



Press Release

Tsotsi's Sindisiwe Khambule – Backstage! **Tuesday June 13**

Sindisiwe Khambule played the role of an HIV sufferer and strong mother of Tsotsi, in South Africa's 2006 Oscar winning movie, "Tsotsi". Now she joins Backstage, as of Tuesday June 13, as Lindi Shabalala, a music producer, who's about to make life hell for Chippa (Loyiso Mangena).

Chippa is the brash and boisterous entertainment manager and part shareholder - Sgolwane (Mpho Malatsi) is the other part shareholder - of Emanzini, the restaurant/club that's owned, in the main, by Zinzi (Tselane Tambo). It's where most of Vulindlela College's students hang. Chippa also does some part-time artist management, aside from looking after his own singing career. There's been no romance in his life since his near-incestuous relationship with his half-sister, music student, Lerato (Tahiri).

Enter Ms Shabalala, with a tempting Youth Day music project offer and a lot of sexually charged episodes that change Chippa from showbiz entrepreneur and commune clown and confidante to a miserable wreck of a man.

Watch how a series of events, stemming from a sexual harassment claim, result in Chippa having to seek legal advice about the laying of charges for defamation of character; illegal entrapment and blackmail. Will he cave in from the obviously concentrated campaign to destroy him – professionally and personally, publicly and privately? Who has got it in for him? And why?

"Mama", "Maru", "Julius Ceasar", "Children of Calabash", "In Love All By Myself" and "S'momondiya" are just six of the many theatre productions in which vivacious Sindisiwe Khambule has performed.

Sindi has a degree in Physical Education from Wits University. She is the only daughter within a family of five, and was raised by a single mother. A former gym instructor, she enjoys swimming, exercising and singing. Brenda Fassie, says Sindi, will always be her role model.

Sindi loves Enya's song, "Book of Days" and plans to (one day!) go on a luxurious holiday in the Seychelles. A Taurus, she has well-defined, long-term goals - and says she is determined to achieve them.

It's Lindi Shabalala versus Chippa - Backstage Mondays - Fridays @ 6.30pm

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