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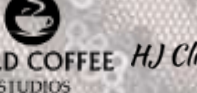
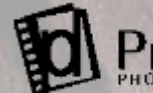
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Introducing Danelle Dreyer

Mrs. South Africa Finalist to SterStatus Co-presenter

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Danelle Dreyer, a vibrant and accomplished woman, born and raised in the Vaaltriangle in Vereeniging, is making her mark in the world of pageantry and entertainment.

Her journey is one of personal growth, empowerment, and the desire to make a positive impact on society. As a proud wife, devoted mother of four boys, and a successful business owner, Danelle's story is an inspiration to many.

Pageantry: A Transformational Path

Danelle's fascination with pageantry started early in life when she won the Miss Lentedag title in primary school, adorned with real flowers in her hair. Growing up as the sporty one in her family, she excelled in various athletic pursuits and represented her school as a top netball player.

However, it wasn't until after the birth of her third son that she underwent a physical transformation, which sparked the suggestion from many that she could become the next Mrs. South Africa. Encouraged by this idea, she decided to enter the pageant in 2017, marking the beginning of her pageantry journey.

The Rewards of Pageantry: Connections and Empowerment

For Danelle, the most rewarding aspect of pageantry lies in the connections she has made along the way. Through pageants, she has met new people, gained mentors, developed friendships, established valuable business connections, and engaged with various charitable organizations. She emphasizes that pageantry is not just about the glitz and glamour but also about the opportunity to meet incredible individuals, like-minded and determined to make a difference in the world.

The Influence of the First Pageant Experience

Danelle candidly shares her experience of participating in her first pageant, Mrs. South Africa, where she walked in as a novice. She admits that she underestimated the importance of having the right mentorship and support. Although she didn't place in the top 25 contestants, the experience made her stronger, wiser, and more resilient. This setback served as a catalyst for personal growth and pushed her to become a better version of herself.

What Sets Danelle Apart: The Full Package

When asked about what distinguishes her from other contestants, Danelle humbly acknowledges the incredible women she has encountered in her life. She believes in being described as the "full package": beautiful, intellectual, kind, giving, and hardworking. Moreover, her optimistic and

contented nature, rooted in her faith, sets her apart. It is this holistic approach to life and her unwavering dedication to being a positive role model that defines her uniqueness.

Overcoming Challenges and Giving Back

One of the challenges Danelle highlights in the pageant world is fundraising. Most pageants require contestants to raise funds, and this can be a daunting task. However, she thrives on the opportunity to organize events, unite people, and raise funds for causes she believes in. By leveraging the connections she has cultivated over time, Danelle finds ways to overcome this challenge and make a meaningful impact within her community.

Preparation and Growth: A Journey of Fun and Self-Discovery

Preparing for pageants involves a range of exciting activities for Danelle. From creating traditional outfits to selecting pageant week ensembles, from delivering motivational speeches to engaging in charity work, she embraces every opportunity for personal growth. Additionally, she has honed her catwalk skills under the guidance of Mirriam from K-Mile Models and has collaborated with professional photographers to create captivating content. Danelle's journey is filled with excitement, personal growth, and endless possibilities.



Empowerment Through Pageantry: Blooming and Inspiring Others

Participating in pageantry has had a profound impact on Danelle's personal growth and self-confidence. It has allowed her to bloom and discover her true potential while empowering others along the way. Danelle is now driven to become a mentor herself, guiding aspiring contestants towards their own transformative journeys. Pageantry has given her a purpose-driven life and the platform to be a positive, empowering role model.

Redefining Beauty Standards and Breaking Misconceptions

Reflecting on her experience, Danelle acknowledges a shift in her perception of pageantry. She sees it as a business organization seeking the perfect representative, encompassing both compassion and glamour. Addressing misconceptions, she invites those who judge pageant contestants to get to know them personally. Danelle emphasizes that many titleholders are not merely "mooi poppies" but rather individuals who possess beauty, bravery, intelligence, and care deeply about making a difference.

Passionate Causes: Gender-Based Violence and Empowering Children

Danelle actively supports social causes close to her heart. Through her involvement with Mrs. Grand, she collaborates with Jasons Angels, an organization dedicated to combating gender-based violence. Working alongside Jason and his foundation, she aims to raise awareness and provide support to victims. Additionally, Danelle's passion extends to working with children's homes and safe havens, finding joy and fulfillment in positively impacting the lives of young ones. Her pageant advocacy serves as a powerful platform to amplify her efforts.

Memorable and Inspiring Moments

Danelle shares some of the most memorable moments she has experienced throughout her pageant journey. From delivering motivational speeches that inspire others to being involved with Jasons Angels, each milestone fuels her aspiration for even greater accomplishments. Danelle's journey is a testament to the transformative power of pageantry.

Maintaining a Positive Attitude and Striking a Balance

Handling competition and maintaining a positive attitude can be challenging. Danelle's approach is rooted in recognizing that each individual is unique, with their own talents and purpose. Believing in herself, respecting others, and giving her best, she navigates the pageant process with authenticity and integrity. Balancing her personal life, career, and pageant commitments relies on her excellent time management skills and prioritizing what is most important at any given moment.

Advice for Aspiring Contestants: Know Yourself and Embrace Fear

Danelle's advice to aspiring pageant contestants is to embark on the journey of self-discovery. She emphasizes the importance of understanding oneself before entering the pageant world, ensuring that their roots are deep and strong. With the right mentorship and support, contestants can conquer their fears and pursue their dreams. Danelle encourages everyone to embrace the unknown, as it is often in the face of fear that the most transformative experiences occur.

Pageantry: A Gateway to Empowerment and Opportunities

In Danelle's opinion, pageantry empowers women by providing valuable opportunities for networking, personal growth, and self-discovery. The connections made within the industry can lead to partnerships, brand endorsements, modeling contracts, or even acting opportunities. By believing in oneself and taking bold steps, the doors of possibility swing open.

Danelle's Contact Information and SterStatus Journey

For those inspired by Danelle's story and wanting to connect with her, she can be found on social media platforms such as Facebook (Danelle Dreyer Public Page), Instagram (@dreyer.danelle), and TikTok (@danelle_dreyer). Danelle's involvement in the SterStatus production has been a pivotal part of her journey. As the Charity winner in 2020 and co-presenter for season 3 with Charne Kemp Bouwer, SterStatus has provided her with invaluable training and opportunities in the entertainment industry.

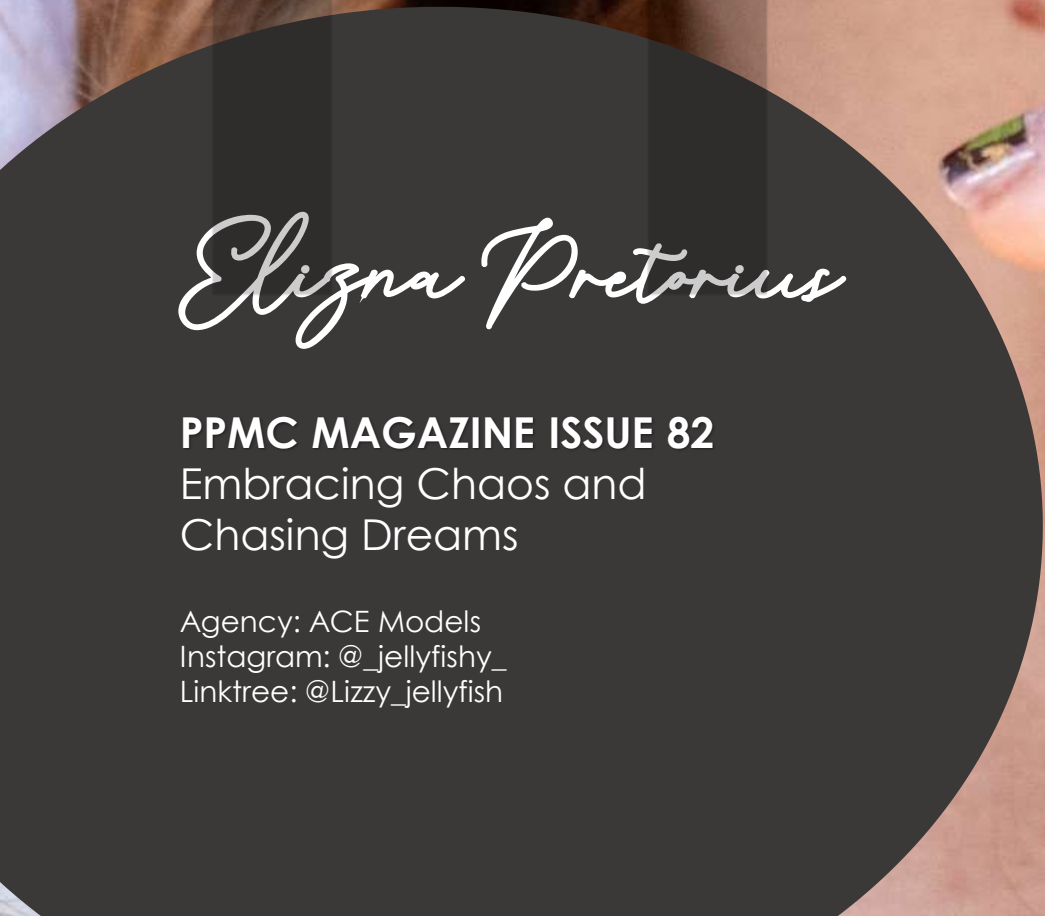
The Final Recommendation: SterStatus, a Platform for Empowerment

Danelle highly recommends SterStatus to anyone seeking personal growth, empowerment, and a sisterhood of like-minded individuals. This television production offers comprehensive training in various aspects of the entertainment industry, including acting, presenting, and catwalk skills. SterStatus serves as a platform for self-discovery and boosting

confidence. Led by the empowering Producer Tarien Cronje, this production uplifts women and is set to be aired on E-TV this year.

Danelle Dreyer's journey exemplifies the transformative power of pageantry. Through her involvement, she has discovered her strengths, shattered misconceptions, and dedicated herself to empowering others. Her story is an inspiration to those who aspire to embark on their own pageant journey, reminding them to embrace their uniqueness, pursue their dreams, and make a positive impact on the world.

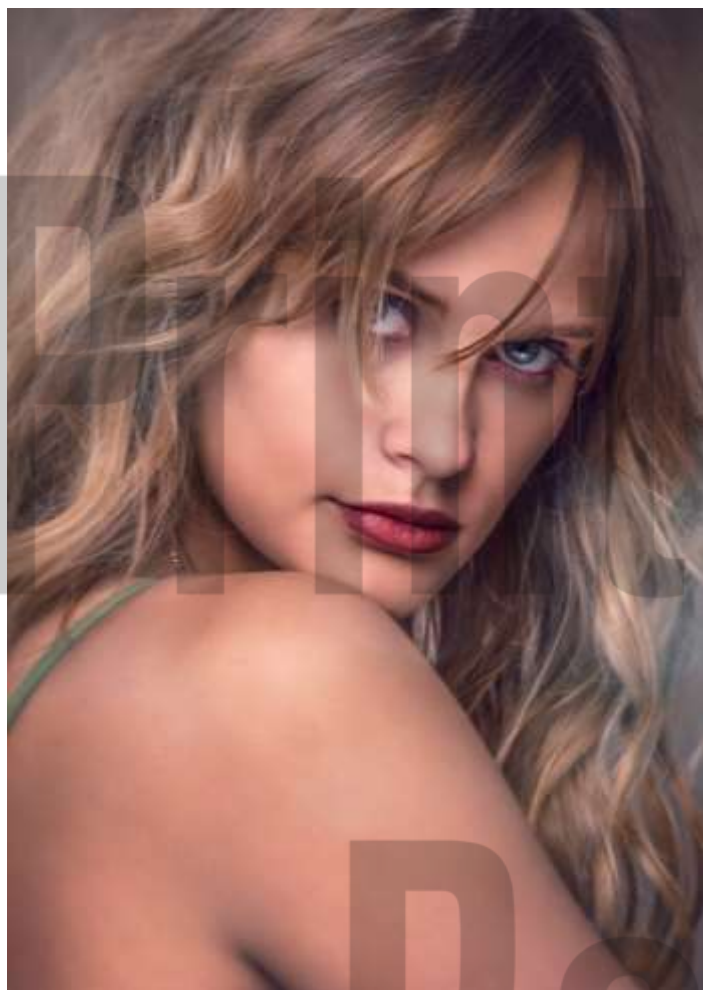




Elizna Pretorius

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Embracing Chaos and
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Elizna Pretorius, a vibrant 22-year-old from the tranquil town of Oudedorp, is making waves in the world of modeling and pageantry. As a recruitment host at Nova Life in Potchefstroom and an independent sales consultant for Annique Rooibos, Elizna's journey is as diverse as her aspirations. In a recent interview, she opened up about her passions, dreams, and the hidden talents that make her a truly unique individual.

When asked about her introduction to the world of modeling and pageantry, Elizna shared that she embarked on this thrilling adventure just last year. Joining Ace Models Potchefstroom in April 2022, she quickly made her mark by participating in two pageant competitions. Eager to expand her horizons, Elizna looks forward to attending the upcoming Ace Models Conference in September, where she hopes to gain even more experience and insight into the industry.

For Elizna, being in front of the camera is an opportunity to create a whole new world and persona. She cherishes the transformative power of a single pose, effortlessly transitioning from playful to a skilled warrior with a simple flick of the wrist. Elizna's love for modeling stems from the artistic freedom it offers, allowing her to bring characters and stories to life through her unique vision.

When it comes to photographers, Elizna holds a refreshing perspective. She believes that judging a photographer

solely by their photos would be an injustice. Her favorite photographer, Francois Oosthuysen, not only possesses incredible skills behind the lens but also has a genuine connection with his subjects. Having worked with him on multiple occasions, Elizna has witnessed firsthand the magic he creates through his photography.

Beyond the glamour of the modeling world, Elizna has her sights set on larger dreams and goals. Her ultimate aspiration is to become a part of the esteemed Miss South Africa sisterhood, where she can make a positive impact and inspire others. Alongside her modeling ambitions, Elizna plans to purchase a tiny house and restore her old Bantam bakkie, nurturing her love for adventure and freedom.

While many may be unaware, Elizna possesses a hidden talent that surprises those around her. With a mischievous smile, she reveals her ability to imitate the sound of a croaking frog, showcasing her playful and multifaceted nature. This young model's uniqueness extends to various aspects of her life, including her adventurous spirit. Elizna triumphantly conquered the challenges of a five-day canoeing expedition on the Orange River, emerging as a survivor of nature's untamed beauty.

But Elizna's resilience doesn't stop there. Despite being claustrophobic, she faced her fear head-on by courageously crawling through the Devil's Postbox at the Congo Caves. Her determination and ability to confront her anxieties demonstrate her unwavering spirit.

On a lighter note, Elizna's physical reactions to emotions are nothing short of fascinating. When cold, her nose turns a bright shade of red, and her ears blush when she laughs or feels embarrassed. These quirks add a touch of charm to her personality, making her even more endearing to those around her.

Beyond her modeling endeavors, Elizna has found solace in nurturing her own garden dedicated to cacti. Witnessing the growth of her little plants brings her immense joy, as long as she avoids the sight of wiggling worms, which she admits is not her cup of tea.

When asked about the best piece of advice she has received, Elizna shared a mantra that has guided her: "There will never be a good time or a better day. Stop waiting and start doing." These words have become a driving force in her life, pushing her to seize opportunities and pursue her dreams without hesitation.

Passionate about the off-the-grid lifestyle from a young age, Elizna is dedicated to making a positive impact on the planet. Embracing the philosophy of giving back more than she takes, she strives to live a

sustainable and eco-friendly life, inspiring others to do the same.

Elizna attributes her journey to success to the influential individuals who have shaped her path. One such person is Miss Nieuwoudt, her Afrikaans teacher during her 8th to 10th grade years. Miss Nieuwoudt's constant encouragement and belief in Elizna's potential left a lasting impression on her, instilling a sense of confidence and determination to excel.

As for her bucket list aspirations, Elizna's focus this year is on understanding conversational Japanese. She has taken on the challenge of learning a new language, eager to expand her cultural horizons and connect with people from different parts of the world.

Elizna's favorite quote, "Stop waiting and start doing," encapsulates her fearless approach to life. With her Instagram handle @jellyfishy_ and her Linktree @Lizzy_jellyfish, she welcomes others to connect with her and follow her journey as she continues to chase her dreams.

In the ever-evolving world of modeling and pageantry, Elizna Pretorius stands out as a young talent with boundless potential. From her small farm upbringing to the stages and catwalks she graces, Elizna's story is one of determination, resilience, and a passion for creating a world of her own. As she embraces the chaos and strives for greatness, there's no doubt that Elizna's star will continue to rise, illuminating the path for others to follow.



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Meet Casey Johnson: Discover the Aspirations and Talents of East London's Promising Model





In the bustling city of East London, Eastern Cape, a young talent is making waves in the world of modelling. Meet Casey Johnson, a sixteen-year-old with a passion for fashion, art, and the captivating world of the camera lens. As she walks the halls of Clarendon High School for Girls, Casey's aspirations extend far beyond the boundaries of her hometown.

Casey's journey in the world of modelling began at a tender age. During her younger years, she embarked on a successful path in photographic modelling, honing her skills and showcasing her natural beauty. However, it was earlier this year that she truly made her mark on the pageant scene, entering the prestigious Miss Summer/Miss Bikini 2023 East London Gala competition. It was here that Casey secured the title of 1st Runner up in the Miss Bikini 2023 section, solidifying her position as a rising star.

Currently, Casey is making her mark under the guidance of Just Models EL. As she delves deeper into her modelling career, Casey finds solace in the enchanting world that unfolds in front of the camera. For her, stepping into the spotlight transports her to another realm, offering respite from the stresses and responsibilities of everyday life. In front of the lens, Casey becomes a different character, embodying various moods and telling compelling stories that captivate audiences.

Looking to the future, Casey's dreams are vast and ambitious. While she cherishes the opportunities her modelling career

presents, she envisions exploring the possibilities that lie beyond her current horizons. Casey aspires to take her modelling career overseas, where she can showcase her unique talents on an international stage. Simultaneously, she nurtures an academic ambition and plans to study Chartered Accountancy, striking a balance between her passion for fashion and her love for numbers.

Beyond the glamour and allure of modelling, Casey possesses a hidden talent—her artistic abilities. In her moments of free time, she indulges in drawing and allows her creative side to flourish on paper. This artistic outlet serves as a means of self-expression, complementing her modelling journey with a different form of creativity.

As we delve deeper into Casey's world, we uncover some fascinating facts about her that remain hidden from the public eye. Contrary to the confident presence she exudes on the runway, Casey reveals that she is actually an introvert by nature, finding solace in quieter moments away from large crowds, except, of course, when she is modelling. She also shares a love for fantasy books, always seeking to immerse herself in captivating tales. Music holds a special place in her heart, as it accompanies her on her journey, and she harbors a deep affection for animals.

Throughout her journey, Casey has received valuable advice that resonates deeply with her. She emphasizes the importance of empathy and understanding, reminding us that we cannot truly walk in someone else's shoes, but we can strive to comprehend their story without judgment. This wisdom serves as a guiding principle for Casey as she navigates her own path in life.

As a young woman driven by ambition, Casey's passion lies in being the best version of herself. She strives to excel in all her endeavors and extends her support to those around her. Her genuine desire to help and understand others sets her apart and makes her a remarkable role model for her peers.

With the new year underway, Casey has set her sights on fulfilling some goals on her bucket list. Among them is the desire to travel to another country, immersing herself in new cultures and experiences. She also aspires to learn how to play an instrument, specifically the guitar, or attend a live music concert that will leave her breathless and inspired.

In her pursuit of greatness, Casey finds solace in a favorite quote that fuels her determination. "You are so much stronger than your doubts and more capable of pushing through the challenges that come your way." These empowering words serve as a reminder to never underestimate her own strength and resilience.

For those seeking to connect with Casey and witness her inspiring journey firsthand, she can be reached via email at caseyjohnson497@gmail.com or through her Instagram account, [@caseyj.johnson](https://www.instagram.com/caseyj.johnson).

As Casey Johnson continues to shine in the modelling world, we eagerly await the next chapter of her story. With her talent, drive, and unwavering determination, there is no doubt that this young East London sensation will continue to captivate audiences and inspire others to follow their dreams.



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Nastassja Louwschieter, known affectionately as Lady L, is a force to be reckoned with in the world of fashion. Hailing from the humble Nelson Mandela Bay, this talented fashion designer, professional speaker, master of ceremonies, and model coach has captured the hearts of many with her captivating designs and infectious passion for the industry. In this exclusive interview, Nastassja takes us on a journey through her remarkable career, from her early pageantry days to the establishment of her own brand, Nastassja L Creations.

The spark that ignited Nastassja's interest in pageantry was lit at the tender age of 7 when she participated in her first beauty contest. Little did she know that this experience would shape her journey for the next three decades. The allure of the runway and the sense of confidence it instilled in her motivated Nastassja to pursue pageantry further. Through her participation, she discovered not only the thrill of performing but also the invaluable connections and heightened self-assurance that came with it.

When asked about the most rewarding aspect of pageantry, Nastassja emphasizes the exposure to diverse networks of people and the tremendous boost of confidence it provides. Her first pageant, which was arranged by her great-grandmother, served as a pivotal moment in her life. The adrenaline rush on stage, the roaring applause from the crowd—these experiences affirmed her natural affinity for the limelight, despite her introverted nature. Winning that first pageant only fueled her desire to continue this journey, solidifying her path in the world of fashion and self-expression.

Nastassja's venture into fashion design was fueled by an unwavering passion for the art. Clothes have always held a special place in her heart, as they have the power to uplift her spirits and set the tone for her day. After spending 12 years in the corporate world, Nastassja finally found the opportunity to pursue her lifelong dream. Enrolling in fashion school, she embarked on a journey of self-discovery, honing her skills and identifying her unique style. Today, she proudly runs Nastassja L Creations, a brand that epitomizes life, love, and luxury.

