



Press Release

She Proposed/He Accepted! It's the Wedding of Keketso and Lesedi Friday September 8 2006

You are cordially invited to watch the wedding of Keketso Chaka (Salamina Mphelo) and Lesedi Maponya (Duke Motlanthe) on Backstage, Friday September 8, at 6.30pm.

The location scenes were shot in the tiny chapel of Ekudeni (in Xhosa, the name means "Place That Is Far Away"), a guest lodge in Muldersdrift, Gauteng, reknown as a romantic getaway for newlyweds.

Keketso wears a dramatic R15 000 creation, designed by BIJI partners, Biji and Laura for maximum screen impact. It took the two, plus a seamstress and a beader, eight weeks to make the gown. It has a (tight) corset and fishtail train Spanish-feel silhouette and includes white, cream and metallic silk organza draping, with Soltiss Chantilly lace and hand-embroidered beading. Lesedi wears a paisley-patterned jacket to complement his wife's dream garment.

A team of six from the show's wardrobe department, headed by Elke Beukes, designed and sewed the stunning garments for Melissa (Mari Michael); Charmaine (Lorcia Cooper); Naomi (Tahira Syed); Roxanne (Carmel Fisher) and flower girl Sophie (Amu Muyanga).

Director Sarah Roberts was in charge of the 12-hour shoot and the 100 people who comprised the show's cast, production staff, technical crew, guest actors and extras.

The Wedding Background: Keketso, the obsessive-compulsive and (previously) extremely disciplined and focused drama honours graduate - who had a long time relationship with film honours graduate, Ziggy (Charl Timotheus) - started her teaching career at Vulindlela Arts College this year. She resigned three times: the first time, because she couldn't cope with the pressures of her new job; the second because she couldn't handle the public embarrassment of being dumped by her writing lecturer lover, Sebastian Young, who went back to his old flame Naomi - the drama department head - and Keketso's boss.

The final time was due to her getting the lead in a big-time TV soapie where she was pursued by a playa of an actor. Then she met The Perfect Man, self-made, international media mogul and marketing guru, Lesedi, who offered his company as a potential source of student sponsorships or internships to the college.

Keketso and Lesedi fell in love. Despite his scheming, spiteful mother and his frequent absences for all those business trips; issues over the antenuptial agreement, Lobolo, her deep, dark secrets that include past mental illness and a baby given up for adoption. Keketso was offered the job of entertainments manager of Emanzini, the local student hangout. Her future husband wants her to focus on him. The lead up to The Day has, literally, been one long panic attack for the bride – and all her long-suffering friends at the college. It's almost enough to make a girl run away.

It's a spring celebration of never-ending love with the marriage of
Keketso and Lesedi...

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