



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Rhythm City**  
**Reborn Rachel – all praise to Pastor Ngidi?**

**Monday November 26 at 6.30pm**

Pastor Abel Ngidi, (Mangaliso Ngema), is set to have a mighty impact on the life of Rachel Phakati (Lucia Mthiyane) as of Monday November 26.

Diva Rachel, Africa's third best selling gospel artist, has become increasingly dissatisfied with her world. She wants to take control of her destiny and fill her empty life. A vain and insecure woman, she is frustrated with the music industry and has fears of growing old and insignificant...of being forgotten.

The charismatic Pastor Ngidi will offer close, compassionate counselling, support, and a way forward – his influence so great that Rachel will agree to join his congregation and undergo a formal baptism. And more.

Does the new man in her life truly have her best interests at heart, or is he an obvious opportunist with a personal agenda? Will Rachel's new spiritual - and physical - appetite for life come with great cost to her career and personal relationships?

This we can tell you: Pastor Ngidi is from a rural Zulu background. He has his own church (The Church of the Thirteenth Apostle) that has a growing following in Soweto and secondary, developing branches in Eshowe and Mooi River. He is basically a Christian, but claims to have been granted a few private and personal revelations that allow him to make amendments to dogma when necessary. He believes you can be of the faith without turning your back on the ways of your forefathers, which means that he has incorporated many aspects of traditional religion into his personal brand of Christianity.

Mangaliso Ngema plays Pastor Ngidi. He was born in Orlando West, Soweto, and is a singer/guitarist who was raised by his mother, singer Patience Africa. He worked as a marketing/sales/brand manager for many years.

His first acting job was in 2002 as Lunga Zondo in Generations. A few years down the line he had another lead role in Tshisa in which he played Thabani. He has also appeared in shows like Backstage, Mzansi, and Brothers and Sisters (a new show).

Mangaliso enjoys hanging with the boys, producing and performing music, and spending time with his kids and family. He also enjoys eating lamb chops with pap and lots of chillies and garlic. Mangaliso listens mostly to Maskandi/Mbhaqanga music. He recommends everyone read the book, Rich Dad Poor Dad, by Robert Kyosaki.

He says: "This character is different to all the Mr Do It Right roles I have previously played, and I like, I like!"

For photos of the persuasive pastor with our diva, contact:

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