When delving into her design aesthetic, Nastassja reveals her specialization in bridal wear, evening gowns, and cocktail dresses for special occasions. Each dress she

creates possesses its own distinctive vibe and personality, perfectly tailored to the individual style and preferences of her clients. While Nastassja keeps an eye on trends for inspiration, her focus remains on timeless attire that transcends fleeting fashion fads.

Nastassja's design process is centered around personalization, with each garment crafted according to the client's specific request. However, she does maintain a collection of approximately 80 pre-designed dresses at her studio for rental purposes. These dresses allow her to explore different styles, drawing inspiration from her personal tastes, travel experiences, and favorite fashion icons.

Lace, silk, and intricately embroidered fabrics form the cornerstone of Nastassja's design preferences. Their beautiful detailing and unique textures lend themselves well to her philosophy of creating one-of-a-kind garments. The process of pattern making, in particular, excites her as it allows for experimentation with various designs, looks, and details.

In an industry driven by innovation and commercial viability, Nastassja ensures her designs stand out through authentic creativity. While staying informed about current trends, she aims to create garments that are timeless and can be cherished for years to come. Her commitment to sustainability is evident in her rental business model, where dresses are worn multiple times by different individuals. Additionally, Nastassja often repurposes rented dresses, transforming them into entirely new looks, thus extending their lifespan and reducing waste.

Throughout her career, Nastassja has drawn inspiration from prominent fashion icons and designers. She admires the timeless elegance of Coco Chanel, the empowering designs of Diane Von Furstenberg, the sophisticated style of Victoria Beckham, and the youthful influence of fashion icon Kim Kardashian. Queen Letizia of Spain also captures her attention with her regal fashion choices.

When asked to share advice for aspiring fashion designers, Nastassja emphasizes the importance of gaining experience by working for others and absorbing knowledge like a sponge. She highlights the need for patience, hard work, and continuous skill development. Dispelling the notion of diva-like behavior, she emphasizes the importance of humility in the fashion industry and stresses that success takes time and perseverance.

Criticism and feedback are welcomed by Nastassja, as she views them as opportunities for growth and improvement. Remaining humble, she carefully assesses the feedback she receives and incorporates it into her work, continually

refining her designs. To succeed as a fashion designer, Nastassja believes that a deep love for the craft is paramount. This love fuels her dedication and allows her to navigate the challenges that come with the demanding and fast-paced industry. Excellent sewing and pattern-making skills are essential for creating polished and professional garments, while a keen eye for detail and a mastery of the iron are indispensable for perfecting the final look.

In a highly competitive fashion industry, Nastassja has leveraged social media to effectively market and promote her brand. She actively engages with her audience on platforms such as Instagram and Facebook, attracting clients and showcasing her work. Attending events armed with marketing materials and leveraging word-of-mouth referrals have also proven successful strategies for expanding her clientele. Nastassja isn't afraid to personally market her business and passionately shares her brand story with anyone who will listen—she is her own brand ambassador.

When asked about the future of fashion, Nastassja shares her excitement about the evolving bridal wear trends. Brides are increasingly moving away from traditional white dresses and embracing a wider spectrum of colors, even venturing into unconventional shades such as black. This shift towards more diverse and personalized choices resonates with Nastassja, who finds elegance and sophistication in these non-traditional bridal looks.

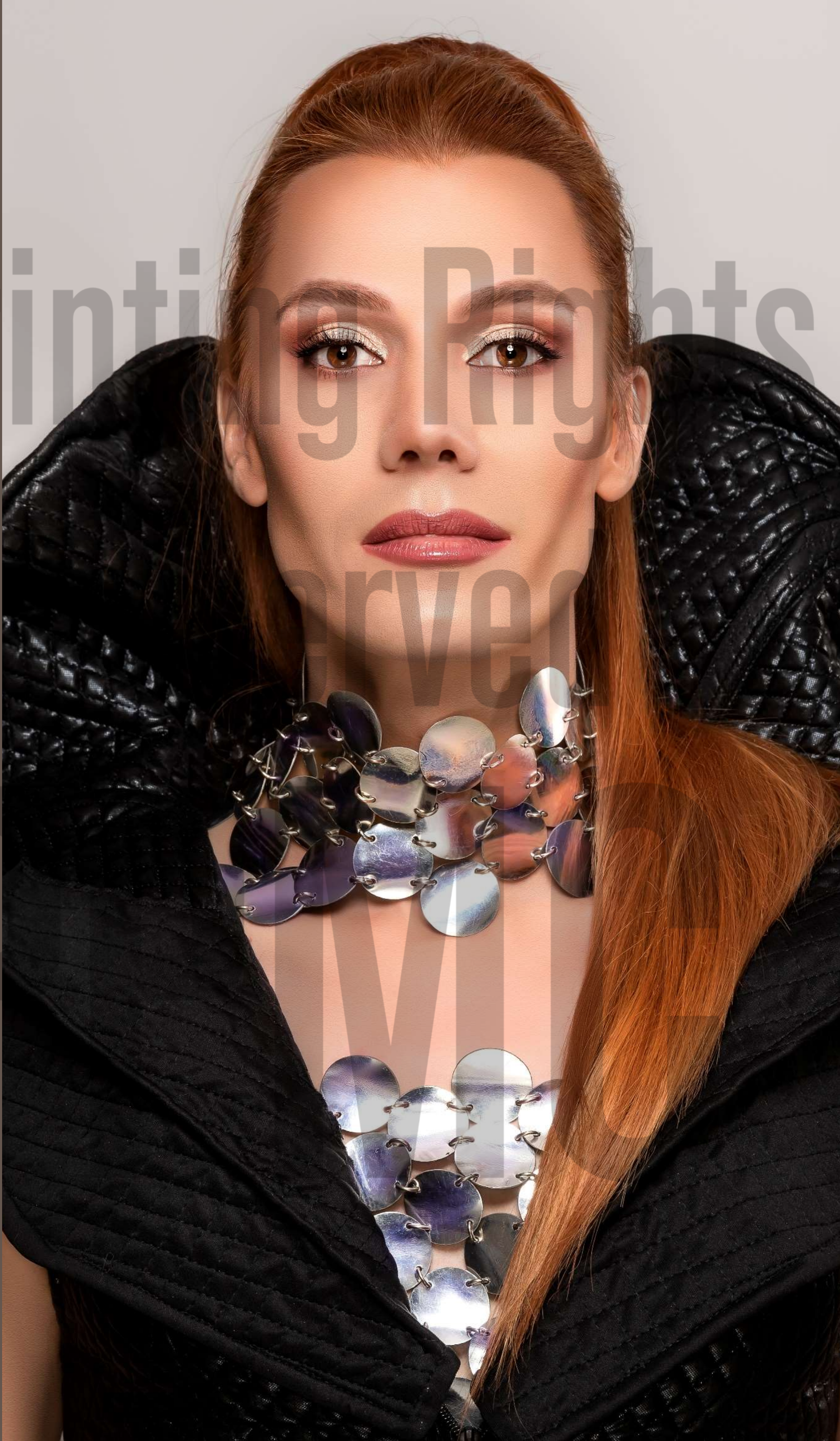
Reflecting on her journey as a fashion designer, Nastassja cherishes the memory of opening her studio at Kings Court Shopping Centre. It was a testament to her courage, faith, and hard work—a space where she could share her passion with others and dress the women of Nelson Mandela Bay one lady at a time.

Remaining motivated and inspired in the demanding fashion industry is a challenge that Nastassja embraces. By staying true to her own vision and specializing in her niche, she avoids succumbing to the pressures of constant collections and strives to optimize every opportunity that comes her way.

To keep up with Nastassja L Creations and her enchanting designs, you can follow her on Instagram and Facebook @NastassjaLCreations or visit her website at www.nastassjal.com. Prepare to be captivated by the unique blend of life, love, and luxury that defines Nastassja's remarkable creations.

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Interview with Ryno Mulder - The Artistic Visionary of Makeup



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In the bustling city of Sandton, one name stands out among the vast sea of makeup artists—Ryno Mulder. Renowned for his transformative skills and creative approach, Ryno has carved a unique niche for himself in the world of cosmetics. Recently, we had the opportunity to sit down with this makeup virtuoso and delve into his captivating journey and the artistic philosophies that drive his work.

Ryno Mulder, a professional makeup artist with an illustrious career spanning years, has established himself as an innovator in the field. His latest creation, Makeup by Ryno ICON SPF50 foundation, has garnered rave reviews and become a staple in the beauty industry. With boundless passion and an unwavering commitment to his craft, Ryno's artistry transcends mere makeup application, elevating it to an art form that celebrates the unique qualities of every individual.

Unveiling the Passion Behind the Brushes

Ryno's love affair with makeup began in his childhood, influenced by his mother's meticulous daily beauty routine. Watching her spend hours perfecting her look instilled in him an appreciation for the artistry and transformative power of cosmetics. As a teenager, Ryno honed his skills by experimenting on his sister, friends, and their mothers, relishing every opportunity to create beauty through his brushstrokes. His journey unfolded through various professional milestones, including managerial roles at Bobbi Brown Cosmetics and an esteemed position as a

fashion and beauty editor. Ryno's expertise extended beyond application, as he authored the widely acclaimed makeover book, "Maklik Mooi," which opened doors for him to travel across captivating destinations such as Zanzibar, Seychelles, and Hong Kong.

The Perception-Altering Power of Makeup

For Ryno, makeup is a powerful tool that has taught him the intricacies of perception. The transformative experience of adorning oneself with makeup reveals the profound impact appearances can have on how individuals are treated and perceived. Ryno astutely notes that a change in one's appearance can evoke a different sense of self and elicit diverse responses from the world. This realization led him to embrace the role of makeup as a means of personal transformation and empowerment.

A Distinctive Approach: Enhancing Natural Beauty

While Ryno initially gained recognition for his awe-inspiring extreme transformations, he has evolved to embrace a more natural and personalized approach. Ryno's unique artistic style revolves around enhancing individuals' best qualities, using tailored techniques that accentuate their distinctive features. His aim is to enable individuals to become their own artists, empowering them to paint themselves in the most flattering light.

Drawing Inspiration from Art and Culture

Art, in all its multifaceted forms, serves as a boundless source of inspiration for Ryno. Whether it's the emotive power of paintings, the allure of sculptures, or the vibrant world of fashion and music videos, he seamlessly blends these influences into his creative process. By infusing his work with elements of artistry, Ryno creates makeup looks that transcend mere cosmetics, becoming a captivating medium of self-expression.

Striking the Perfect Balance: Collaboration and Artistic Vision

Balancing his artistic vision with clients' desires is a skill Ryno has perfected over the years. Clients seek out his expertise based on his distinguished portfolio, streamlining the collaborative process. Ryno aptly compares his role to that of a lens through which clients' visions are filtered, bringing forth a harmonious fusion of their desires and his artistic touch.

Unleashing the Power of Makeup

The power of makeup lies in its ability to unleash personal transformation. Ryno emphasizes that makeup can stylize one's appearance, streamline features, enhance natural beauty, or even alter certain characteristics. However, he

distinguishes it from plastic surgery, urging individuals to embrace makeup as a means of self-expression rather than succumbing to unrealistic promises propagated by social media.

Moments of Impact: Leaving a Lasting Impression

Among the countless heartwarming reviews Ryno has received, one stands out—a client's touching testimonial about his ICON foundation. This individual had spent 40 years searching for a foundation that not only matched her complexion but also imparted a flawlessly natural look without feeling heavy. Ryno's product had not only transformed her appearance but also instilled a renewed sense of confidence. Such profound moments of impact underscore the true power of Ryno's work.

The Quest for Innovation: Staying Ahead of the Curve

Staying abreast of the latest trends and techniques is vital in the ever-evolving world of makeup artistry. However, Ryno cautions against blindly following trends for commercial reasons. Instead, he delves deeper, exploring the underlying reasons behind trends and their potential to shape the future. Trend forecasting reports and industry trade fairs serve as his compass, guiding him towards innovation and novel approaches.

A Beauty Ethos: Embracing Individuality and Compassion

Ryno aims to convey the message that true beauty lies in embracing one's uniqueness. A pillar of his brand identity revolves around his compassion for animals, reflected in his foundation being cruelty-free and vegan-approved by PETA. Proudly, Ryno notes that his foundation is the first South African-manufactured product to receive this international accolade.

Overcoming Challenges and Nurturing Aspirations

Throughout his journey, Ryno faced challenges that he wishes he had conquered earlier. He encourages aspiring makeup artists to seek mentorship and gain real-world experience, emphasizing the value of learning on the job. While formal education has its merits, Ryno believes that practical experience and making bold choices are equally crucial in this dynamic field.

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Hair: Ella Rockafella
Extensions: A Few Grey Hairs
Wardrobe: Hollywood Costumes
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Behind the Brush: Essential Tools of the Trade

Ryno relies on his iconic creation, the Makeup by Ryno ICON SPF50 foundation, for his transformative work. This groundbreaking foundation offers SPF50 sun protection, a radiant and hydrated finish, and a weightless feel, making it a game-changer in the beauty world. Ryno cherishes the support he receives from fellow makeup artists and celebrities who have embraced his foundation line, solidifying its reputation as a life-changing product.

Enhancing Natural Beauty: A Subtle Art

Creating makeup looks that enhance rather than mask natural beauty is a skill Ryno has mastered. By employing minimal products and precise application techniques, he allows individuals' inherent beauty to shine through. Ryno's keen eye for color matching and the subtleties of each person's features ensures that his work accentuates their unique qualities.

Upcoming Endeavors: A World of Excitement

While Ryno remains tight-lipped about his upcoming projects and collaborations, he

promises that they will be nothing short of extraordinary. To catch a glimpse of his latest ventures, enthusiasts are urged to keep a close eye on his social media platforms for the highly anticipated reveals.

Embracing Diversity: Cultivating Inclusivity

Inclusive and diverse representation has always been at the heart of Ryno's work. Drawing from his personal experiences and upbringing, he naturally embraces individuals from various cultural backgrounds and with different skin tones and types. For Ryno, the kaleidoscope of facial features in the world is what truly defines beauty, and he is continually enriched by the lessons he learns from his clients.

Balancing Act: Life, Career, and Self-Care

Maintaining a balance between personal life and a demanding career is no easy feat, but Ryno has discovered the secret to managing it all. With a hint of humor, he reveals that his social life revolves around work, as he jokingly quotes Megan Fox's words, "I have no friends, and I never leave my house." This lighthearted comment highlights the dedication required to excel in the fast-paced world of makeup artistry.

Recharging the Soul: Self-Care Amidst the Hustle

Recognizing the importance of self-care, Ryno incorporates rejuvenating rituals into his routine. Starting his day with a group gym class, taking his beloved poodle Gigi

for afternoon walks in the park, and prioritizing a full eight hours of sleep each night contribute to his overall well-being and mental recharge.

Beyond the Brushes: Exploring Other Passions

Outside the realm of makeup, Ryno's love for writing finds expression in a monthly column about his experiences in the beauty industry, published in a national newspaper. Dreaming of its transformation into a memoir, he finds solace and fulfillment in chronicling his journey.

Connecting with Ryno: Where Artistry Meets Passion

For those eager to connect with Ryno and explore his enchanting world of makeup artistry, he can be found on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube under the handle @makeupbyryno. For booking inquiries, a simple WhatsApp message to 071 688 0242 is all it takes to embark on a transformative journey with this extraordinary artist.

With his unwavering passion, artistic vision, and commitment to celebrating individual beauty, Ryno Mulder continues to redefine the boundaries of makeup artistry, leaving an indelible mark on the industry and the lives of those he touches.

Right to left - @anliastar wears ICON Beige, @fafa_make_up wears ICON Pearl, @makeupbyryno wears ICON Vanilla, @angelliquegerber83 wears ICON Tan, Susan Tatt wears ICON Blonde
Photo credit: @xaviersaer
Dressed by: @statelercouture
Styling and Makeup: @fdkstyling @hair_by_charika
Assistant: @effortlessbeautybar



@makeupbyryno

A portrait of a bald man with a serious expression, wearing a black leather jacket. The background is dark and textured. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the bottom left, containing text.

Robert Daprocida

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Canadian Film Actor, Pianist, and
Singer Making Waves in the Industry



Robert Daprocida, a distinguished Canadian film actor with nearly three decades of experience, has been captivating audiences with his performances on screen. But his artistic journey goes beyond acting. As a classically trained pianist and singer, Robert's multifaceted talents have allowed him to explore various avenues of creativity.

Born and raised in a small town, Robert now calls Calgary, Alberta, Canada, his home. In this exclusive interview, he shares his passion for acting, his early experiences in the industry, and his aspirations for the future.

The Spark that Ignited a Career in Acting

Robert's artistic inclinations first manifested in his love for music. At the age of three and a half, he astounded his mother by playing recognizable songs on a toy piano. Recognizing his potential, she enrolled him in piano lessons with the Royal Conservatory of Music when he turned four. Robert's musical talents blossomed rapidly, and by the age of 13, he had completed the Royal Conservatory program. Singing soon became another passion, leading him to compete across Canada and the United States, often surpassing competitors much older than him.

While teaching piano became his part-time job, Robert's fate took a turn when he attended a summer music school camp and discovered his love for acting. This newfound passion led him to participate in plays and musicals, eventually paving the way for his pursuit of a career in film. After graduating, Robert took a leap of faith and moved to Vancouver, the Canadian epicenter of the film industry.

Early Experiences and Overcoming Challenges

Arriving in Vancouver as an ambitious 18-year-old, Robert faced the challenges of establishing himself in a highly competitive industry. Coming from a small town, he had no connections or industry knowledge. Undeterred, he immersed himself in workshops and training, eagerly absorbing knowledge from experienced colleagues. Months of perseverance paid off when he secured an agent who promptly landed him his first role in his inaugural audition—an achievement that thrilled both Robert and his agent.

However, challenges continued to surface along his acting journey. Living in Calgary presented a geographical hurdle, as the city offered limited opportunities for actors.

Determined to pursue work beyond his current location, Robert faced the arduous task of obtaining the necessary visas. The catch-22 situation arose: one needed a booking to secure a visa, but without a visa, it was challenging to secure a booking. Despite these setbacks, Robert remains resolute in his pursuit, consistently auditioning and actively seeking ways to expand his career in the United States and international markets.

Crafting a Path through Training and Influences

Robert's commitment to his craft is evident in his extensive training and continuous growth. Over the years, he has studied under professional industry mentors, honing his skills and absorbing various acting approaches and techniques. By blending these diverse influences, Robert has developed a unique and effective approach that resonates with his own artistic sensibilities.

Unforgettable Roles and the Joys of Impactful Acting

Reflecting on his career, Robert recalls one of his most cherished roles—a Navy SEAL in a TV movie featuring esteemed actors Craig T. Nelson, Sean Young, Giancarlo Esposito, and Kim Cattrall. The role provided him with the opportunity to immerse himself in thrilling action sequences, handle a range of weapons, and even take flight in military helicopters. The exceptional set and the camaraderie among the cast and crew made it a memorable experience for Robert.

Aspirations and Preparation: The Essence of Robert's Approach

Looking ahead, Robert desires roles that elicit emotional responses from audiences, whether through heartwarming performances or spine-chilling portrayals. He aims to make a lasting impact, captivating viewers and leaving them moved or inspired. To prepare for auditions and embody his characters, Robert meticulously analyzes the scene's context and the characters' motivations. By understanding their goals and intentions, he builds a solid foundation upon which he can craft nuanced performances.

Advice for Aspiring Actors and Navigating the Industry

Drawing from his experiences, Robert offers invaluable advice to aspiring actors just starting their journey. He emphasizes the importance of dedicating time to learning and practicing the craft, performing whenever opportunities arise, and embracing both small and significant roles. Robert also encourages aspiring actors to stay true to their dreams and remain authentic to themselves in the pursuit of success.

Handling Setbacks with Resilience and Perseverance

Setbacks and rejections are a daily occurrence in the entertainment industry, but Robert approaches them with a determined mindset. He compares them to potholes on a road, skillfully maneuvering around them and pressing forward. His unwavering perseverance serves as an inspiration for others navigating a similarly challenging path.

Influences and Role Models: Discovering Strengths and Persevering

Robert admires Sylvester Stallone, not solely for his acting prowess, but for his unwavering perseverance and refusal to compromise on his strengths. Stallone's decision to hold onto his script for "Rocky" until he could play the lead role himself demonstrated his belief in his abilities. This unwavering commitment eventually paid off, allowing the world to witness the rise of Sylvester Stallone.

Current Projects and Future Aspirations

While awaiting the release of "Out for Vengeance" part 2, Robert has committed to various roles in upcoming films, pending financing. He maintains a rigorous audition schedule, constantly seeking new opportunities to showcase his talents. The future holds promising possibilities for this dedicated actor.

Passion, Motivation, and Balancing Personal Life

Robert finds joy in the creative process of acting, relishing the opportunity to immerse himself in characters and experience the world from their perspectives. Motivated by a genuine passion for his craft, he remains steadfast in pursuing his goals, even during the most frustrating times. Balancing his personal life and professional aspirations presents its own challenges, but Robert's unwavering dedication to his wife and children ensures they remain his top priority.

Exploring Diverse Genres and Long-Term Goals

When it comes to acting, Robert finds every genre equally captivating and challenging. He believes in discovering connections between the characters and his own life experiences, allowing for authentic and captivating performances across all genres. In the long run, Robert hopes to leave a lasting legacy through memorable performances that continue to inspire audiences for years to come.

For those who wish to connect with Robert Daprocida, he can be found on various social media platforms:

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Quintin & Tameron

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Step into the enchanting world of Creations Photography, where every click of the shutter is infused with passion, creativity, and a genuine desire to capture everlasting memories. Meet Quintin and Tameron, the talented husband and wife duo behind this esteemed photography team. Based in Despatch, Eastern Cape, they have been pursuing their shared passion for photography since 2012, alongside their full-time careers.

Their love for photography is palpable, and they pour their hearts and souls into each session they undertake. With a wealth of experience and numerous photography courses under their belts, including Tameron's completion of a newborn posing and safety workshop in 2017, Quintin and Tameron continually strive to refine their skills and stay up-to-date with the latest industry trends.

Offering a comprehensive range of photography services, Creations Photography caters to diverse needs, ensuring that every client receives a customized experience. From weddings to newborn shoots, pregnancy portraits to family sessions, and even boudoir and makeover sessions, their versatile expertise encompasses it all. Through their joined efforts, Quintin and Tameron create extraordinary images that become treasured memories for their clients.

The journey into photography began as a means to raise funds for Quintin's Graphic Design studies. However, the couple quickly fell in love with the art form and decided to further their photography education. Inspired by the beauty of everyday life, locations, and people, they discovered the incredible opportunity to capture stunning images that share captivating stories with the world.

When it comes to their distinctive photography style, Quintin primarily focuses on outdoor sessions, including singles, couples, families, and pregnancies. Tameron, on the other hand, specializes in indoor shoots, particularly newborn, baby milestone, cake smash, boudoir, makeovers, and studio sessions. For them, the location and scene are just as crucial as the subjects themselves, as they strive to capture genuine emotions, movement, and the intimacy that truly immortalize the moment.

In terms of equipment, Quintin and Tameron favour Canon cameras, having upgraded to the Canon 6D. They value the exceptional quality and low-light capabilities of full-frame cameras, which allow them to deliver remarkable results. The interchangeable lenses between their cameras offer versatility and enable them to achieve a wide range of photography styles. Tameron often uses a 50mm lens, while Quintin enjoys shooting with a 70-300 lens.

Throughout their photography career, Quintin and Tameron have encountered numerous memorable projects. One particularly challenging assignment was a cancer survivor photoshoot. Uncertain about how to approach it initially, they embraced the opportunity, creating unique and heartfelt memories for the client and her family. This experience truly stood out, showcasing their ability to capture the strength and beauty of the human spirit.

Approaching each new project or photoshoot, Quintin and Tameron acknowledge the nerve-wracking excitement that arises when stepping out of their comfort zone. They strive to understand their clients' motivations and desires, ensuring that their own style aligns with the clients' expectations. By maintaining positive company and open communication, they guide clients who are new to photoshoots, ensuring they feel comfortable and informed throughout the process.

While Quintin and Tameron have received guidance and support from esteemed photographer and friend Annelie Jonker, they have also carved their own path and developed a unique style through experimentation and continuous growth.

Lighting plays a pivotal role in their work, setting the mood and tone of their images. They skilfully utilize light to convey depth, emotion, and storytelling within their photographs. Whether aiming for a crisp and vibrant look or a soft and elegant ambiance, Quintin and Tameron understand the profound impact lighting can have on the final result.

For aspiring photographers seeking to enhance their skills, they emphasize the importance of creating a personal style and continually striving for improvement. Seeking guidance from experienced photographers and never becoming complacent are vital components of their growth and success.

Post-processing is an integral part of their workflow, enabling them to fine-tune their images and bring their vision to life. Shooting in raw format allows them to have a clear editing direction in mind from the moment they capture the shot. Their current editing styles range from vibrant and brighter tones to more subdued, with a warm brown undertone.

While ethical and moral dilemmas occasionally arise, Quintin and Tameron approach them with calmness and open communication. They believe in explaining their artistic choices and ensuring that clients understand their unique style and vision. Throughout their 11-year career, they have successfully resolved any differences with clients, maintaining a harmonious and professional relationship.

Staying motivated and inspired in a competitive and demanding industry can be challenging. Quintin and Tameron find their stimulus by focusing on the purpose behind their work and striving to deliver high-quality images. Positive feedback and comments from clients and peers serve as a powerful source of motivation and confidence.

Recently, they had the pleasure of working on a makeover photoshoot that allowed them to explore new territories. By incorporating casual, formal, and boudoir looks, they transformed their client into a stunning vision straight out of a magazine. The collaborative effort between the couple and the client produced breathtaking results, opening doors to exciting new opportunities.

Shooting for a magazine brings specific challenges and opportunities. Adapting to the magazine's style, mood, and requirements ensures client satisfaction. Quintin and Tameron have gained valuable experience working with models for their modelling school photo competitions, receiving positive feedback and honing their skills in the process.

Creating a comfortable and collaborative environment is crucial when working with models or subjects. Communication plays a vital role, and Quintin and Tameron excel at engaging their clients in conversation throughout the photoshoot. By clearly explaining their vision and incorporating the client's ideas, they foster an atmosphere of ease and personalization.

The dynamic world of photography continually evolves, and Quintin and Tameron find the rise of AI in Photoshop editing particularly intriguing. They believe AI will revolutionize the editing process, opening new possibilities and challenging traditional editing styles. Embracing these developments, they eagerly explore the latest advancements and emerging trends.

To witness the incredible work of Creations Photography, follow them on their social media platforms. They showcase their exceptional portfolio on their Facebook pages: "Creations Photography & Design" and "Creations Photography - Little Moments In Time." You can also find them on Instagram at @creationsphotography.design.

Quintin and Tameron are ready to embark on new photographic adventures, capturing extraordinary moments and weaving stories through their lens. Whether it's freezing an eternal moment of love or celebrating the triumph of the human spirit, they strive to create photographs that transcend time and touch hearts.

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Monique Taylor

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Pioneering Change in the
Construction Industry





Monique Taylor, a passionate small business owner, wife, and mother of two, has carved her path in the construction industry with unwavering determination and a deep love for her craft. As the founder of Germon Building Consultants, Monique's journey has been shaped by her dedication to her field and the invaluable guidance she received from her mentor, Mr. Herbert Wernecke. Her story is one of resilience, empowerment, and the pursuit of excellence.

A Passion Born in Steel and Mortar

Monique's affair with construction began unexpectedly. Starting her career in administration, she gradually found herself falling in love with the industry. It was during her first visit to a construction site that she realized her true calling. The allure of building something extraordinary from nothing captivated her, and she embarked on a remarkable journey that would span over two decades.

Over the years, Monique worked her way up the ladder, mastering various roles in construction, from administration to HR and finally to client liaison and site agent. Her path was not without challenges, but her relentless work ethic, discipline, and commitment carried her through the ups and downs of the industry.

The Power of Mentorship and Support

Monique attributes much of her success to the mentorship she received from Mr. Herbert Wernecke. While she acquired theoretical knowledge through study and research, it was the on-the-ground training and guidance from a seasoned expert that truly shaped her expertise. Monique's determination to continuously learn and improve sets her apart as a leader in her field.

Moreover, Monique surrounds herself with dynamic and driven women who inspire her both personally and professionally. She believes that loyalty and support are paramount to success and cherishes her best friend, who provides unwavering advice and encouragement. Monique's journey stands as a testament to the transformative power of strong relationships and the value of a reliable support system.

Empowering Women in Construction

As a woman in a predominantly male-dominated industry, Monique understands the gender-related obstacles that often arise. Initially facing assumptions about her role and expertise, Monique quickly proved her worth through hard work and a steadfast commitment to excellence. Her achievements and reputation as a successful pioneer have earned her the respect and authority she deserves.

To aspiring women in the field, Monique

offers words of encouragement and advice: stay true to yourself, embrace your strengths, and constantly strive for improvement. By focusing on her own tenacity and resilience, Monique continues to break barriers and inspire others to do the same.

Balancing Work and Life

Maintaining a healthy work-life balance is crucial to Monique's well-being and success. She has developed a routine that allows her to manage her busy schedule while prioritizing her family. Starting her day early, she engages in personal activities before attending to her children's needs and diving into her work. With a flexible approach and the support of her family, Monique effectively navigates her various responsibilities.

A Legacy of Empowerment and Community

Monique's passion for her community and commitment to empowering women extends beyond her professional endeavors. She founded a girls' empowerment workshop, providing essential education and support for young girls transitioning to high school. By breaking taboos and fostering an open environment, Monique aims to equip these girls with the knowledge and resources they need to make informed choices.

Additionally, Monique has been an active volunteer with the Look Good Feel Better foundation, offering workshops to uplift and support cancer patients. Understanding the importance of self-confidence during challenging times, Monique helps these women embrace their beauty and strength. Her dedication to empowering others reflects her deep empathy and desire to make a positive impact.

A Vision for the Future

Looking ahead, Monique plans to expand her business portfolio to create more job opportunities for her community. Her goal is to establish an all-women internship program, providing training and employment for single mothers. By empowering these women with essential skills and the means to start their own businesses, Monique aims to combat unemployment and foster economic independence.

Monique Taylor's remarkable journey in the construction industry exemplifies the power of passion, mentorship, and resilience. Her unwavering commitment to excellence, combined with her dedication to empowering others, sets her apart as a true leader and role model. As she continues to forge her path, Monique's impact on her industry and community will undoubtedly leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.



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The Beautiful Melissa Moyani - Embracing Scars and Shining on the Global Stage





In the vibrant city of Boksburg, South Africa, resides a remarkable young woman who is making waves in the pageant world. Meet Melissa Moyani, a self-motivated, vocal, and talented 20-year-old Law student at the IIE Varsity College. Melissa's passions range from makeup and swimming to cheerleading and modeling, but it is pageantry and modeling that have truly become the defining aspects of her life.

Melissa believes in embracing one's scars, both physical and emotional, as she sees them as badges of honor. "Wear them with pride," she asserts. By being confident in our imperfections, Melissa believes that we can inspire others to embrace their own unique qualities and foster a sense of confidence within themselves.

So, what motivated Melissa to participate in the Miss Global Princess South Africa Pageant? It was a conversation with an amazing parent figure, who saw tremendous potential and greatness in her after her previous pageant, Miss Gauteng 2023, where she secured the title of 1st Princess. The belief and support from someone else ignited Melissa's passion and encouraged her to take a leap into the world of pageantry. When she stumbled upon a poster from the Miss Global Princess SA Instagram account, she knew it was her chance to shine.

For Melissa, the most rewarding aspect of pageantry extends beyond sashes and crowns. It's the personal growth and self-discovery that come with the journey. Stepping onto the stage allows her to showcase her talents, express her opinions, and advocate for causes close to her heart. Whether it's raising awareness for environmental issues, promoting inclusivity, or addressing social injustices, Melissa believes that pageants provide a powerful platform for amplifying important messages. Moreover, she credits pageants with playing a significant role in boosting

self-esteem and promoting body positivity by celebrating diversity and making dreams come true.

Reflecting on her first pageant experience, Melissa fondly recalls competing in Miss Youth National South Africa in 2020. As a newcomer to the world of pageantry, she was nervous and unsure of what to expect. However, her hard work paid off as she emerged victorious and became the first-ever Youth National Queen, serving her reign from 2020 to 2021. This achievement solidified her love for being on stage and being the star of the show, setting her on a path to pursue her ultimate dream of becoming the next Miss Universe.

When it comes to setting herself apart from other contestants, Melissa's personality shines through. Her bold and strong demeanor captivates people wherever she goes, making her a joy to be around. Additionally, Melissa proudly wears a physical scar that she was once bullied for during her childhood. Today, she embraces it as a symbol of her strength and resilience, defying societal expectations and inspiring others to do the same. Her aunt's powerful words echo in her mind: "Embrace your scars; they are your badges of honor."

Throughout her pageant journey, Melissa has faced various challenges, with financial constraints being one of the most significant. Pageants often require significant investments, including entry fees, sponsorship fees, ticket sales, dresses, and makeup. Seeking sponsors can be challenging, as many companies have other commitments and may not be able to provide assistance. Nevertheless, Melissa remains determined, and with the support of her parents, she has accomplished everything by herself, demonstrating her unwavering commitment and resourcefulness.

To prepare for pageants, Melissa takes charge of her own training since she is not part of any agency. She dedicates time to practicing walking in heels, watching instructional videos to perfect her runway techniques, and rehearsing previous pageant questions to enhance her interview skills. By being proactive and well-prepared, she ensures that she can confidently tackle any challenge that comes her way.

Participating in pageantry has had a profound impact on Melissa's personal growth and self-confidence. Coming from a difficult childhood marred by bullying and a desperate struggle to fit in, pageants provided her with a sense of purpose, self-worth, and a newfound belief in her own greatness. Through her journey, she hopes to inspire others who may not have a voice of their own, proving that anything is possible.

Melissa is passionate about her advocacy of "Embracing Your Scars." Having witnessed countless individuals trying to conform to societal standards and losing themselves in the process, she aims to guide and uplift those facing similar challenges. By sharing her own experiences, she encourages others to flourish in their scars, be comfortable in their skin, and become the best versions of themselves.

Amidst her pageant endeavors, Melissa has had numerous memorable and inspiring moments. However, winning remains the pinnacle of her experiences. When she stands on that stage, the overwhelming emotions of being recognized and believed in by others bring tears of joy to her eyes. Winning reaffirms her belief in herself and her potential to make a difference.

To maintain a positive attitude throughout the pageant process and handle competition, Melissa constantly affirms herself. She reminds herself of her worth and repeats empowering phrases such as "I am a winner" and "I am a queen" before stepping into the spotlight. By cultivating a strong mindset, she remains focused on her goals and undeterred by any external pressures.

For aspiring pageant contestants considering entering the world of pageantry, Melissa's advice is simple yet profound: be yourself, believe in yourself, and never allow anyone to dim your light. Shine brightly and unapologetically.

Maintaining a balance between her personal life, career, and pageant commitments is a meticulous process for Melissa. She emphasizes the importance of planning and setting goals to accomplish. By delegating specific time slots for different tasks and diligently following her schedule, she manages to fulfill her commitments while still finding time for herself. A journal serves as her companion, where she notes her goals and deadlines, enabling her to keep track of her progress and achieve a harmonious balance.

If you wish to connect with Melissa Moyani, you can find her on Instagram and Facebook. Follow her journey and be inspired by her passion and dedication to embracing scars and empowering others.

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In Melissa Moyani, we find a shining example of a young woman who has triumphed over adversity, embracing her scars and using her platform to uplift and inspire others. As she continues her journey in the world of pageantry, we can expect her star to shine ever brighter, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of those she encounters.

A portrait of Adré Müller, a woman with short, wavy, light-colored hair, wearing a bright pink top and a black leather vest. She has her arms crossed and is wearing a pearl bracelet and a ring. The background is dark and textured.

Adré Müller

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Tell us a little about yourself! Who are you, where are you from, etc?

I am a 36-year-old wife and pet parent. I grew up in Mpumalanga, a small town, and moved to the city when I studied BA Drama at TUKS. There is a lot to say about who I am, but most of all, I am content with myself and my life at the age of 36. I have truly everything my heart desires, and I am humbled by the goodness of God and His grace that has always provided and protected me. I am truly living my best life.

What can you tell us about your brand, Meet Mrs Müller?

Meet Mrs Müller is a brand created by Adrè Müller, a wife, philanthropist, lifestyle, and content creator. She has a keen eye for everything aesthetically pleasing. Beautiful travels and spontaneous road trips with her beloved partner and furry children keep her fulfilled. Naturally, she is a cruelty-free ambassador, a fashionista, an enthusiastic go-getter, and a perfectionist with a passion for the arts, all while enjoying a glass of wine. She still dreams of owning her own talk show...one day.

As a wife, philanthropist, lifestyle, and content creator, how have you been able to balance everything in your day-to-day life?

The more I have to do daily, the more I get to do. I believe planning and preparation are key. If you don't plan ahead, you plan to fail. Being a perfectionist can be tough because when you're not in control, it feels like the hamster fell off the spinning wheel—a constant struggle. I rely on lists. If I can check off items on a list, then I know I'm moving forward, and that's balance to me.

Do you see yourself as an "influencer," and if so, what does that mean to you?

If I am an influencer, I hope that my influence is always valuable. I have a heart for young girls. I wish I had a cool 36-year-old Meet Mrs Müller when I was 16. She would have helped me not to stress about trivial matters and to find my voice and accept myself much earlier in life than at 36. The younger me would have lived a more carefree life at 16 instead of believing in the judgments of the world and people.

Let's talk about fitness. How did you get started in health and fitness?

I was always an all-rounder at school, excelling in academics, cultural activities, and sports, which kept my parents very busy. So, exercise was always a part of my life. Only recently did I discover the power of healthy nutrition combined with fitness through the grief I experienced after the passing of my dad (Apie). Because I've always wanted to make my parents and now my husband proud, I decided to do just that while going through the toughest heartache of my life. This is where fitness competitions came into my life, about 8 months ago.

Have you competed in any fitness competitions?

Yes, my first one was the IFBB Sunfest in May, and then I received an invitation for the Arnolds. Currently, I am preparing for the provincials in August.

How often should I work out?

I believe it depends on your goals. I used to believe in running 5-10 kilometers a day, but that has changed. I haven't run in a while. We have a misconception about how important weight training is, especially for women. I think you should find an activity that fits your lifestyle, your schedule, and brings you joy. I can't imagine going to the gym and hating every minute of it, so find a workout that releases happy endorphins. As long as you stay fit, keep your joints flexible, incorporate some weight training for core strength, and work out 3-4 times a week, you can live a balanced and healthy life without too many aches and pains.

What is the number one thing you like best about being into fitness?

The best thing is how good it feels to be comfortable in your own skin. The confidence and the ability to be content with exactly who you are. Fitness is a saving grace.

What is your workout routine?

My workout routine depends on my goals for each competition and the division I compete in. For my first competition, I did Beach Bikini because I only had 6 months to prepare, and I am all-natural, meaning no steroids, growth hormone, or fat burners. We soon realized I could compete in Fitness Bikini because my body responds perfectly to my diet, and my muscles stand out.

Currently, we are focusing on growing my shoulders, so I do shoulder workouts twice a week, legs twice a week, and chest exercises. I also include light cardio on the stepper after each session, keeping my heart rate within the fat-burning range. I work out 6 days a week with one day off.

What is your diet like?

My diet is pretty simple. I consume lots of fish, drink plenty of water, and eat good carbs like brown rice and rice cakes. I have one cheat meal per week. To satisfy my sweet tooth, I have three protein queen bon bons, which are sugar-free and packed with protein.

What food would we find in your fridge?

In my fridge, you would find tinned tuna from Woolworths (yes, I am particular about my tuna), rice cakes, protein queen bon bons, sugar-free cool drinks from Footys, fresh green vegetables, lots of tomatoes, cold water, lemon juice, minute steak, chicken mince, nut butter, and plenty of eggs.

What is the most challenging thing you deal with in consistently staying in top shape?

Time is the most challenging aspect. I am very determined and extremely disciplined when it comes to achieving my goals. The goal is always bigger than the challenge. My coach always says I was made for this, but not everyone has the same outlook on staying in shape. I take care of my mom, who has no kidneys and requires dialysis every other day. She is in and out of doctor's appointments, so juggling time is my biggest challenge. However, I find ways to work around it and get everything done within a 24-hour day.

How do you handle setbacks and bad days?

I write letters to my dad (Apie). Sometimes, I send them to him via WhatsApp or post them on my public platforms. It's a way to keep his memory alive and help me cope with the bad days. I also allow myself to cry it out on my own, and then I pick myself up and push even harder.

Can you give three health tips that people can implement right now?

- Water, water, water! I may not enjoy it, but I swear by it. Water is incredibly important as it helps flush out fat and reduces cellulite, especially in women. It's the best cellulite treatment ever!
- Don't buy things that you're not allowed to eat. If it's not in your house, you won't be tempted to binge on it. This will also teach your household, especially kids, about good nutrition from an early age.
- Planning is crucial. While it may seem tedious, once you get into the habit, it becomes easy. When you know what you're going to eat, you won't reach for random things to satisfy hunger pangs.



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Other than fitness, what are you interested in?

I enjoy engaging in DIY projects. If fitness wasn't my focus, I would have loved to pursue a career as an interior designer. I'm constantly decorating the house, rearranging furniture, or engaging in painting projects. Spending time with my girlfriends and my husband is also something I cherish. My support system is incredible, and the more time I invest in nurturing those relationships, the stronger they become. As a content creator, one of my favorite hobbies is being creative with content. The drama queen in me gets to play and express myself daily.

Where does your motivation come from, and who is the most influential person in your life?

My parents have always been my biggest motivation. They never pushed me to do anything but always provided unwavering support. They are the most supportive parents one could ask for, and nothing I could ever do would change how proud they were of me. They always provided me with the best, not necessarily the most expensive, but the best. Excelling at everything I did was my core priority in life, and it was my way of showing gratitude to them for giving me everything I needed, especially their unconditional love. Seeing my dad's face light up next to each sports field or stage was my fuel and motivation. Today, I am married, and only my mom is left, but I still strive to make three people proud: my parents and my incredible champion, my husband. I thank God for the talents He has given me, and I am reminded daily that everything can change in an instant. It keeps me humble and grateful.

5 facts about you that people may not know.

- I am incredibly impatient.
- I dislike receiving phone calls, voice notes, or WhatsApp messages.
- I have a condition called misophonia, which makes me unable to stand the sound of people eating.
- I can tie a cherry stem into a knot using my tongue, without using my hands.
- I can burp on demand.
- I can make a glass of wine disappear very quickly.

Imagine yourself in three years. What do you hope will be different about you compared to now?

I am quite content with my life. It hasn't been without struggles, and at 36, I have experienced enough hardships and tears to fill another Titanic. However, I recognize that everyone faces their own storms, just in different boats. Three years from now, I may not even be here anymore, so I live each day striving to be a better version of

myself than I was the previous day. If I were to look into the future, I genuinely hope that my fitness journey becomes something significant and inspiring in the fitness world. I hope it brings success stories for all women.

What advice would you give to someone wanting to get into fitness?

Firstly, you don't need to step onto a stage to achieve your best body. Find your "why" and identify something that is life-changing, sustainable, and compatible with your lifestyle. There's no point in going through the struggle only to end up back where you started. You should embark on this journey without relying solely on encouragement from others; you have to be your own cheerleader. While having a support system is fantastic, not everyone has that privilege. Know your "why" and ensure that you are mentally stronger than you are physically. Discipline from a strong mind will always outweigh mere motivation.

Let our readers know some of the things you are currently working on and some exciting things we can expect from you in the future.

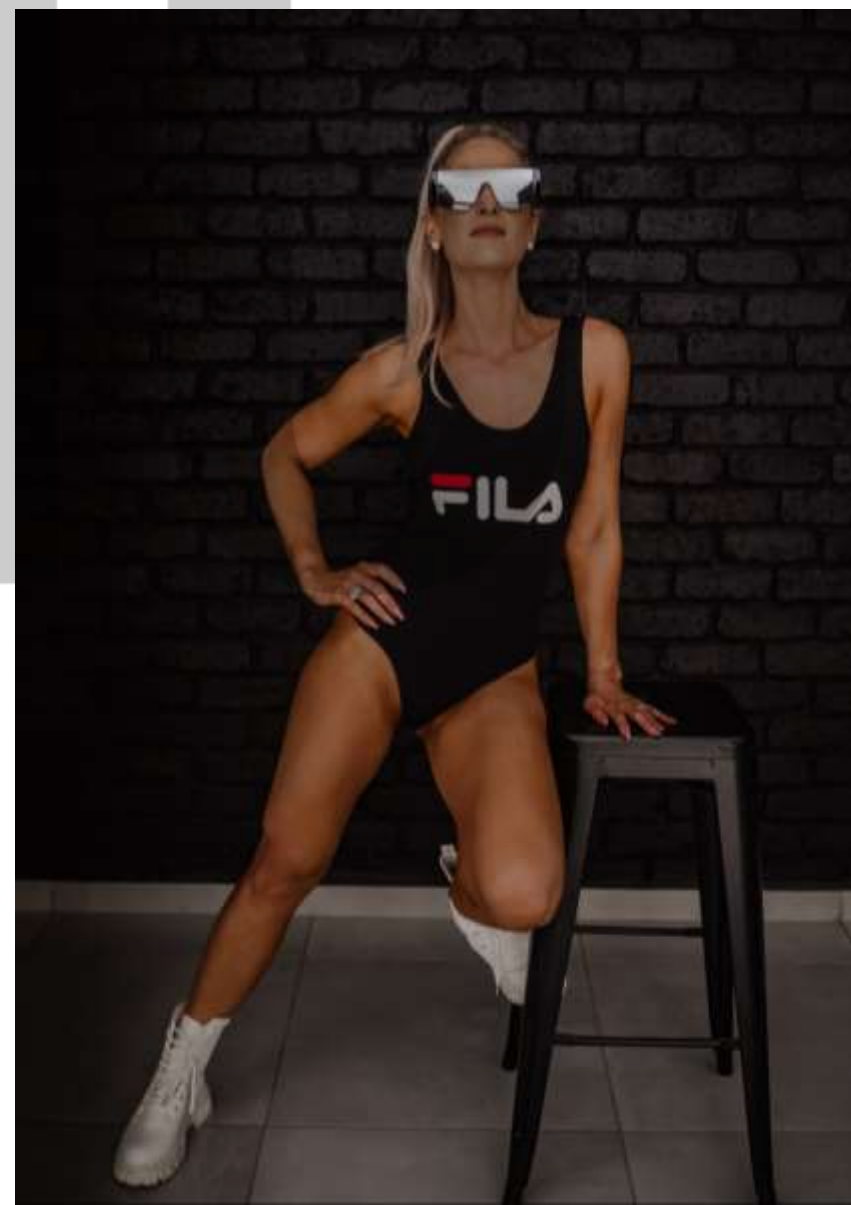
I am currently planning for a future in fitness because I truly love it. Although I'm uncertain about the specific direction it will take, we have an exciting fitness challenge starting in July. My coach, Kelly Stegen, will handle the nutrition and exercise aspects, while I will provide emotional and motivational support. Let's be honest, some people need a fitness guardian angel to keep them motivated and accountable. While physical aspects are often emphasized, the power of the mind is equally important in reaching your goals, and I'll be there to assist with that. Ladies who are interested can learn more by contacting us at meetmrsnuller@gmail.com or by sending a direct message to [@meetmrsnullerfitness](https://www.instagram.com/meetmrsnullerfitness).

Is there anything else you would like to share with the readers?

I believe it's important to look up to people without putting them on pedestals, as we are all human and we all experience failure. What truly matters is how we rise back up. Take the positive aspects you see in others and implement them into your own life, but never try to be someone you're not. Remember, there is only one of you, so strive to be the best version of yourself.

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Interview with Rozanne de Meyer

A Shy Heart with a Passion for Modelling

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Rozanne de Meyer, a 19-year-old resident of Sasolburg, is breaking barriers in the world of pageantry with her kind-hearted nature and a burning desire to make a difference. Despite her initial shyness, Rozanne has emerged as a force to be reckoned with, showcasing her talents as a model and dedicating herself to raising awareness about important issues. Let's take a closer look at her journey and aspirations.

Finding Her Path: The Early Days

Rozanne currently works with Junior Scholars at Adel's Center, a role that allows her to nurture young minds. When she's not working, she enjoys watching TikTok videos, hitting the gym with her sister, and cherishing quality moments with her loved ones. Passionate about holistic wellness, she is in the process of completing a Relaxing Foot Massage Course at Udemy, paving the way for an exciting future.

Early Experiences in Modelling

Rozanne's journey into the world of pageantry began when she joined Elite Models Vaal Triangle modelling school.

Under the guidance of her teacher, Christelle van Niekerk, the current Mrs. Sedibeng 2023 Titleholder, Rozanne gained valuable insights into the industry. She participated in various competitions, supported by Elite Models, which further honed her skills and passion for modelling.

A Spark Ignited: Inspiration Strikes

Inspiration struck Rozanne when she attended one of Elite Models' competitions to support a friend. The mesmerizing performance she witnessed that day captured her heart. Encouraged by her desire to overcome her shyness, she approached Christelle van Niekerk, who provided her with a free class. This marked the beginning of Rozanne's journey as a model, a path that would transform her self-confidence and open new doors.

Titles and Achievements

Rozanne's dedication and hard work have already earned her a collection of titles and achievements. Notable among them are her 1st Princess Teen Category win and Campaigner Award in the Sedibeng Pageant 2023, her 1st Princess Category 19+ win and Public Choice recognition in Mr. & Miss Winter Frost 2023, and her 1st Princess Category 17+ win in the Queen of Recycling 2023 competition.

Additionally, she was scouted for Talent America, showcasing her potential on an international stage.

Preparation for Pageants

Preparing for pageants requires a multifaceted approach. Rozanne focuses on maintaining calmness and positivity, ensuring her nerves don't overpower her. Her family often takes charge of outfit selection, while she concentrates on practicing her ramp-walking skills to perfect her performance on the big day.

Seeking Inspiration and Looking Ahead

Rozanne draws inspiration from her fellow models, who push her to excel and provide unwavering support whenever she steps on stage. Looking to the future, she aspires to participate in the Vaal Pageant next year, eager to represent her community as a title holder.

A Purpose Beyond Modelling

While Rozanne's modelling career is thriving, she also recognizes the importance of using her platform to raise awareness about critical issues. She is passionate about combating child abuse, a cause close to her heart. Through her pageantry journey, she aims to shed light on the physical, sexual, and psychological maltreatment of children, urging others to join her in the fight against this societal problem.



Advice for Aspiring Pageant Participants

For those entering the world of pageantry for the first time, Rozanne shares invaluable advice. She encourages them to remain calm and positive, creating a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. Practicing poses before the pageant and exuding confidence are essential ingredients for success.

The Power of Modelling: Building Confidence

As a naturally shy person, Rozanne's transformation through modelling has been nothing short of remarkable. Stepping onto the stage for the first time, she discovered a newfound self-confidence that had been dormant within her. Modelling and being in front of the camera have not only shaped her as an individual but also inspired her to become a better person for herself and those around her.

The Photographer Who Captured Her Essence

During an unforgettable encounter at Hartshuis Photography & Modeling Open Day, Rozanne met the extraordinary photographer Hennie Coetsee from HJ Click Photography. Under his lens, she felt comfortable and at ease, resulting in captivating photos that truly captured her essence.

Role Models and Future Aspirations

Rozanne acknowledges the invaluable contributions of her fellow models and teachers, who have played a significant role in her development. Among them, Katelynn Pienaar holds a special place in her heart. Katelynn's advice to embrace mistakes and learn from them resonates deeply with Rozanne, making her a constant source of guidance and support.

Dreams, Goals, and Leaving a Lasting Impression

Looking to the future, Rozanne aspires to become a better model and a role model for future generations. Her ultimate goal is to be an example to the world, showcasing the importance of love, perseverance, and resilience. Through her actions and positive outlook, she aims to be remembered as someone who always went the extra mile and never let setbacks define her.

Hidden Talents and Embracing Opportunities

Rozanne's hidden talent lies in her flexibility, enabling her to contort her body into positions that leave others in awe. However, she remains open to every modelling opportunity that comes her way, valuing each experience regardless of its scale or significance.

Five Fascinating Facts about Rozanne

Beyond her modelling pursuits, Rozanne possesses intriguing aspects of her personality that many may not know:

- She still wears kiddies' shoes.
- She is double-jointed.
- She has Kabuki Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder.
- She embraces her frizzy hair.
- She often finds herself rushing through tasks.
- Life's Lessons and Passions

A piece of advice that resonates deeply with Rozanne is to be true to oneself and rise above mistakes. Knowing that she holds the power to define her own narrative and overcome obstacles has been a guiding principle in her life. As a young woman, she is most passionate about her modelling career, which has helped her overcome shyness, and her love for music, which transports her to another world.

An Unwavering Influence

In Rozanne's life, Jesus holds the position of the most influential figure. Through the ups and downs, He has remained a constant source of support and strength, guiding her on her path and shaping her character.

Bucket List Wishes

Having already achieved one of her dreams by participating in the Sedibeng Pageant, Rozanne's bucket list for 2023 has already been fulfilled. Her triumph in this prestigious competition marked a significant milestone in her journey.

Favorite Quote and Connecting with Rozanne

Rozanne lives by the motto, "You either win or you learn," embracing both success and failure as opportunities for growth. To connect with Rozanne and follow her remarkable journey, she can be found on Facebook (Rozanne de Meyer - Sedibeng Pageant Miss Teen 1st Princess 2023, and Rozanne de Meyer - Personal), TikTok (rozannedemeyer12), and Instagram (Rozanne de Meyer).

In conclusion, Rozanne de Meyer's story serves as an inspiration to anyone facing shyness or self-doubt. Her journey from a reserved individual to a confident and compassionate model demonstrates the transformative power of pursuing one's passions. With her determination and commitment to making a difference, Rozanne continues to shine both on and off the stage, leaving an indelible mark in the world of pageantry.





Simone Nieuwenhuys

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Insight into Simone Nieuwenhuys's
Passion for Photography
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Simone Nieuwenhuys, the proud owner of Moments In Focus Photography since 2017, is a talented photographer with an undeniable love for capturing special and beautiful moments. Hailing from a small town, Simone's journey into the world of photography began at a young age, sparked by her passion for modeling and the art of photography. Little did she know that her dream would soon become her profession, driving her to pursue it wholeheartedly.

When asked about her photography style and preferred subjects or themes, Simone expresses her deep affection for themed photography. She finds great joy in collaborating with models who consistently bring forth new and creative ideas, which allow her to infuse her own unique vision into each photoshoot. For Simone, these collaborations serve as an endless source of inspiration, making her work vibrant and dynamic.

In terms of equipment, Simone favors Canon cameras, which have become her trusted companions in capturing life's precious moments. Among her indispensable tools is the 24-70mm Tamron lens, enabling her to create stunning and versatile shots. Additionally, she cherishes her 50mm portrait lens, which adds a touch of intimacy and emotion to her photographs.

Recalling some of her most memorable and challenging photography

assignments, Simone finds it difficult to pick just one. However, what truly stands out for her are the collaboration photoshoots, where different vendors come together to create magical moments. She ensures to participate in at least one or two of these collaborations each year, appreciating the collective effort that goes into their success.

Approaching a new project or photo shoot, Simone emphasizes the importance of understanding her clients' desires, styles, and ideas. By doing so, she can effectively capture the essence of her subjects and immortalize their special moments through her lens.

Simone draws inspiration from various photographers who have made a lasting impact on her work. She admires the talents of RDK Photography and Pierre Vee Photography, among many others, appreciating their unique styles and approaches. Their influence has helped shape her own artistic perspective.

Lighting plays a vital role in Simone's photography, as she recognizes its ability to enhance the visual impact of her images. In the studio, she employs flash photography with softboxes to create the desired lighting effects, ensuring every shot is perfectly illuminated.

For aspiring photographers seeking to improve their skills, Simone advises conducting thorough research and never giving up on their dreams. She believes that every photographer possesses a unique viewpoint, and embracing one's individuality is the key to success.

In the realm of post-processing, Simone acknowledges the significance of social media platforms as a means to showcase her work and attract potential clients. Although she doesn't adhere to a specific editing style, she tends to lean toward a natural aesthetic, allowing the true essence of her subjects to shine through.

Ethical and moral dilemmas have been rare in Simone's photography career. She believes in maintaining professionalism and ensuring client satisfaction, which has helped her navigate potential challenges.

Staying motivated and inspired in a competitive and demanding industry can be challenging, but Simone remains true to herself and her craft. Her loyal client base serves as a constant reminder of the impact she has made, reinforcing her commitment to providing exceptional photography services.

When asked about a recent project or series of photographs she's particularly proud of, Simone humbly shares that every photoshoot holds a special place in her heart. However, she fondly recalls her participation in a collaboration shoot with local vendors. Witnessing small businesses supporting one another brought immense joy and fulfillment to her.

Creating a comfortable and collaborative environment while working with models or subjects is of utmost importance to Simone. She prioritizes her clients' comfort and happiness, which ultimately leads to a relaxed atmosphere and authentic expressions in her photographs.

Simone expresses her excitement for the ever-evolving trends and developments in the field of photography. She acknowledges the challenge of keeping up with the latest trends but finds it incredibly thrilling to explore new techniques and styles.

To connect with Simone and explore her remarkable portfolio, visit her Facebook page, "Moments In Focus Photography." There, you'll find a collection of captivating moments frozen in time, a testament to her passion and dedication to her craft.

Simone Nieuwenhuys's journey as a photographer showcases the power of following one's dreams and transforming a childhood passion into a fulfilling career. Through her lens, she captures life's most treasured moments, preserving them for generations to come.





Ferreira Stumke

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In the bustling world of radio, there are those who effortlessly capture our attention and bring the airwaves to life. Ferreira Stumke, a charismatic and dedicated radio presenter, is one such individual. With a genuine love for broadcasting and an unwavering commitment to his listeners, Stumke has carved a niche for himself in the industry. In this exclusive interview, we delve into his journey, daily routine, memorable experiences, and his unwavering dedication to community initiatives.

A Thrilling Journey Begins:

Ferreira Stumke's affinity for the radio industry began during his school years, where he discovered a passion for orals and excelled in competitions like ATKV. In 2017, he was crowned Mr. LuisterFM, which exposed him to numerous radio interviews. It was during this time that Stumke realized his genuine enjoyment of being behind the mic and interacting with listeners. With just eight weeks of radio experience, he embarked on his first solo show and felt right at home.

A Day in the Life of a Radio Presenter:

Stumke's role as a radio presenter extends far beyond the hours spent on-air. He meticulously plans his program a week in advance, carefully selecting topics and conducting thorough research. Arriving half an hour before broadcasting, he ensures everything is in place, from loading music to preparing his cue sheet. Once the show commences, the magic unfolds, with Stumke effortlessly captivating his audience from the very first greeting.

The Enchanting Appeal of Radio:

For Stumke, the most gratifying aspect of being a radio presenter is the profound interaction with listeners. It is the stories they share and the personal connections they forge that truly touch his heart. Many people may not fully grasp the extensive time and effort required to create an engaging show. Stumke emphasizes that behind the microphone, he is well-prepared, delivering content that is not mere improvisation but rather a well-crafted presentation.

Preparing for Success:

Stumke's approach to preparing for his radio shows is rooted in authenticity and honesty. He believes in sharing his personal struggles, researching topics that resonate

with his listeners, and providing them with valuable information. By keeping it real, he establishes a genuine connection that resonates deeply with his audience.

Overcoming Challenges:

Every radio presenter faces their fair share of challenges, and Stumke is no exception. Recognizing that not everyone will resonate with his style of broadcasting, he has come to accept that he cannot please everyone. Embracing this realization has allowed him to maintain calmness and unwavering dedication to his craft.

Unforgettable Moments:

Stumke's journey as a radio presenter has been marked by countless memorable experiences. From having his father and brother-in-law join him on Father's Day to featuring his mother on Mother's Day, where she imparted wisdom and shared her knowledge of motherhood, these heartfelt moments stand out as cherished memories.

Engaging with the Audience:

To foster a strong connection with his audience, Stumke focuses on discussing topics that others may shy away from. By asking tough questions, ruffling feathers, and fearlessly presenting the truth, he sparks thought-provoking conversations that captivate his listeners.

Staying Relevant in a Changing Landscape:

As technology continues to shape the radio industry, with streaming services and podcasts gaining popularity, Stumke acknowledges the evolving landscape. However, he believes that radio remains a vital companion for those who may feel lonely. Understanding the shift, his radio station has expanded its reach through a dedicated website, allowing listeners to stream their content worldwide.

Advice for Aspiring Radio Presenters:

For those aspiring to make a mark in the radio industry, Stumke offers valuable insights. He advises them to listen attentively, absorb knowledge from various stations and presenters, and continually strive for self-improvement. Staying humble and avoiding the pitfalls of pride are crucial aspects of success.

Memorable Interviews and Notable Guests:

As a radio presenter, Stumke has had the privilege of meeting remarkable individuals. One of his most treasured moments was interviewing Bouwer Bosch, an artist he has admired since the early 2000s. Such experiences leave an indelible mark on his heart and inspire him to continue pursuing excellence.

A Changing Radio Landscape:

Reflecting on the evolving radio industry, Stumke acknowledges the rise of streaming services and podcasts. However, he firmly believes that radio will always hold a special place in people's lives, providing solace and companionship, especially for those who feel alone.

A Future Filled with Passion:

Looking ahead, Stumke harbors aspirations of becoming a full-time radio presenter, immersing himself in the craft five days a week. Currently, he focuses on enhancing his skills and ensuring that he delivers the best possible content to his listeners.

Navigating Challenges with Grace:

When faced with live broadcast mishaps or technical difficulties, Stumke relies on a professional team to swiftly resolve the issue. He maintains professionalism, acknowledging that his duty is to continue delivering an engaging show. Recalling a comical incident where the WhatsApp line crashed due to overwhelming listener interaction, he and his co-host laughed it off, and the show went on.

Giving Back to the Community:

Stumke and his radio station actively engage in community initiatives. They recently distributed Easter eggs to less fortunate children and organized visits to Stumke's primary school, allowing him to give back to the institution that shaped him. Moreover, they run a project named "Making a Difference, One Person at a Time," collecting donations throughout the month and distributing them to various organizations.

Ferreira Stumke's journey as a radio presenter showcases his unwavering dedication, passion for connection, and commitment to delivering meaningful content. As technology continues to shape the radio landscape, Stumke remains a steadfast advocate for the enduring power of radio in touching lives and fostering a sense of belonging. With aspirations of full-time radio hosting and an unwavering focus on self-improvement, Stumke is a force to be reckoned with, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of his listeners and community.

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Meet Influencer Kyli Brown - Empowering Brands and Inspiring Audiences





In the realm of social media marketing, Kyli Brown has made her mark as a trailblazing influencer. With a journey that began when Facebook first launched, she has seamlessly adapted to the ever-evolving landscape of online platforms. In this exclusive interview, Kyli shares her experiences, insights, and the driving forces behind her successful career.

Kyli's love affair with social media blossomed during her college years, where she found herself captivated by the endless possibilities of platforms like Facebook and Pinterest. Little did she know that this fascination would become the foundation of her professional journey. Armed with a degree in Public Relations and Marketing, Kyli delved into the realm of social media management for businesses. It was through this work that she discovered her true passion: empowering entrepreneurs and helping them thrive in the online world.

When asked about her preferred platforms, Kyli expresses her affection for all social media platforms, each with its distinct features and audience. However, Instagram and TikTok have become her primary focus due to their rapid growth. She emphasizes that while Instagram exudes a more aesthetic and serious tone for personal branding and brand promotion, TikTok provides a fun and playful atmosphere. Kyli's ability to tailor content to fit each platform's unique requirements and cater to their respective audiences showcases her versatility as a social media marketer.

As an influencer, Kyli recognizes the importance of cultivating a personal brand that resonates with her audience. She strives to inspire and uplift through her content, emphasizing women empowerment and encouragement. Her empowering motto, "You Can," serves as a beacon of hope, encouraging her followers to pursue their dreams and conquer their goals.

However, the journey of an influencer is not without its challenges. Kyli emphasizes the dangers of comparison, reminding aspiring influencers to avoid measuring their own journeys against the highlight reels of others on social media. Through personal experience, she has learned that social media only reveals a fraction of someone's life, not the whole story.

To maintain a strong connection with her followers, Kyli stresses the importance of engagement. She acknowledges the value of every comment and interaction, making an effort to respond and share the achievements of her community. By fostering genuine connections, she builds a loyal and supportive audience.

Collaboration is a vital component of the influencer industry, and Kyli carefully selects the brands she partners with. Believing in the brand or product is a fundamental criterion for her, as she understands that her endorsement carries weight and influence. Maintaining authenticity amidst sponsored content and brand partnerships is a delicate balance, which Kyli achieves by finding a middle ground between hard selling and her everyday lifestyle content.

Kyli's online presence has had a profound impact not only on her life but also on the lives of her followers. The opportunity to meet her followers face-to-face during social media workshops holds a special place in her heart. Direct messages expressing gratitude for inspiring entrepreneurial dreams or providing moments of self-realization validate Kyli's purpose and inspire her to continue making a positive difference.

For aspiring influencers, Kyli imparts valuable advice: be authentic and have a goal when creating content. She emphasizes the power of even a single follower, as their lives can be positively influenced through meaningful and purpose-driven content.

Looking ahead, Kyli envisions the future of influencer marketing embracing AI-powered strategies. With artificial intelligence algorithms identifying influencers based on audience demographics, engagement rates, and

brand alignment, she believes that brands and influencers will enjoy improved collaboration opportunities. As the landscape evolves, Kyli remains prepared to adapt and leverage these advancements to stay at the forefront of her field.

Kyli Brown's journey as a social media marketer exemplifies the transformative potential of digital platforms. Through her unwavering commitment to authenticity, engagement with her audience, and genuine desire to uplift others, she continues to inspire and empower individuals, leaving an indelible mark on the influencer marketing landscape.





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In a world filled with endless possibilities, Bianca Barnard, a small-town girl from Cradock, has taken center stage as a model and pageant titleholder. Her journey of self-discovery and empowerment has led her to become an inspiring figure for women around the world. Let's delve into her story and learn more about the remarkable woman behind the crown.

Born and raised in Cradock, Bianca's love for chasing sunsets mirrors her pursuit of new opportunities and a better tomorrow. After spending two years in the Karoo, she and her family relocated to the friendly city of Gqeberha. Bianca's educational journey began at Laerskool Newton Park Primary and culminated in her matriculation at Framesby High School.

During her teenage years, Bianca discovered her passion for sports and fitness, representing her province in under 18 EP Hockey. As she grew older, her desire to uplift women and enhance their sense of beauty grew stronger. In 2018, she embarked on a part-time makeup business, which not only ignited her interest in the world of modeling but also bolstered her own self-confidence.

In 2021, Bianca took a leap of faith and signed up to become a model at Extreme Models & Beauty. This decision proved to be a turning point in her life, providing her with a platform to motivate, encourage, and set an example for women like herself. Currently, she holds the prestigious titles of Heinz In Style Miss Mademoiselle for 2022 and Face of Extreme Models and Beauty for 2023.

When asked about her modeling and pageant experience, Bianca reveals that she has been active in the industry for three years and has participated in two modeling competitions. Her journey began when her modeling teacher approached her with the opportunity to enter her first competition—an invitation she gladly accepted.

Preparing for a pageant requires dedication and meticulous planning. Bianca follows a structured approach that includes thorough research on the brand, beneficiaries, sponsors, and previous winners. She places a strong emphasis on practice, honing her walking, talking, and overall presentation skills. Additionally, she prepares for every event or gathering by researching the people she is likely to meet. Most importantly, she remains true to her goals and values, ensuring that she stays grounded and authentic throughout the process.

Bianca draws inspiration from her modeling teachers and mentors, who have played a pivotal role in shaping her journey. Their guidance and support have propelled her forward, enabling her to push beyond her limits and discover her true potential.

As for her aspirations, Bianca remains open to new challenges and opportunities that may come her way. While she currently holds no specific title in mind for the future, she embraces the possibility of embarking on new endeavors that will allow her to continue making a difference.

When asked about her desired legacy as a titleholder, Bianca expresses her desire to be remembered as someone who created real change and made a lasting impact. She aims to elevate her title and reign by embodying consistency, ambition, and dedication in all her endeavors.

Bianca is passionate about raising awareness for various causes close to her heart. She actively advocates for children without a home or proper parental care, children with disabilities and learning difficulties, as well as women who suffer from abuse and lack self-confidence. By using her platform, she aims to uplift and empower these individuals, making a tangible difference in their lives.

For those aspiring to enter the pageant world, Bianca offers valuable advice. She emphasizes the importance of knowing one's goals and planning diligently to achieve them. Furthermore, she encourages individuals to remain true to themselves and never compromise their identity for anyone else. Above all, she highlights the power of resilience and using rejection as a catalyst for personal growth and improvement.

Being in front of the camera and modeling holds a special place in Bianca's heart. It allows her to become a role model for other women, motivating them to embrace their own unique beauty and realize that anything is possible when they step out of their comfort zones. When asked about her favorite photographer, Bianca immediately thinks of Robin West. She admires his professionalism and versatility, as his skills enable her to capture captivating and diverse images.

Looking to the future, Bianca has big plans and dreams. She hopes to change people's perception of the modeling industry by educating women about its nuances and the benefits it offers. Through her efforts, she aims to dispel misconceptions and encourage more individuals to explore modeling and participate in competitions or join modeling schools.

Beyond her modeling career, Bianca possesses a hidden talent for painting and art, showcasing her creativity in a different form. Her favorite color lipstick is red, symbolizing her bold and confident personality. Moreover, she finds joy in reading, telling jokes, dancing, singing, and indulging her passion for psychology.

When asked about the best piece of advice she has ever received, Bianca reveals the importance of never comparing oneself to others. Instead, she encourages individuals to give their best in everything they do, allowing their genuine passion and dedication to shine through.

As a young woman, Bianca is most passionate about uplifting and empowering fellow women, inspiring them to become the best versions of themselves. She believes in the power of unity and supports other women in their journeys toward personal growth and success.

The most influential person in Bianca's life is God. Through His teachings, she has learned invaluable virtues such as compassion, forgiveness, love, and consistency. These values guide her actions and fuel her desire to make a positive impact on the world. In 2023, Bianca hopes to tick off a significant item from her bucket list—developing her voice to reach out to more people and communicate with a broader audience of women. By being a beacon of hope, she aims to inspire and uplift others, creating a ripple effect of positive change.

Bianca's favorite quote, "Be the change you want to see in the world," epitomizes her unwavering dedication to making a difference. She strives to lead by example and encourages others to do the same.

If you're looking to connect with Bianca and follow her inspiring journey, you can find her on Facebook as Bianca Barnard and on Instagram as bianca.barnard96.

In closing, Bianca Barnard stands as a testament to the power of pursuing one's passions, embracing self-confidence, and using one's platform to uplift others. With her unwavering commitment to making a difference, she is changing the face of the modeling industry and leaving an indelible mark on the world.

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Tshepang Phakoe: Embracing the Role of Brand Ambassador for a Magazine





Tshepang Phakoe, an aspiring model and enthusiast of photography and runway, has been chosen as the brand ambassador for a prominent magazine. In this exciting new role, Phakoe shares his thoughts on the opportunity, his responsibilities, and his plans to promote and represent the magazine.

His dedication to uplifting models and artists, as well as his inspiring message to readers and potential subscribers, is sure to make an impact in the fashion industry.

A Journey into the Magazine's World:

Phakoe expresses his joy in being a part of the magazine's brand, particularly because it offers them the chance to collaborate with other talented creatives. By working closely with models and interviewing them, he hopes to gain deeper insights into the industry and inspire others to pursue their dreams. Phakoe believes that the magazine acts as a vital platform for models to showcase their skills, and their background as an aspiring model aligns perfectly with the magazine's target audience.

Responsibilities and Promotion Strategy:

As the brand ambassador, Phakoe's primary responsibility is to introduce the magazine to a broader audience by conducting interviews for featured articles. He aims to connect with individuals from various locations to expand their reach. Phakoe understands the importance of engaging with different artists, not just models, to enhance the magazine's brand image and visibility.

Conveying Values and Inspiring Others:

Phakoe's message to readers and potential subscribers is one of self-belief, confidence, and self-validation. He wants individuals to understand that their worth is not defined by external factors or awards. By promoting these values, Phakoe aims to uplift and inspire others through their role as a brand ambassador.

Collaboration and Cohesive Branding:

To ensure a cohesive brand message, Phakoe plans to collaborate closely with the magazine's editorial team and other stakeholders. He envisions photo shoots that showcase versatility, using mood boards provided by the team and communicating them to the photographers they work with.

Looking Ahead: Events, Projects, and Initiatives:

While specific events or campaigns are yet to be announced, Phakoe remains open to participating in any that may arise. He also teased an exclusive issue in the works, set to be released in September/October, promising further collaborations and exciting content for the magazine's readers.

Leveraging Personal Brand and Social Media Presence:

Phakoe plans to leverage his personal brand and existing social media presence by conducting more interviews, both for himself and other individuals, and posting PPMC-related content regularly. By showcasing this work and promoting the magazine, he aims to amplify its reach and impact.

Overcoming Challenges and Measuring Success:

Phakoe acknowledges the potential challenge of receiving no response when reaching out for interviews. To overcome this, he plans to interview multiple individuals from the same industry. His success as a brand ambassador will be measured by his ability to connect with individuals outside his local area, expanding their network and establishing new collaborations.

Tshepang Phakoe's enthusiasm and dedication as the brand ambassador for the magazine are evident in their plans to promote and represent the publication. Through engaging interviews, collaboration with the editorial team, and a strong social media presence, Phakoe aims to uplift models, inspire readers, and ensure a cohesive brand image. His upcoming projects and exclusive issue will undoubtedly captivate the magazine's audience, cementing Phakoe's impact as a brand ambassador in the fashion industry.





Lettie Botha

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A Journey of Self-Discovery
and Empowerment

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Lettie Botha, Mrs CSAP title holder and SterStatus Season 5 participant, shares her transformative pageant journey and her mission to redefine beauty standards.

Lettie Botha, a qualified Dental Assistant hailing from Gauteng, South Africa, has carved her path in the world of pageantry with grace and determination. Holding the prestigious Mrs CSAP title and having participated in SterStatus Season 5, Lettie's journey highlights the empowering nature of pageantry, challenging misconceptions and inspiring others along the way.

A Chance Encounter with Pageantry

Lettie's initial foray into pageantry was serendipitous. When her son participated in the Mr Teen CSAP Emissary pageant in 2022, he jokingly suggested Lettie should also join as Mrs CSAP Emissary. Initially joining for fun, Lettie and her son's experience as a mother-son team turned out to be life-changing. Lettie's son emerged victorious in the Teen category, while Lettie herself received a personality award. This unforgettable experience motivated Lettie to embrace pageantry wholeheartedly, unaware of the incredible opportunities and personal growth that awaited her.

Rewriting Beauty Standards

Breaking away from the stereotypes associated with models, Lettie sought to redefine societal norms by proving that

beauty comes from within. Her participation in pageants aims to challenge preconceived notions about beauty and demonstrate that true beauty transcends physical appearance. Lettie's dedication to self-expression and authenticity sets her apart from other contestants, as she refuses to engage in pageant politics and instead focuses on personal growth and self-belief.

The Rewarding Journey of Pageantry

For Lettie, the most rewarding aspect of pageantry lies in the gratitude expressed by other women who find inspiration, self-worth, and increased confidence through her journey. By defying traditional beauty standards, Lettie strives to empower women, encouraging them to embrace their unique qualities and develop a positive self-image.

Embracing Challenges and Growth

Lettie recalls her first pageant experience as nerve-wracking, but it proved instrumental in shaping her journey. The industry exposed her to various mentors, such as makeup artist Stephan Venter, and allowed her to expand her network. Overcoming initial fears and discomfort, Lettie focused on remaining true to herself, making friends, and being an exemplary role model for future generations.

Preparation and Personal Transformation

To compete in pageants, Lettie enrolled in a modeling school to learn the basics. However, her true preparation involves a clear mindset and a constant reminder of her identity. Through mentoring and rigorous training, Lettie has honed her skills and developed self-confidence, paving the way for personal growth and transformation.

Challenging Stereotypes and Misconceptions

Lettie aims to dispel common misconceptions about pageantry. Contrary to popular belief, pageants encompass more than just runway models. Lettie emphasizes that external appearance should not be the sole criterion for judgment. Internal confidence, personality traits, and the ability to represent sponsors play a crucial role. Pageantry celebrates diversity and individuality, welcoming women of all shapes, sizes, and backgrounds.

Advocacy and Social Causes

Utilizing social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram, Lettie passionately communicates and motivates others. By sharing her journey, she advocates for embracing authenticity, self-confidence, and the pursuit of personal goals. Lettie's platform serves as a catalyst for positive change and

empowerment.

Memorable Moments and Lasting Inspirations

Lettie distinguishes between pageants as competitions and journeys, considering the latter more memorable and inspiring. Throughout her pageant journey, Lettie has cherished moments spent with newfound friends, learning from their experiences, and forging lifelong connections.

Maintaining a Positive Attitude

Lettie approaches competition with motivation and self-discipline. These qualities enable her to navigate the stressful aspects of pageantry while maintaining a positive attitude. By focusing on her goals and enjoying the process, Lettie encourages aspiring contestants to embrace their own unique journeys.

Pageantry as a Gateway to Empowerment

Lettie emphasizes that pageants can be both empowering and challenging. Mental preparedness is crucial, and contestants must enjoy the journey to build self-confidence. The pageant world places great importance on personal growth, resilience, and adaptability, valuing inner beauty over external appearance. In the age of social media, pageants also provide valuable opportunities for collaboration with companies seeking ambassadors to represent their brands.

Balancing Personal, Career, and Pageant Commitments

For Lettie, family always comes first. Balancing personal life, career, and pageant commitments requires discipline and time management. Lettie allocates specific time slots for social media responsibilities while ensuring she remains dedicated to her family and professional life. Maintaining this balance is essential to prevent the pageant journey from overshadowing everyday life.

Lettie's story stands as a testament to the transformative power of pageantry, inspiring others to embrace their true selves, challenge societal standards, and create positive change. With her unwavering determination and dedication, Lettie Botha continues to redefine beauty and empower women, leaving an indelible mark on the world of pageantry.

Connect with Lettie Botha

To connect with Lettie Botha and be inspired by her journey, follow her on social media:

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Unveiling the Journey of Zandri Hudson: A Pageant Queen's Tale of Hard Work and Inspiration





In the world of pageantry, where dreams are shaped and inner beauty is celebrated, Zandri Hudson emerged victorious as the reigning title holder of Sedibeng Pageant. In this captivating interview, we delve into Zandri's journey, her triumphs, and the impact she aspires to make as a role model.

Zandri's Path to Pageantry:

When asked about her path to becoming a pageant title holder, Zandri attributes her success to hard work and self-belief. With a gleam in her eye, she shares how her first experience participating in Sedibeng Pageant the previous year fueled her desire to compete once again. "Last year was so much fun, and I wanted to do it again with the hope of winning," she enthuses.

Overcoming Challenges:

Reflecting on the most challenging aspect of the pageant competition, Zandri candidly mentions social media. However, she emphasizes that with the unwavering support of family and friends, she was able to navigate this hurdle and triumph. It is a testament to her resilience and determination.

The Responsibilities of a Title Holder:

Being a pageant title holder comes with a set of responsibilities that require careful balance. Zandri explains that availability is paramount, as she must be prepared for any occasion that calls for her presence. Balancing personal life, studies, and

modeling commitments demands meticulous planning and dedication.

Personal Growth and Self-Confidence:

Zandri acknowledges that winning the title has had a profound impact on her personal growth and self-confidence. "I did not expect to win, and it has changed my perspective on life," she shares. The experience has instilled in her a deep appreciation for the value of self-belief and has fueled her determination to achieve even greater things.

Unforgettable Moments:

One of the most memorable moments of Zandri's reign occurred when her name was announced as the title holder. The overwhelming rush of emotions took time to sink in, and she felt an immense sense of pride and accomplishment. It was a surreal experience that will forever be etched in her memory.

Advocating for Community Collaboration:

Zandri's mission as a pageant title holder extends beyond personal achievement. She aims to foster a spirit of unity and collaboration within her community. Her desire is to inspire everyone to work together, supporting and helping one another in their endeavors.

The Preparation Process:

The preparation process leading up to a pageant involves meticulous planning and adherence to a carefully crafted calendar. Zandri explains that title holders receive training and guidance regarding the do's and don'ts of the competition. Additionally, current title holders offer invaluable support, ensuring that newcomers have all the information they need.

Redefining Beauty:

According to Zandri, beauty begins from within. She firmly believes that a beautiful heart makes one a true winner. Pageants, in her view, play a vital role in redefining beauty standards by showcasing inner beauty, resilience, and compassion alongside physical appearance.

Advice to Aspiring Contestants:

Zandri's advice to young individuals interested in participating in pageants is straightforward: just go for it. She encourages them to push themselves beyond their limits, embrace new experiences, and relish the incredible opportunities to meet inspiring people along the way.

Promoting a Positive Image:

Handling criticism and negative stereotypes associated with pageantry

can be challenging. Zandri takes the high road, choosing not to engage in negativity. Instead, she strives to lead by example, promoting a positive image of pageant contestants through her actions, achievements, and dedication to her community.

Advocacy and Making a Difference:

Using her platform as a title holder, Zandri's focus is on helping the less privileged and being a beacon of light in their lives. She recognizes the influence and reach that her position affords her, and she endeavors to make a meaningful impact by actively supporting social causes within her community.

Dispelling Misconceptions:

One common misconception about pageants is that only professional models can excel in the field. Zandri wants to set the record straight, emphasizing that with self-belief and hard work, anyone can achieve greatness. Pageants are not solely about physical appearance but rather a celebration of individuality and inner beauty.

A Glimpse Behind the Scenes:

In the world of pageantry, camaraderie reigns supreme. Zandri shares that contestants are a tight-knit community, supporting and uplifting one another throughout the competition. The nervous energy backstage is counterbalanced by the unity and friendship among participants.

Overcoming Challenges:

Zandri acknowledges that her journey as a title holder has not been without challenges. Making time and remaining goal-oriented are key factors in her ability to overcome obstacles. With determination and a clear vision, she continues to pave the way for her future endeavors.

Future Aspirations:

Looking ahead, Zandri aspires to expand her network, hoping that someone will notice her talent and potential, leading her to the prestigious Miss South Africa pageant. Her primary goal, however, is to savor each moment and enjoy the incredible experiences that lie ahead.

Zandri Hudson's journey to becoming a pageant title holder is a testament to hard work, self-belief, and the power of inner beauty. Her commitment to making a positive impact on her community, dispelling misconceptions, and redefining beauty standards sets her apart as an inspiring role model. With her unwavering determination and infectious enthusiasm, Zandri is destined to achieve great things beyond her current title.

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In the glamorous world of pageantry, Bongani Nkosi stands tall as a shining example of determination and personal growth. As a title holder in the male pageant circuit, Bongani's journey to the crown was filled with challenges, self-discovery, and a burning desire to inspire others. In this exclusive interview, we delve into his captivating story and uncover the essence of his remarkable achievements.

Becoming a pageant title holder is no easy feat. Bongani shares that his path to success was a transformative one. It demanded stepping out of his comfort zone and discovering hidden talents and creativity that he never knew he possessed. Along the way, he became a beacon of hope for the younger generation, who saw him as their role model. The ability to positively influence others became a driving force in his pursuit of pageant glory.

One of the most challenging aspects of the pageant competition for Bongani was the requirement to maintain a constant presence on social media. Wrestling with mental health and confidence issues caused by social media, he had distanced himself from these platforms for a considerable time. Rejoining the digital landscape and consistently engaging with it posed a significant hurdle. However, Bongani overcame this obstacle by reminding himself that he alone held the key to his aspirations. No one could impede his progress except for himself.

With great titles come great responsibilities. Bongani acknowledges that the purpose of pageants is to unite communities and uplift them. As a title holder, his duty is to foster unity and support the less fortunate. This responsibility not only helps the pageant grow in both influence and reach but also allows Bongani to cultivate his personal brand.

Balancing personal life and pageant responsibilities can be a daunting task, but Bongani likens it to a marriage. Just as two individuals come together to form a union, his personal life and title holder responsibilities are intertwined and interdependent. Both aspects contribute to his growth and development, ensuring that he remains true to himself while fulfilling his obligations.

Reflecting on his experience as a pageant title holder, Bongani attests to the transformative power it holds. The added value to his name instilled a sense of self-worth and confidence not only within himself but also within those around him. The ripple effect of his reign helped uplift and empower others, fostering their personal growth. He discovered that self-confidence grows in tandem with self-improvement, proving that the journey to becoming a title holder extends far beyond the physical aspects of the competition.

While Bongani's reign is still in its early stages, he eagerly anticipates the memorable moments that lie ahead. The entirety of his reign promises to be a series of cherished experiences, each contributing to the legacy he will leave behind.

Bongani's impact as a pageant title holder extends beyond the glitz and glamour of the stage. His focus lies on inspiring the younger generation, recognizing them as the future torchbearers of our world. He aims to defy the critics who attempt to dictate their lives, empowering them to live authentically. Bongani's message is clear: hard work and perseverance are the keys to unlocking dreams. He aspires to instill in the youth the belief that they can achieve anything they desire if they are willing to put in the effort.

Preparing for a pageant requires dedication and training, and Bongani embraced this process wholeheartedly. Seeking clarity and understanding, he made sure to grasp every instruction, leaving no room for ambiguity. He underwent four modeling classes provided by Models Unlimited before the event and received unwavering support from his fellow agency friends. This comprehensive training and support system played a

crucial role in his preparation, ensuring he was primed to give his best on the grand stage.

When asked to define beauty, Bongani's perspective goes beyond the conventional notions of perfection. True beauty, in his eyes, lies in acknowledging one's flaws, accepting them, and leveraging them to one's advantage. It is the ability to embrace imperfections and radiate confidence that defines real beauty.

Pageants have long been criticized for perpetuating narrow beauty standards, but Bongani believes they hold the power to redefine these norms. His presence as a male pageant model challenges preconceived notions of beauty and serves as an inspiration for others to embrace their unique qualities. By celebrating diversity and empowering individuals to be their authentic selves, pageants can usher in a new era of inclusivity and redefine beauty standards for the better.

Bongani Nkosi's journey to becoming a pageant title holder is a testament to the transformative power of self-belief and resilience. As he continues to make his mark in the world of pageantry, his unwavering commitment to uplifting communities and inspiring the youth is a beacon of hope for generations to come. With Bongani's reign, beauty and purpose harmoniously intertwine, reminding us all that the pursuit of our dreams is within our grasp if we dare to chase them.



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Dr. Sujata Kapoor: Empowering the Global Fashion and Pageantry Industry



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Dr. Sujata Kapoor, an accomplished actor, international model, beauty queen, and professor, has recently been appointed as the brand ambassador for PPMC Magazine. In this exciting new role, she shares her insights, aspirations, and strategies for promoting and representing the magazine.

With a profound sense of pride, Dr. Kapoor expresses her enthusiasm for being chosen once again as the brand ambassador for PPMC Magazine. What excites her the most is the opportunity to engage with people and become the face of the esteemed PPMC brand. As a brand ambassador, she relishes the chance to build a robust network consisting of models, beauty queens, actors, makeup artists, photographers, and more.

Dr. Kapoor's diverse background aligns perfectly with the magazine's target audience and niche. As an actor, international model, and beauty queen, she brings a wealth of experience to her role as brand ambassador. Through her work with PPMC Magazine, she constantly stays updated with the latest developments in her field, ensuring that the content resonates with the interests of the readers.

The main responsibility of a brand ambassador is to elevate the brand's image and maintain its reputation. Dr. Kapoor has set her sights on positioning PPMC as one of the premier brands in the modeling and pageantry industry.

Leveraging her strong social media presence, she has been actively promoting the brand on an international scale. Her aim is to give PPMC a global presence and extend its reach to new horizons.

Dr. Kapoor envisions her role as instrumental in enhancing the magazine's brand image and visibility. Having served as the international brand ambassador for PPMC Magazine for the past year, she considers herself fortunate to have had the opportunity to interview top talents from around the world. By consistently delivering enriching and captivating content, she strives to captivate and inspire the readers of PPMC.

To engage the magazine's audience and attract new readers, Dr. Kapoor has interviewed renowned Hollywood and Bollywood actors. She goes beyond the glitz and glamour to shed light on the struggles faced not only by Indian talents but also by dancers, photographers, models, and beauty queens worldwide. By continuing to bring forth interesting and inspirational content, she aims to forge a deep connection with the readers.

As a brand ambassador, Dr. Kapoor aims to convey a message of empathy and compassion to the readers and potential subscribers. Drawing upon her diverse background and personal experiences, she highlights the importance of understanding and supporting one another. Her motto is to create a lasting impact by making people feel valued and motivated, as she believes that kindness and perseverance are invaluable traits in today's world.

Collaboration with the magazine's editorial team and other stakeholders is crucial for a cohesive brand message. Dr. Kapoor has developed a clear understanding of PPMC's brand vision and mission. By aligning her efforts with the brand's image, she actively seeks out and brings talented individuals into the PPMC fold, enriching the magazine's content and expanding its global presence.

To amplify the magazine's reach and impact, Dr. Kapoor leverages her personal brand and extensive social media presence. She consistently shares various issues of PPMC Magazine on her social media platforms, having already garnered attention for the brand in India, USA, UK, Nigeria, and beyond. Her aim is to showcase the title to an international audience, increasing its influence and widening its scope.

Inevitably, challenges arise in any brand ambassador role. Dr. Kapoor highlights that while PPMC Magazine provides a platform for free promotion of talent in the modeling and pageantry industry, some individuals may not fully grasp the

significance of the opportunity. Patience and perseverance are required when dealing with interviewees who may not take the process seriously or delay sharing their responses. Dr. Kapoor embraces these challenges as valuable lessons that reinforce her determination to succeed.

Measuring the success of her efforts as the brand ambassador, Dr. Kapoor emphasizes the achievement of being crowned PPMC Magazine's second runner-up last year. In India, she is respected and admired for representing the magazine. However, her primary focus remains on bringing forth global talent for PPMC Magazine. She seeks to interview individuals with remarkable stories, those who are self-made and have the power to inspire the readers.

Dr. Sujata Kapoor's appointment as the brand ambassador for PPMC Magazine ushers in an era of empowerment and excellence. With her rich background and unwavering dedication, she is poised to elevate the magazine's brand image, engage the audience, and attract new readers. Through her powerful presence, Dr. Kapoor is set to leave an indelible mark on the fashion and pageantry industry, leaving readers inspired and craving for more.





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Photographer Shirly Hurn

Capturing Life's Beauty Through the Lens



In the vibrant city of Pretoria, Shirly Hurn has been telling captivating stories through the lens of her camera since 2019. At the age of 35, she has turned her passion for photography into a fulfilling profession, specializing in family, children, and maternity photography. Shirley is not only a dedicated photographer but also a proud homeschooling mom and a loving wife.

Discovering the Passion: From Family Photos to Professional Pursuit

Shirly's interest in photography grew steadily over the years, thanks to the positive feedback she received from friends and family for the pictures she took of her own little princess. Encouraged by their words of praise, she decided to elevate her skills and take her photography to new heights. Motivated by the desire to capture life's precious moments, Shirly embarked on a professional journey that continues to thrive.

Authenticity and Connection: Shirly's Signature Style

Shirly's photography style is rooted in

lifestyle photography, where the focus lies on candid and natural moments that reflect the true essence of everyday life. Through her lens, she captures genuine interactions, emotions, and connections within families, especially children and expectant mothers. Shirly avoids staged poses and forced compositions, preferring to guide her subjects with gentle prompts to evoke authentic responses and emotions. By encouraging families to engage in activities they enjoy, she creates an environment where genuine expressions come to life.

The Power of Tools: Shirly's Preferred Equipment

In the world of photography, having the right equipment is crucial for capturing timeless moments. For Shirly, the Canon R6 is a camera that stands out for its versatility and power. Upgrading from her trusted Canon 6D in October 2021, Shirly found the Canon R6 to be a creative powerhouse. Paired with the legendary Canon 50mm lens, lovingly referred to as the "nifty fifty," and her personal favorite, the 85mm lens, Shirly unlocks endless possibilities to capture stunning imagery.

Memorable Challenges: An Uncharted Path

Among Shirly's many projects, one particular assignment stands out as a turning point in her career. Sponsoring a matric farewell session for a special young lady presented a delightful challenge that

would forever change the trajectory of her business. Although matric farewell sessions were unexplored territory for her at the time, Shirly's talent and dedication shone through, propelling her business to unprecedented heights and opening doors she never dreamed possible.

Creating Essence: Approaching Projects with Passion

When starting a new project or photo shoot, Shirly's priority is to create a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere, allowing the true essence of her subjects to shine through. With flexibility and an open mindset, she welcomes spontaneous moments, capturing candid images that authentically reflect her subjects' personalities. By embracing the natural flow of the session, Shirley ensures that every photograph captures the true spirit of the moment.

Inspiration and Individuality: Influences on Shirly's Work

While Shirly finds inspiration in the talent and artistic vision of photographers like Elena Mikhailova from Italy, she strongly believes in developing her own unique style and artistic expression. Admiring the work of others reinforces her commitment to creative instincts and conveying specific messages through her photographs. Each editing session is an opportunity for Shirly to let her own creativity shine, ensuring that her images are true reflections of her vision.



Harnessing Light: The Importance of Lighting in Photography

Shirly understands the pivotal role that lighting plays in photography and leverages it to enhance her images. Natural light is her preferred light source, offering authenticity and a unique interaction with subjects and the environment. Throughout the day, the different qualities of natural light, such as the warm tones during golden hour or the soft, diffused light on overcast days, create captivating atmospheres and evoke specific emotions. However, when natural light is unavailable or insufficient, Shirly incorporates off-camera flash or artificial lighting to ensure the desired outcome.

Guiding the Journey: Tips for Aspiring Photographers

For aspiring photographers looking to improve their skills, Shirly offers valuable advice. Enrolling in photography courses or workshops provides structured learning, hands-on experience, and valuable feedback from instructors. Practice is key, as familiarizing oneself with the camera and its settings, shooting in different lighting conditions, and honing editing skills lead to comfort and proficiency. Building a strong portfolio through free or low-cost sessions with friends and family allows for style refinement and exposure. Developing a marketing strategy, charging appropriately for services, and continuously seeking inspiration and growth are vital for building a successful photography business.

Crafting Visual Stories: Post-Processing and Editing

Post-processing plays a crucial role in Shirly's work as a family lifestyle photographer. It is during this stage that she enhances the visual impact of her images, bringing out the intended emotions and refining the overall storytelling. Shirly's editing style aims to maintain the authenticity and natural beauty of the captured scene while enhancing its visual appeal. She avoids excessive manipulation and heavy-handed edits that may distort the essence of the subject or misrepresent the original scene. Editing in a darkened environment allows her to focus deeply on the details and mood, fostering a conducive atmosphere for creativity and concentration.

Navigating Ethical Terrain: Upholding Values in Photography

Ethical and moral dilemmas are not uncommon in the world of photography. Shirly prioritizes professionalism, integrity, and maintaining her hard-earned reputation when faced with such challenges. Clear communication and transparency from the beginning of each project minimize the chances of ethical conflicts. By setting professional boundaries, defining services, and managing expectations, Shirly ensures a harmonious client-photographer relationship. Evaluating the potential impact on well-being, reputation, and business helps her make decisions aligned with her values, ultimately prioritizing her integrity as a photographer.

Staying Inspired: Thriving in a Competitive Industry

In a competitive and demanding industry, Shirly stays motivated and inspired through a combination of personal strategies and external sources of inspiration. Establishing clear and achievable goals provides a sense of purpose and direction. Exploring new techniques, genres, and creative boundaries keeps the flame of creativity alive. Recognizing and celebrating accomplishments, while allowing for rest and rejuvenation, ensures a healthy mindset. Shirly's unwavering passion, curiosity, and dedication to her craft fuel her continuous growth as a photographer.

Connecting Through Art: Contacting Shirly Hurn

For those seeking to connect with Shirly Hurn, inquiries and collaborations can be made through her email at info@yudephotography.co.za. Additionally, her website, www.yudephotography.co.za, showcases her exceptional work and serves as a testament to her skill and dedication.

Shirly Hurn is more than a photographer; she is a storyteller who captures the beauty and authenticity of life through her lens. With a focus on genuine connections, a passion for natural light, and a dedication to her craft, Shirly's work resonates with viewers, leaving a lasting impression. Her journey from self-taught enthusiast to professional photographer is a testament to the power of determination and the pursuit of one's dreams. Shirly Hurn continues to inspire aspiring photographers and reminds us that capturing life's precious moments is an art form that holds incredible power.



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Capturing Life's Essence
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Marina du Triou, a talented photographer hailing from Centurion, South Africa, has carved a niche for herself in the world of photography. Her passion for her craft and unwavering dedication have propelled her to new heights, capturing the hearts of clients and admirers alike. In this exclusive interview, Marina shares her journey, inspirations, and the secrets behind her captivating images.

Originating from the Vaal, Marina's journey as a photographer began in 2015 when she relocated to Centurion. It was there that she discovered her love for photography and embarked on a path of constant growth and learning. Her devotion to her work stems from the deep-seated passion she feels for her craft. Marina believes that her love for photography pushes her to challenge herself daily and acquire new skills, enabling her to deliver exceptional work.

When asked about her early foray into photography, Marina reveals that her husband played a pivotal role in igniting her interest and nudging her towards pursuing it professionally. As a testament to his unwavering support, he gifted her first camera, instilling in her the belief that she had the talent to excel in this field. Encouraged by her husband's belief in her abilities, Marina embarked on her photographic journey by enrolling at the prestigious Digital College of Photography in Rosebank in 2005.

Marina's distinctive photography style spans various genres, including studio, weddings, fashion, product, and corporate shoots. However, her primary focus lies in capturing model portfolios. Her keen eye for detail and ability to bring out the best in her subjects have garnered praise and admiration from clients and peers alike.

When it comes to equipment, Marina's preferred gear includes a Canon 5D camera and Canon lenses, known for their exceptional image quality. In 2020, she made the switch to Godox flashlights, citing their versatility and user-friendly interface as key factors in her decision. Marina values the wide range of speedlights offered by Godox, allowing her

to seamlessly transition between on-camera and off-camera lighting setups, both in-studio and on outdoor shoots.

Throughout her illustrious career, Marina has encountered numerous memorable assignments, but one stands out among the rest. She was commissioned to photograph Nelson Mandela's last public appearance, an event that would have been a momentous occasion. Unfortunately, Mandela fell ill and was unable to attend. Despite this unexpected turn of events, Marina found joy in capturing images of the various leaders present that day, both from South Africa and around the world. It was a testament to her ability to adapt and find beauty in every situation.

Approaching each new project with meticulous planning and research, Marina ensures that she captures the essence of her subjects. By understanding their unique qualities and personalities, she creates a comfortable and collaborative environment, allowing her subjects to shine through her lens. Marina draws inspiration from renowned photographer Andre Badenhorst, whose work evokes a deep desire within her to create captivating images. His advice to go off-camera with flash has had a profound impact on Marina's approach, enhancing her artistic vision.

One of the key aspects that Marina emphasizes in her work is the importance of lighting. She recognizes that lighting plays a vital role in shaping the mood, atmosphere, and overall impact of an image. Mastering the art of lighting allows her to create images that are vibrant, textured, and full of life. Marina's dedication to controlling and manipulating light results in photographs that are rich in color, with a luminosity that brings her subjects to life.

For aspiring photographers looking to improve their skills, Marina advises seeking inspiration from professional artists and practitioners. Additionally, she emphasizes the importance of mastering one's equipment and practicing regularly. It is through consistent effort and a deep understanding of the technical aspects that one can truly unlock their creative potential.

In her post-processing workflow, Marina acknowledges the significance of enhancing the original image while maintaining a natural aesthetic. She believes in striking a delicate balance, enhancing the visual appeal of her subjects without compromising their authenticity.

Throughout her career, Marina has faced various challenges, but none as memorable as the time her flash malfunctioned during a wedding ceremony. As the bride walked down the

aisle, Marina found herself in a precarious situation. Fortunately, her preparedness and quick thinking saved the day. With a backup camera and flash ready, she seamlessly transitioned to ensure that the precious moments were captured flawlessly. Marina's experience underscores the importance of having contingency plans in place, especially for once-in-a-lifetime events.

To stay motivated and inspired in an industry that can be competitive and demanding, Marina continuously sets new goals for herself. She also seeks guidance from mentors and draws inspiration from the work of photographers she admires. By surrounding herself with positive influences and like-minded individuals, Marina ensures that her creative spark never wanes.

A recent project that Marina takes immense pride in is her role as the official photographer for "The Face of Aloe" competition. Each year, she collaborates with models to capture striking images, seeking to find the perfect embodiment of the brand. This ongoing project allows her to push her creative boundaries and showcase her skills on a grand scale.

Shooting for a magazine presents unique challenges and opportunities. Marina recognizes the need for meticulous attention to detail, as images are subjected to critical evaluation. The images must captivate viewers, conveying a story and engaging their imagination.

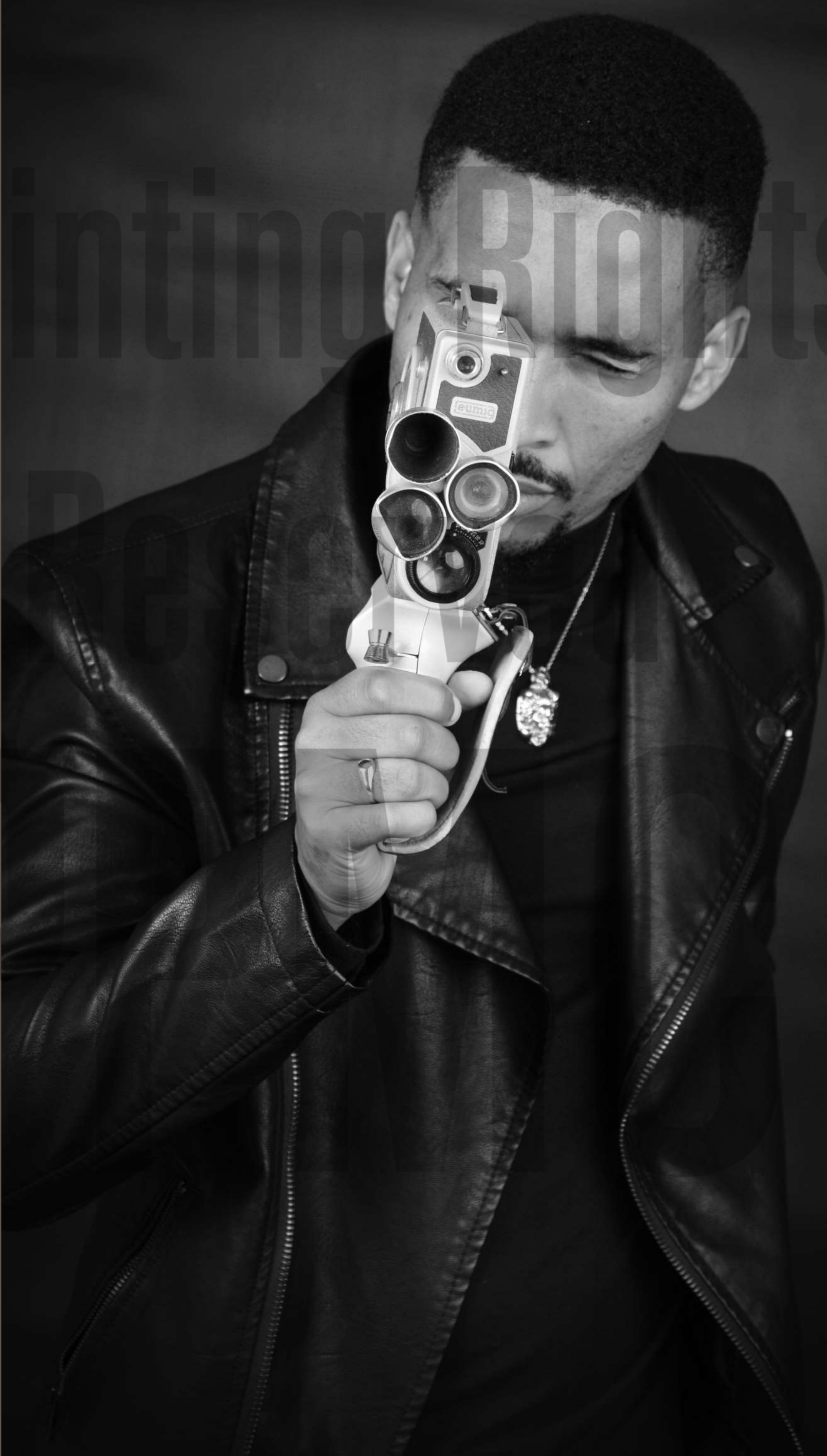
When working with models or subjects, Marina's warm and inviting personality creates a comfortable and collaborative environment. Her ability to connect with people puts them at ease, allowing their true selves to shine through her lens.

Reflecting on current trends in photography, Marina notes the growing popularity of vibrant colors and backgrounds. Photographers are experimenting with vivid, eye-catching hues, resulting in images that demand attention. This trend aligns with the trajectory of the design world, where vibrant colors are embraced to create visually impactful compositions. Marina stays connected with her audience and fellow photography enthusiasts through her Facebook page. Her profile, located at @dutriouphotography, serves as a platform for sharing her latest work and engaging with her followers.

Marina du Triou's journey as a photographer is marked by unwavering passion, dedication, and a commitment to capturing the essence of her subjects. Through her skillful use of lighting, meticulous approach, and ability to connect with people, Marina brings her images to life. As she continues to evolve and push the boundaries of her craft, we can expect even more awe-inspiring photography from this talented artist.

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Aspiring Model Craig Claasen - Unveiling the Passionate and Multi-Talented Craig Claasen





In the picturesque landscapes of South Africa, where beauty thrives in every corner, we find Craig Claasen, a 31-year-old man with dreams as vast as the African plains. Hailing from the quaint town of Adelaide in the Eastern Cape, Craig has spent the last decade residing in the enchanting Western Cape, specifically George. Let's delve deeper into the captivating life of this aspiring model and multifaceted individual.

As we embark on this journey, we uncover Craig's aspirations in the modeling industry. While he may not possess prior experience, his desire to embrace the world of modeling has been an enduring passion. Recently, he took a momentous step forward by joining the esteemed Gemini Model and Talent Agency. With this newfound platform, Craig eagerly anticipates the opportunity to cultivate his modeling skills and build a remarkable portfolio.

This year has proven to be monumental for Craig, as he has achieved remarkable milestones worth sharing with our readers. A noteworthy accomplishment is his affiliation with the Gemini Model and Talent Agency, which provides him with a springboard into the captivating world of modeling. Moreover, he has also secured a role in the comedy sitcom "E-xtra Ouma Sarie," a venture that promises to showcase his comedic talent and add another feather to his cap of achievements.

When asked about his love for being in front of the camera and modeling, Craig's

face lights up with joy. For him, it is an exhilarating experience that allows him to express himself and communicate stories through the lens. The power of a single photograph to convey a multitude of emotions fascinates him, and he finds immense satisfaction in being part of such a creative process.

Speaking of creativity, Craig admires a talented photographer by the name of Frieda from the Gemini Model and Talent Agency. Frieda's professionalism and ability to extract the best from her subjects have earned her the status of Craig's favorite photographer. The captivating work she produces resonates deeply with him and fuels his own creative endeavors.

As we venture into the realm of Craig's dreams and aspirations, we uncover a treasure trove of ambitions. His goals extend far beyond the boundaries of modeling, as he yearns to explore various avenues of inspiration and passion. Acting, scriptwriting, music-making, and modeling feature prominently in his vision. Furthermore, Craig envisions establishing supportive businesses aligned with these pursuits, creating an empire that embodies his artistic spirit.

Beyond the glamorous world of modeling, Craig possesses hidden talents that further enrich his persona. Canvas painting, tattooing, drawing, recycling art, and even stand-up comedy showcase his versatility. These gifts provide a glimpse into the diverse array of skills and interests that shape his identity.

While Craig has accomplished much in his modeling journey, there are still dreams waiting to be realized. He harbors a deep desire to engage in commercial and fashion modeling, partnering with renowned brands like Nike, Adidas, and Louis Vuitton. The allure of representing these iconic names in the industry drives his ambition, and he yearns for the day when these dreams become a tangible reality.

In our quest to uncover the essence of Craig Claasen, we present five intriguing facts that shed light on his unique personality. Firstly, his passion for art serves as a vibrant thread woven into the fabric of his life. Secondly, Craig begins each day with a heartfelt prayer, setting the tone for a day filled with purpose and gratitude. Thirdly, he audaciously auditioned for the thirteenth season of Idols, a testament to his courage and determination. Fourthly, the aroma of a freshly brewed cup of coffee invigorates him, a vital ingredient for focus and productivity. Lastly, Craig takes pride in being a loving father to a three-year-old child, a role that brings immeasurable joy and fulfillment to his life.

Amidst his journey, Craig has received invaluable advice that resonates deeply within him. "Never underestimate a dirty rock, for it could be a diamond," a phrase

that encapsulates the essence of perseverance and resilience. He believes that within every struggle lies a hidden treasure, urging us to dig deeper and discover the true value hidden within.

When asked about his passions as a man, Craig's eyes light up with enthusiasm as he mentions his love for creating music from scratch. To him, music is life—a medium through which he can channel his emotions and touch the hearts of others. It is a passion that burns brightly within him, igniting a fire of inspiration and creativity.

Reflecting on the most influential person in his life, Craig's thoughts immediately turn to his mother. Raised as a single mother after the passing of his father, she exemplifies unwavering strength and resilience. Her tireless efforts to provide for her children serve as a guiding light, a reminder to never give up in the face of adversity. She has instilled in Craig the belief that with determination and perseverance, anything is possible.

As we near the end of our captivating encounter with Craig Claasen, we inquire about his aspirations for the year. In an exhilarating twist of fate, Craig has already achieved one of his bucket list goals for 2023. He proudly announces his appearance as an actor on television, a dream that has been ticked off his list with great satisfaction.

In closing, we leave you with Craig's favorite quote, a powerful message from the legendary Nelson Mandela: "It always seems impossible until it's done." These words embody the spirit of determination and resilience that guide Craig's journey. With unwavering faith in his abilities, he continues to defy the odds and shatter the boundaries of what is deemed possible.

For those eager to connect with Craig and witness his remarkable journey unfold, he can be found on Instagram under the handle @Claasencraig, on Facebook as Craig Claasen, and on TikTok as @craig.elvion. Additionally, for modeling inquiries and collaborations, he can be reached through the Gemini Model and Talent Agency at 0828989747.

As we bid farewell to this extraordinary individual, we eagerly await the next chapter in Craig Claasen's life, filled with artistic endeavors, personal growth, and the pursuit of his wildest dreams.



Kenwin Stout

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Capturing Life's Moments
Through the Lens

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Meet Kenwin Stout, a talented photographer hailing from Stilbaai in the Western Cape. At just 25 years old, Kenwin has made a name for himself in the world of photography, specializing in outdoor portraits and challenging photography ideas.

With a passion for capturing life's fleeting moments, Kenwin's journey as a photographer began with a dream and has blossomed into a thriving profession. In this article, we delve into his inspirations, his preferred equipment, and his approach to creating captivating images.

The Spark of Passion:

For Kenwin Stout, photography has always been a lifelong dream. His love for the craft was sparked by countless hours spent watching YouTube videos, studying different photography techniques, and immersing himself in the world of cameras. The turning point came when he had the opportunity to work with a photographer on a wedding shoot, igniting a desire to own his own camera and pursue photography professionally. Since that decisive moment, Kenwin has honed his skills over six years, building an impressive portfolio of work.

Photographic Style and Themes:

Kenwin's photography style can be best described as captivating outdoor portraiture. He seeks to push boundaries and experiment with challenging concepts, always striving to capture the essence of his subjects. Inspired by the quote, "It's better to do a dull thing with style than a dangerous thing without it,"

Kenwin constantly seeks out new ideas and innovative approaches to create remarkable images.

Preferred Equipment:

When it comes to cameras and equipment, Kenwin's trust lies with Canon. His first encounter with photography was shooting with a Canon 760D, which instilled in him a deep appreciation for the brand. Today, he proudly owns a Canon camera of his own. Kenwin's go-to lens is the Canon 50mm f/1.8, known for its clarity and ability to focus sharply on the subject. Complementing his camera gear, Kenwin favors Godox equipment, particularly the TT600 and AD200 flashlights, accompanied by the Godox 120mm or 90mm Octabox.

Memorable Challenges:

Among the many photography assignments Kenwin has undertaken, one particular shoot stands out as both memorable and challenging. It involved a beach shoot on an incredibly windy day. The gusts were so strong that traditional lighting setups became impractical. Kenwin had to rely solely on natural light, pushing his skills to the limit. Despite the difficulties, this experience taught him to adapt and find creative solutions even in the face of unforeseen circumstances.

Approach and Connection:

When approaching a new project or photo shoot, Kenwin prioritizes preparation and establishing a comfortable and collaborative environment. He spends time researching poses that models are comfortable with, ensuring their ease and satisfaction during the shoot. Kenwin understands the importance of building rapport with his clients, making them feel at home and fostering a sense of trust. By creating a relaxed atmosphere, he captures the authentic essence of his subjects.

Influences and Inspiration:

One photographer who has had a profound impact on Kenwin's work is Steven Esterhuizen from S'Photography & Designs. Steven's diverse style and approach have inspired Kenwin to explore different genres and subjects beyond traditional portraiture. He continually encourages Kenwin to think outside the box and push his creative boundaries.

The Importance of Lighting:

Kenwin recognizes the pivotal role of lighting in photography. Proper manipulation and control of light can transform an image, enhancing details and setting the desired tone and mood. By skillfully harnessing the power of light, Kenwin adds texture, vibrancy, and luminosity to his subjects, ensuring their true beauty shines through.

Advice for Aspiring Photographers:

To aspiring photographers, Kenwin's advice is simple yet powerful: embrace new challenges fearlessly. Every hurdle and every opportunity to learn is a chance for growth. Rather than comparing yourself to others, focus on self-improvement and become your own competition.

Staying Inspired:

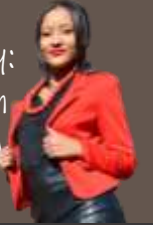
In an industry as competitive and demanding as photography, staying motivated and inspired can be a challenge. Kenwin's unwavering dedication stems from a personal drive to surpass his own achievements. He treats every photo shoot as a job interview, constantly striving to surpass his previous best and seize new opportunities.

Looking Ahead:

Kenwin's journey as a photographer is an ongoing adventure. He aspires to shoot for magazines, a dream that continues to drive his passion. Kenwin looks forward to the future, eagerly anticipating new trends and developments in the field of photography. From capturing unique moments to experimenting with innovative techniques, he remains steadfast in his commitment to showcasing the beauty of life through his lens.

Kenwin Stout's journey as a photographer exemplifies the power of passion, dedication, and a dream to fuel one's ambitions. With his distinctive outdoor portraiture style and a penchant for challenging photography ideas, Kenwin continues to captivate viewers with his remarkable images. Through careful preparation, establishing a collaborative environment, and harnessing the art of lighting, he ensures that the essence of his subjects shines through. Aspiring photographers can draw inspiration from Kenwin's story, embracing new challenges, and constantly pushing the boundaries of their own creativity.





In a world where beauty standards seem to dictate our worth, Lesley Nuraan Louwskitter is breaking barriers and challenging societal norms. At just 16 years old, she has already made a name for herself as a talented makeup artist, beauty content creator, body positivity influencer, and plus-size model. Hailing from Port Elizabeth (Qqebenhra), Lesley is not only a dedicated student at Sancto High School but also a rising star in the makeup industry.

Discovering a Passion for Makeup: A Transformational Journey

Lesley's love affair with makeup began as a means of finding solace during a challenging time in her life. Battling bullies who targeted her for her appearance, she yearned to change the way she looked. Insecurities plagued her, until she stumbled upon makeup. The transformative power of cosmetics gave her newfound confidence, making her feel beautiful and empowered. As she honed her skills, the bullying subsided, and admiration replaced the negativity. The attention she received fueled her desire to delve deeper into the world of makeup.

Balancing Personal Life and a Thriving Career

Juggling the demands of a burgeoning career as a makeup artist alongside her personal life might seem daunting, but Lesley has mastered the art of balance. At the tender age of 14, she embarked on her entrepreneurial journey, starting her own mini makeup business. Managing her time between school and her part-time business, Lesley maximized her social media presence to attract a wider audience. Platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok became her allies in expanding her customer base.

The Importance of Self-Care in a Fast-Paced Industry

In an industry known for its fast pace and high demands, Lesley understands the significance of self-care. To maintain healthy skin while wearing makeup regularly, she incorporates a skincare routine into her daily life. While she acknowledges her naturally good skin, she still diligently cleanses her face with a transparent, fragrance-free soap and keeps it hydrated with a facial serum. Occasionally, she indulges in facial masks to enhance her aesthetics, drawing inspiration from the girls on TikTok.

Passions Beyond Makeup: The Artistic Soul

Outside of the world of makeup, Lesley finds solace and expresses her creativity through modeling and drawing. As a plus-size model, she relishes being the center of attention and feeling like the protagonist in her own story. When she's not striking poses, Lesley channels her emotions into her artwork. Drawing and painting have always been outlets for her to cope with and express her feelings, providing an escape from the challenges she faces.

Unveiling the Creative Process: Inspiration and Role Models

Lesley draws inspiration from renowned makeup artist James Charles, religiously following his YouTube and TikTok videos. Staying up-to-date with trending styles and techniques, she tests her limits, exploring how far she can push her own boundaries. Another powerful influence in her life is Kylie Jenner, whom she views as an icon in the makeup industry. Lesley aspires to emulate Jenner's independence, fierceness, and strength. With dreams of establishing her own cosmetic company and makeup brand in South Africa, she constantly pushes herself to achieve greatness.

Finding Support in Unexpected Places

While many artists have mentors who guide their journey, Lesley faced limited support from her family. Despite their criticism and judgment, she found solace in her mother's unwavering belief in her dreams. Her mother's financial, emotional, and physical support helped her lay the foundation of her business, and her encouragement became the driving force behind Lesley's accomplishments.

Lessons Learned and Profound Moments

Throughout her career, Lesley has learned valuable lessons that have shaped her approach to life and her craft. The most important lesson she has internalized is the importance of self-love. In a society that often pressures individuals to conform to certain beauty standards, Lesley emphasizes the significance of embracing one's uniqueness and standing out from the crowd. She firmly believes that loving oneself is a prerequisite for true happiness and success.

Navigating Criticism with Resilience

Criticism and negative feedback are inevitable in any creative field, but Lesley has developed her own strategy for handling them. Rather than allowing herself to be affected by negativity, she chooses to avoid it altogether. She recognizes that some people will always try to bring others down, but she refuses to let their opinions weaken her resolve. Lesley remains determined to protect her vision and not allow external judgments to break her spirit.

Embracing New Trends and Techniques

Lesley's confidence and positive mindset have never wavered, enabling her to embrace new makeup trends and techniques without hesitation. Believing in oneself and maintaining consistency and dedication are the keys to achieving success. Lesley approaches each endeavor with an open mind and an unwavering belief in her abilities. She credits her positive mindset as the driving force behind her accomplishments.

Nurturing Creativity and Pushing Boundaries

To nurture her creativity and continuously push the boundaries of her work, Lesley actively seeks out new products and experiments with different techniques. By understanding what works best for her own skin type, she can cater to the unique needs of her clients. Lesley constantly seeks inspiration from social media platforms and the internet, recreating looks and showcasing them on her social media profiles.

Connecting with Lesley: Spreading Body Positivity and Inspiring Others

Lesley recognizes the power of social media in her journey as a makeup artist. She loves engaging with her followers and using her platforms to spread body positivity, share makeup tutorials, and exhibit her creative transitions.

Lesley believes that she is on the right path, with a grand destiny awaiting her in the makeup industry. She welcomes those interested in connecting with her to find her on Facebook (Lesley Louwskitter), Instagram (Itsyobaddielesley), and TikTok (Lesley Louwskitter).

As Lesley Nuraan Louwskitter continues to defy stereotypes and inspire others with her talent and resilience, she is a force to be reckoned with in the makeup industry. Her dedication to self-love, passion for creativity, and unwavering belief in herself are the driving forces behind her success.

Lesley's story serves as a reminder that true beauty lies in embracing one's individuality and fearlessly pursuing one's dreams.



Welcome to the captivating world of Whitney Oliiviia, a talented makeup artist and special effects and prosthetics expert hailing from the vibrant city of Bedfordview, Johannesburg. With a career spanning nine years, Whitney's undeniable talent and unwavering passion have made her a prominent figure in the industry. In this exclusive interview, Whitney shares her inspiring story, personal rituals, and the lessons she has learned along the way.

Born and raised in Johannesburg, Whitney's journey into the world of makeup artistry began with her beloved grandmother. As a young girl, Whitney marveled at the way her grandmother and mother skillfully applied their makeup in the early mornings. Intrigued and captivated, she started experimenting with makeup at the tender age of thirteen, immersing herself in YouTube tutorials and recreating mesmerizing looks on her own face.

However, Whitney's love for makeup went beyond aesthetics. Battling insecurities and enduring relentless bullying, she discovered the power of makeup as an outlet for self-expression and self-confidence. After completing high school, Whitney's passion propelled her to seek formal training in beauty makeup, special effects, and prosthetic makeup. Through beauty college and continuous learning from industry professionals, she honed her skills and set forth on a journey that would transform her life.

Finding balance between her personal life and the demanding nature of her career is of utmost importance to Whitney. Through meticulous organization and efficient time management, she ensures she maximizes productivity while making room for meaningful relationships and personal downtime. Recognizing the need for rejuvenation, she emphasizes the significance of taking breaks and spending quality time with loved ones.

To navigate the fast-paced industry, Whitney incorporates self-care rituals into her routine. Regular workouts, particularly boxing, serve as a cathartic release for any pent-up frustrations, allowing her to approach her work with a clear and focused mind. Prioritizing skincare, both in the morning and evening, has become a disciplined ritual, reminding her that self-care extends beyond makeup application. Outside of her thriving career, Whitney has a deep love for fitness and boxing. Engaging in physical activities

helps her channel her emotions positively and maintain a healthy well-being. By embracing such hobbies, she not only nurtures her creativity but also ensures her mental and physical health are at their best.

Inspiration is a driving force in Whitney's creative process. She finds it in various forms, ranging from art and tattoo styles to photography and fashion. Moreover, she draws inspiration from fellow makeup artists who continuously push boundaries and set trends in the industry. Immersed in a generation that encourages self-expression, Whitney's artistry extends beyond makeup application—it encompasses her personal style and creative expression in every aspect of her life.

Throughout her journey, Whitney has been fortunate to encounter influential mentors who have shaped her approach to makeup artistry. Jamie Genevieve, Sarah Tanno, and Scott Barnes are among the significant individuals who have left an indelible mark on her career. Witnessing their love and passion for makeup has instilled in Whitney a deeper sense of dedication and a thirst for continuous growth within her craft.

Her career has taught Whitney invaluable lessons. She highlights the importance of perseverance, emphasizing that giving up is never an option. Every job, no matter how small or seemingly undesirable, presents an opportunity for growth and connection. This humble perspective has allowed her to stay grounded and appreciative of every aspect of her journey.

Criticism and negative feedback are inevitable in any service-oriented industry. Whitney handles them with grace and resilience, using them as opportunities for self-improvement. Reflecting on the feedback received, she identifies areas of growth and considers how she can exceed client expectations in the future. Acknowledging that it's impossible to please everyone, Whitney stays focused on analyzing situations and striving to deliver her best work.

To nurture her creativity and push the boundaries of her art, Whitney believes in the power of repetition and continuous practice. Collaborating with other makeup artists exposes her to new techniques and different products, allowing her to refine her skills and broaden her artistic horizons. By staying curious and open to learning, she ensures that her work remains dynamic and innovative.

Embark on a transformative journey through Whitney's makeup artistry, where passion, resilience, and creativity combine to empower others and redefine beauty standards. Join her on her mission to inspire and uplift, one brushstroke at a time.



Connect with Whitney Oliiviia on Instagram, where she shares her captivating makeup artistry and inspirational journey: Main Page: @Whitney_oliiviia.mua, Clients Page: @make_upbywhitney





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Unveiling the Artistic Lens:
Exploring the Dark and Gory World
of Freelance Photographer, Alan

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In the realm of photography, there are individuals who possess a unique vision and an unyielding passion for capturing the unconventional. Meet Alan, a freelance photographer hailing from the captivating town of Vanderbijlpark.

Renowned for his extraordinary ability to think outside the box, Alan's work ventures into the realms most photographers would shy away from. In this exclusive interview, we delve into his journey, his style, and his relentless pursuit of artistic expression.

Discovering a Passion: Alan's love affair with photography began in an unexpected manner. Previously a freelance model, he found himself inexplicably drawn to the camera. Upon picking it up for the first time, he experienced a profound realization that photography was the ideal medium for him to unleash his creative mind. Thus, a budding photographer was born.

Embracing the Dark and Gory: Alan's signature style is a testament to his fearlessness and penchant for the extraordinary. Rather than following conventional paths, he delves into the realm of the macabre, embracing the gory and disturbing aspects of photography. Specializing in fake blood and special effects, he crafts images that challenge societal norms and expose the darker side of human existence.

The Power of Nikon: When it comes to cameras and equipment, Alan places his trust in the venerable Nikon brand. Its reliability and performance align perfectly with his artistic vision, enabling him to capture the essence of his subjects with precision. While he favors natural lighting, he employs a keen eye for finding the perfect balance between light and darkness, crafting a visual narrative that captivates the viewer.

Unforgettable Assignments: Each assignment is an opportunity for Alan to create something memorable. With a relentless pursuit of excellence, it's difficult for him to choose a single standout project. However, his commitment to making every shoot impactful and unforgettable shines through in his work.

Unveiling the Essence: When it comes to capturing the essence of his subjects, Alan invests time and concentration. By understanding the unique interplay of light and shadow, he ensures that his lighting beautifully accentuates his subjects, revealing their innermost emotions and vulnerabilities.

Inspirations and Influences: Alan draws inspiration from various photographers who have left an indelible mark on the industry. Experimenting with dark and light, he has molded his own distinctive style while paying homage to those who have paved the way before him.

Harnessing the Power of Lighting: The significance of lighting in photography cannot be overstated, and Alan's preference for natural light adds a sense of authenticity to his work. By skillfully manipulating light sources, he creates an atmosphere that enhances the impact of his images, evoking emotions in viewers.

Tips for Aspiring Photographers: For those embarking on their own photographic journeys, Alan offers sage advice. He emphasizes the importance of effective communication with models, acting as their guiding mirror to help them achieve the desired poses and expressions. Additionally, he urges photographers to stay true to their own style and resist the pressures of the fashion industry.

The Art of Post-Processing: Post-processing plays a minimal role in Alan's workflow. He prefers to keep his images as authentic as possible, making only minor adjustments to lighting and removing imperfections while preserving the raw essence captured during the shoot.

Navigating Ethical Dilemmas: In his career, Alan has yet to encounter ethical or moral dilemmas. However, his commitment to integrity and empathy ensures that he would navigate such situations with respect and mindfulness.

Motivation and Inspiration: To stay motivated and inspired in a competitive and demanding industry, Alan simply goes with the flow. He does not let negative comments deter him, instead embracing constructive criticism as an opportunity for growth and improvement.

Proud Moments: Alan's ongoing series exploring the struggles faced by both women and men is a project that holds a special place in his heart. By delving beneath the surface, he aims to capture the essence of human challenges and create impactful images that resonate with viewers.

The Magazine Challenge: Although Alan hasn't had the opportunity to shoot for a magazine yet, he eagerly awaits the unique challenges and opportunities that come with such assignments.

Creating a Collaborative Environment: When working with models or subjects, Alan prioritizes establishing a comfortable and collaborative atmosphere. Through friendly introductions and open communication, he ensures that everyone involved feels at ease, enabling the creation of magical images that endure.

Exciting Developments in Photography: Alan finds himself captivated by the current trends in capturing ballet and the rise of plus-size models. These developments showcase the industry's growing inclusivity and the breaking of traditional barriers.

Connect with Alan: Follow Alan's captivating photography journey on Facebook: AAPhotography Cameron, and experience the world through his artistic lens.

Alan's artistic vision pushes the boundaries of conventional photography, shedding light on the darker aspects of human existence. With an unwavering passion for capturing unique moments and an exceptional ability to create visually captivating images, Alan stands as a testament to the power of self-expression through the lens.

As he continues to explore new horizons, we eagerly anticipate the next chapter in his creative journey.



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Interview with Adriaan Marais Embracing the Spotlight

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Adriaan Marais, a name that is quickly making waves in the South African entertainment industry, has captivated audiences with his acting prowess and infectious charm. Born and raised on a picturesque farm outside Adelaide in the Eastern Cape, Marais ventured beyond the rural landscape to pursue his dreams in Pretoria. With aspirations of a career in acting, modeling, and fitness, Marais embarked on a path that would shape his future.

A Passion Ignited: Discovering the Call to Act

Marais's love for acting and drama was kindled during his school days, where he actively participated in various productions and effortlessly took on lead roles. The joy of stepping onto the stage and witnessing the audience's delight fueled his passion for entertaining others. It was then that he realized his destiny lay in the world of acting, a path that would allow him to bring joy to people's lives.

Climbing the Ladder: Early Experiences and Breakthroughs

While the desire to become an actor burned within him, Marais fully committed himself to this endeavor in his late twenties. Starting out as an extra or background actor, he dedicated himself to standing out from the crowd, seizing every opportunity that came his way.

With unwavering determination and resilience, Marais gradually transitioned from supporting roles to landing his breakthrough as Buks Marais in the esteemed series "Getroud Met Rugby." This milestone project, coupled with his performance in the spin-off movie "Geduld is 'n Virtue," truly put him on the map.

Embracing Challenges: The Stepping Stones to Success

For a small-town boy from the Eastern Cape, venturing into the bustling metropolis of Pretoria was a daunting move. The acting industry, with its inherent uncertainties and rejections, posed further challenges. Marais, however, learned to cultivate resilience and persistence.

The harsh comments from the public and the countless auditions that didn't yield results toughened his resolve, ultimately allowing him to develop a thick skin. He weathered setbacks with grace, recognizing that rejection was not a reflection of his talent but rather a matter of casting choices.

Crafting the Artist: The Role of Training and Experience

Although Marais didn't pursue a formal degree in acting, he sought knowledge through various short courses and acting workshops facilitated by industry professionals. He also took part in Rhodes University's Schools Festival in conjunction with the Grahamstown National Arts Festival.

These experiences provided him with a solid foundation, but it was working alongside seasoned actors, producers, and directors that truly shaped his craft. Marais will forever be grateful for the invaluable guidance and mentorship he received, as it expanded his skills and honed his artistry.

Unforgettable Performances: From Buks Marais to Upcoming Projects

Marais's journey is punctuated by unforgettable performances that have left an indelible mark on both him and his audience. His portrayal of Buks Marais in "Getroud Met Rugby" and its accompanying movie stands out as a turning point in his career. Additionally, Marais is excited about an upcoming film, "Drie Ja's en 'n Nee," slated for release in early 2024. Although he remains tight-lipped about the details, he exudes enthusiasm for the opportunity to delve into new roles and showcase his talent.



Aspirations and Growth: Looking Ahead

When contemplating future roles, Marais leans towards comedy, relishing the joy it brings. However, he also yearns for action-packed and mystery-driven characters akin to "Reacher" or even the Marvel universe. Drawn to the adrenaline and intensity of such roles, he envisions himself taking on the personas of heroes like "Spartacus" and "The Witcher." With each new character, Marais aims to challenge himself and explore the depths of his acting capabilities.

Unveiling the Process: Preparing for Auditions and Embodying Characters

Before auditions, Marais delves into the character's synopsis, conducting an analysis to understand their personality and traits. He visualizes how the character would speak, move, and act, enabling him to immerse himself fully in their persona. This thorough preparation allows Marais to effortlessly step into the character's shoes and deliver authentic performances.

Words of Wisdom: Advice for Aspiring Actors

To aspiring actors who are just embarking on their own journeys, Marais emphasizes the importance of believing in one's dreams and talents. He encourages them to work diligently and persistently, even in the face of discouragement. Although setbacks and rejections are inevitable in

the industry, Marais reminds newcomers that each audition is an opportunity, and not being cast does not diminish their worth or talent.

Influence and Inspiration: Icons Who Shape Marais's Artistry

When it comes to his biggest influences and role models in the acting world, Marais finds it challenging to single out just a few. He admires Meryl Streep for her versatility and brilliance as an actor. Dwayne Johnson's charisma and success inspire him, as he aspires to become the South African version of the acclaimed actor. Marais also admires Alan Ritchson for his unique acting style. The list of actors who impact his craft continues to grow, leaving an imprint on his own artistic journey.

Future Endeavors: Projects and Auditions on the Horizon

In addition to his upcoming film release in 2024, Marais eagerly anticipates the results of several national and international auditions. These opportunities hold the potential to propel his career to new heights. While the details are yet to be revealed, Marais remains focused and driven, prepared to seize any chance that comes his way.

Passion Personified: The Thrill and Motivation of Acting

For Marais, the entire process of acting is a source of profound joy. From receiving the script and delving into the character's intricacies to the anticipation of stepping onto the set, he relishes every aspect. The rush he experiences when the director calls "action" is unparalleled. Ultimately, witnessing the final product and sharing it with the world brings him immense satisfaction and fuels his motivation to continue pursuing his passion.

Achieving Balance: Personal Life and the Path of an Actor

Balancing personal life with a career in acting is a seamless task for Marais. He recognizes the distinction between the two spheres and acknowledges the unwavering support and understanding of his loved ones. They embrace his passion and appreciate that acting is not merely a means to an end but a genuine source of fulfillment for him.

Exploring Boundaries: The Intriguing and Challenging Acting Genres

While comedy holds a special place in Marais's heart due to its challenging nature and abundant fun, he finds himself drawn to the realms of action and mystery. The thrill and adventure that accompany these genres align with his own adventurous spirit and adrenaline-seeking nature. The opportunity to portray

characters with intensity and complexity excites him and fuels his desire to push boundaries.

Long-Term Dreams: Aspirations for a Fulfilling Acting Career

Like many actors, Marais harbors aspirations of breaking into the international market. However, beyond global recognition, he hopes to inspire others and serve as a catalyst for their dreams. He envisions being the reason someone dares to chase their aspirations, and he prioritizes the enjoyment of acting above all else. By finding fulfillment in his craft and touching the lives of others, Marais seeks to leave a lasting impact on the industry and those who follow in his footsteps.

In the ever-evolving landscape of South African entertainment, Adriaan Marais stands as a testament to the power of determination, resilience, and unwavering passion. From his humble beginnings on a farm in the Eastern Cape to the glitz and glamour of the big screen, Marais has proven that dreams can indeed become reality. As he forges his path in the acting world, there's no doubt that this rising star will continue to leave an indelible mark on the hearts of audiences and inspire aspiring actors to fearlessly chase their own dreams.

Marais welcomes fans, fellow artists, and industry professionals to join him on this thrilling adventure as he continues to captivate audiences and reach new heights in his acting career.

Connecting with Adriaan Marais: Where to Find Him

If you're eager to connect with Adriaan Marais and witness his journey firsthand, you can find him on various platforms:

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Facebook: Adriaan Marais - Actor
Instagram: @adriaanmaraisactor
Talent Agency: <https://talent-etc.co.za/adriaan-marais>





Meet Ariano Schxrzie, a talented singer and model hailing from Angola, whose passion for music has propelled him towards a promising career. At just 20 years old, Ariano is already making waves in the music industry, combining his love for Pop Rock with his own unique style.

In this exclusive interview, Ariano shares his journey, musical influences, creative process, and future goals, offering aspiring artists valuable advice along the way.

Discovering the Love for Music and Overcoming Shyness:

From a young age, Ariano's heart was captivated by music. Growing up listening to icons like Avril Lavigne and Evanescence, his love for Pop Rock blossomed. Although initially shy, Ariano found inspiration from his mother, who also sang in the church chorus. Encouraged by her, he decided to face his fears and pursue his passion for singing, leading to a transformative experience that changed his life forever.

Musical Influences and Comfort Zone:

Ariano draws inspiration from various American artists, with Avril Lavigne, Taylor Swift, The Weeknd, Ariana Grande, and Lady Gaga topping his list. While he aspires for their recognition, Ariano remains true to his Pop Rock roots, finding solace in creating music within this genre. It is through Pop music that he feels most at home, allowing him to express himself authentically.

The Creative Process and Collaborations:

Ariano's songs are a reflection of his life experiences, touching on themes of mental health, sexuality, depression, failed relationships, and addiction. He takes pride in writing his own lyrics, sometimes seeking support from friends or ghostwriters when he feels stuck.

Ariano's creative process is swift, often crafting melodies within minutes, driven by his passion and deep connection to music. While collaborations have been limited due to the uniqueness of his style, he has successfully worked with two musicians and collaborated with talented songwriters.

Signature Sound and Breaking Boundaries: Ariano's music has been recognized for its distinctiveness in Africa. His sound, often compared to that of American or British artists, sets him apart from his African counterparts. Proudly embracing this individuality, Ariano aims to showcase Angola on a global stage, making a significant contribution to African Pop culture.

Career Highlights and Overcoming Challenges:

One of Ariano's most memorable achievements to date was the release of his debut song, "Loving Devil." The overwhelming positive response from the audience during his first live performance validated his dedication and talent. Despite facing skepticism from some quarters who doubted his success due to his unique vibe, Ariano persevered. Initially tempted to conform to other music styles, he chose to remain true to himself, understanding that persistence and authenticity would eventually pay off.



Personal Growth and Advice for Aspiring Artists:

Ariano's journey has taught him the importance of hard work, originality, and pursuing passion over financial gain. He advises aspiring artists to stay focused, disregard negative criticism, and pour their hearts into their craft. Acknowledging that embracing criticism leads to growth, Ariano encourages artists to remain patient and accept all feedback, utilizing it to become better professionals.

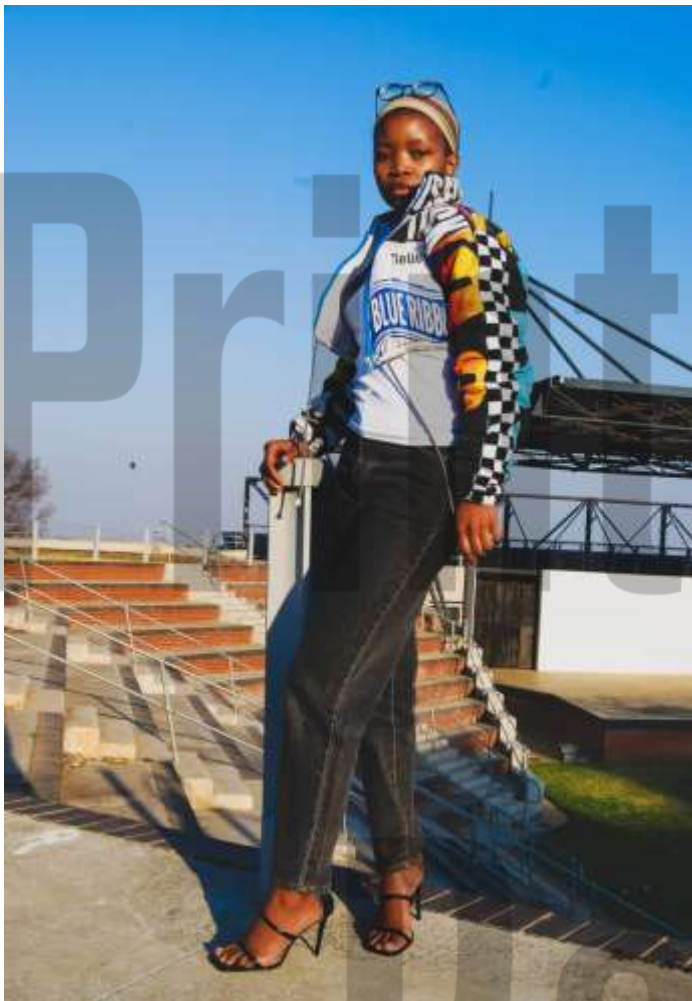
Balancing Act and Personal Interests:

Outside of his music career, Ariano enjoys cooking, acting, and modeling, which provides him with creative outlets beyond singing. His social media presence allows him to connect with fans and share his artistic journey. While Ariano remains dedicated to music, he emphasizes the importance of finding time to relax and avoid overworking himself, ensuring a healthy balance in his life.

Fun Questions:

When it comes to current music obsessions, Ariano reveals his love for Taylor Swift's "Midnights" and Avril Lavigne's "Love Sux" albums, expressing his admiration for these talented artists. Given the opportunity, Ariano dreams of collaborating with his idols, Taylor Swift and Avril Lavigne, as they hold a special place in his heart.

Ariano Schxrzie, the young Angolan singer and model, is making a name for himself in the music industry with his unique blend of Pop and Rock. Overcoming challenges and staying true to his style, Ariano has shown remarkable growth and resilience. With a burning passion for music, he aims to inspire and heal through his songs, representing Angola on the global stage. As an aspiring artist, Ariano's advice resonates deeply, emphasizing the importance of hard work, authenticity, and self-acceptance. With an exciting future ahead, Ariano Schxrzie is undoubtedly a rising star to watch out for.



In the vibrant township of Soweto Zondi 1, a young talent is making her mark. Bongiwe Mkhuzangwe, a 19-year-old student at Safehub, is not your average teenager. With a quiet demeanor and a passion for music, reading, and the cozy indoors, she exudes a unique charm that sets her apart.

But Bongiwe's interests extend beyond the confines of her everyday life. She is also an experienced model, having dabbled in the world of pageants and photo shoots. When asked about her love for being in front of the camera, she lights up with enthusiasm. "I get to be free and have the most fun in front of the camera," she explains. Modeling allows her to express herself and showcase her vibrant personality.

When it comes to favorite photographers, Bongiwe has a clear preference. She admires the work of ISHOBAELIMHLOPHE, captivated by the photographer's ability to capture aesthetics while infusing each image with a sense of reality and raw emotion. For Bongiwe, photography is not just about appearances but also about evoking genuine feelings and connections.

Looking toward the future, Bongiwe has ambitious plans and dreams. She aspires to become one of the best lawyers in her country and establish herself as an internationally renowned model. Her determination and drive are evident as she pursues these dual paths with unwavering dedication.

Beyond her modeling and legal aspirations, Bongiwe possesses a hidden

talent: dancing. This art form allows her to express herself physically, showcasing her creativity and grace in ways that words cannot capture. It is a passion she holds dear and continues to nurture.

Now, let's uncover some lesser-known facts about Bongiwe. First and foremost, she has an undeniable love for food. Indulging in different flavors and culinary experiences brings her immense joy. Additionally, she values her sleep and cherishes the restful moments that rejuvenate her mind and body. Bongiwe is not just a spectator in the world of sports; she actively participates and enjoys the thrill of competition. Unsurprisingly, she finds solace and contentment in the comfort of her own home, relishing the quietude and tranquility. Lastly, Bongiwe finds beauty and inspiration in rainy weather, finding it a source of peace and reflection.

When it comes to life advice, Bongiwe holds on to a simple yet powerful mantra: put yourself first. In a world that often demands self-sacrifice, she recognizes the importance of prioritizing her own needs and well-being. This philosophy guides her decisions and empowers her to pursue her dreams fearlessly.

As a young woman, Bongiwe is passionate about two things that define her essence: dancing and financial independence. Dancing serves as an outlet for her creativity and allows her to express herself fully. Meanwhile, the pursuit of financial stability and success fuels her determination to make a name for herself.

When asked about the most influential person in her life, Bongiwe instantly thinks of her grandmother. With unwavering determination and a refusal to give up, her grandmother exemplifies resilience and tenacity. She has instilled in Bongiwe the belief that persistence is key to achieving her goals and dreams.

Looking ahead, Bongiwe has a goal she hopes to tick off her bucket list this year—a lingerie photoshoot. It represents a bold step toward embracing her body and celebrating her femininity. She aims to challenge societal norms and redefine beauty on her own terms.

To conclude, Bongiwe's favorite quote encapsulates her bold and ambitious spirit: "Go big or go home." She believes in taking risks and pursuing her dreams without hesitation, refusing to settle for mediocrity.

If you wish to connect with Bongiwe and follow her journey, you can find her on Facebook under the name Bongiwe Mkhuzangwe. Join her as she fearlessly embraces her passions and works toward making her mark on the world.





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In the vast realm of photography, there are few individuals who possess the innate ability to capture the essence of a moment and create everlasting memories. Andrew Stevens, the creative force behind Memorable Memoirs Photography, is one such individual. Hailing from the picturesque city of Pretoria, Gauteng, Stevens has dedicated his life to the art of photography, with an unwavering passion that has driven him to pursue it professionally.

Andrew's journey into the realm of photography began during his high school days, where he found himself enchanted by the world of images and the art of capturing them. In those formative years, he was an active member of the school's photography club, venturing into the mysterious realm of the darkroom to develop negatives and bring photographs to life. The allure of those chemicals and the dimly lit red room left an indelible mark on his creative spirit, propelling him forward on a path destined to intertwine with photography.

While his career for over three decades was anchored in his service as a sailor in the South African Navy, Andrew never let go of his dream of becoming a professional photographer. With unyielding determination, he pursued his passion alongside his naval duties. However, it was in February 2022 that Andrew finally made the courageous leap to turn his beloved hobby into a full-time profession.

When it comes to describing Andrew's distinctive photography style, the words "artistic" and "minimalistic" instantly come to mind. His keen eye for composition and his ability to transform ordinary moments into extraordinary works of art have earned him a reputation as a photographer who captures life's precious moments with a touch of elegance. Specializing in lifestyle photography, modeling portfolios, weddings, and events, Andrew skillfully weaves narratives through his lens, immortalizing the emotions and stories of his subjects.

As for the tools of his trade, Andrew has been a dedicated user of the Fujifilm system since 2014. Drawn to its retro aesthetic reminiscent of old-school cameras, he finds solace in the blend of classic charm and cutting-edge technology that the Fujifilm cameras offer. His collection of lenses caters specifically to his preferred genres, focusing on portraiture, weddings, and events, allowing him to capture the essence of his subjects with precision and grace.

Over the course of his career, Andrew has encountered numerous memorable assignments, but one stands out in his mind like a fairy tale brought to life. It was a wedding shoot for an elderly couple set against the enchanting backdrop of Rovos Rail in Pretoria. With a steam train and vintage couches serving as the magical elements, the photos exuded a timeless charm, encapsulating the love and joy that filled the air that day.

Approaching each new project or photo shoot with an unwavering commitment to creativity, Andrew firmly believes that mastering the basics of photography and understanding how to manipulate lighting are vital for capturing the essence of his subjects. He continuously hones his skills through practice and remains open to learning new techniques, ensuring that his images tell compelling stories.

When asked about his sources of inspiration, Andrew credits Marlene Neumann, a renowned fine art photographer based in South Africa. Although Neumann's work primarily revolves around landscape and seascape photography, her profound knowledge and willingness to experiment with new techniques have left an indelible impression on Andrew's artistic journey.

The importance of lighting in photography cannot be overstated, and Andrew wholeheartedly agrees. Skillful use of lighting can breathe life into an image, infusing it with depth, color, and vibrancy. While he acknowledges the necessity of artificial lighting in certain situations, he also understands the beauty of harnessing natural light to create captivating photographs that radiate a sense of authenticity.

For aspiring photographers looking to improve their skills, Andrew emphasizes the importance of practice and mastering the fundamentals of photography and lighting. He encourages them to explore different angles and perspectives, while also delving into the works of master photographers from the past to gain inspiration and insights.

When it comes to post-processing, Andrew prefers to keep his photographs as authentic as possible. He believes in capturing the true essence of his subjects and avoids excessive manipulation or

editing. His philosophy centers on preserving the genuine emotions and moments he captures through his lens.

Throughout his photography career, Andrew has not encountered any significant ethical or moral dilemmas. However, he firmly states that should such situations arise, he would approach them with the utmost professionalism, ensuring that the integrity of his work remains intact.

In an industry known for its competitiveness and demanding nature, staying motivated and inspired can be a challenge. Andrew finds solace in believing in oneself and recognizing one's worth. He recommends utilizing the vast resources available on the internet to search for ideas and then transform them into unique concepts. Continuous learning and self-improvement are key to navigating the ever-evolving world of photography.

Among Andrew's recent projects, he takes great pride in a series titled "Mother Earth." Collaborating with model Samantha Els and makeup artist Viki Pienaar, this themed shoot showcases the creative synergy between the three artists, resulting in a collection of visually stunning photographs that pay homage to the beauty of nature.

While Andrew hasn't delved into shooting specifically for magazines, he acknowledges that there may be unique challenges and opportunities that arise in such assignments. However, his commitment to creativity, collaboration, and capturing the essence of his subjects would undoubtedly translate seamlessly into the world of magazine photography.

Approaching each photo shoot with models or subjects, Andrew begins by familiarizing himself with their profiles to gain insight into their preferences and interests. Clear communication plays a pivotal role in establishing a comfortable and collaborative environment, allowing the creative vision to unfold harmoniously.

As for the ever-evolving field of photography, Andrew shares his thoughts on current trends and developments. While he acknowledges the fascinating advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and its impact on photography, he remains a steadfast advocate for capturing the genuine essence of individuals in their natural environments. For him, AI may be a distinct art form, but the art of photography lies in capturing the true spirit of the moment.

To stay connected with Andrew and explore his captivating portfolio, you can find him on Facebook
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Meet Tuniël Averies, a 23-year-old aspiring model hailing from the picturesque town of George in the Western Cape.

With her infectious smile, confidence, and unwavering determination, Tuniël is carving her path in the world of modeling while inspiring others to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Tuniël's journey began during her high school years when she discovered her passion for modeling. From the very first moment, she felt at home in front of the camera, reveling in the opportunity to dress up and express herself authentically. Throughout the years, Tuniël has graced numerous modeling shows and worked with esteemed photographers such as Evape Media, Bizkit, and Shameley Photography, capturing captivating moments frozen in time.

In recognition of her talent and captivating presence, Tuniël has been honored with various nominations, including Miss George Easter Bunny 2016, Miss George Youth Café 2017, Miss Plettenberg Bay Royalty 2018, Miss George Diva 2018, and Miss George Rugby 2019 (Miss Photogenic, Miss Personality). These accolades are a testament to her exceptional charm and dedication to her craft.

Beyond her modeling aspirations, Tuniël nurtures lofty goals that transcend her personal success. She aims to lead a fearless life, becoming a role model and an inspiration for others. With unwavering determination, she hopes to demonstrate that it is never too late to pursue your dreams and strive to be the best version of yourself. Tuniël passionately reaches out to the community, especially the youth, by giving back and creating opportunities for growth and empowerment.

In her downtime, Tuniël finds solace and joy in simple pleasures. She listens to music that resonates with her soul, dances with abandon, soaks up the sun on sandy beaches, and cherishes quality time spent with her loved ones.

These moments of relaxation and connection fuel her spirit, enabling her to navigate the demanding world of modeling with grace and enthusiasm.

Reflecting on her humble beginnings, Tuniël acknowledges the challenges she faced while growing up in the suburbs. Her mother worked tirelessly, holding down two jobs, to provide for her and her sister, ensuring they had the opportunity to complete their education and pursue further studies.

It is these experiences that have fueled Tuniël's desire to make a positive impact on her community. She aspires to inspire hope, encouraging others never to shy away from challenges and reminding them that, with faith, anything is possible.

Tuniël Averies is a shining example of resilience, ambition, and a kind heart that seeks to uplift those around her. As she continues to pursue her modeling career, she remains committed to giving back and using her platform to bring about positive change.

With each step she takes towards her dreams, Tuniël paves the way for others to follow, igniting the spark of inspiration in the hearts of individuals who dare to dream big.





In the world of fashion and photography, there are young talents waiting to be discovered, and Lijan Cilliers is a name that is bound to make waves. At the age of 16, Lijan has already developed an immense passion for both photography and modeling, setting the stage for a promising career ahead.

Lijan's journey began with light child modeling and pageantry, as is often the case for aspiring models. However, like any typical five-year-old, interest waned quickly, leading to a temporary hiatus. It wasn't until the ages of 13-14 that Lijan rediscovered the allure of the modeling world. Since then, numerous competitions have been conquered, including an impressive second runner-up position in Figures Internationals, which paved the way for modeling opportunities with the organization.

As a young and ambitious talent, Lijan has mostly conducted photoshoots at home, creatively persuading their brother to be the designated photographer. These sessions have been a testament to Lijan's fearlessness and willingness to go to great lengths for the perfect shot, even if it involves scaling walls or diving underwater. It's safe to say that camera shyness is not a trait Lijan possesses.

In the midst of pursuing a modeling career, Lijan has observed and encountered challenges that permeate the industry. Weight limits and the pressure to conform to certain standards of beauty have been recurring themes. Lijan strongly believes in embracing one's unique self instead of striving to be someone else. The detrimental effects on confidence, trust, and self-image caused by society's predetermined notions of appearance are issues that need to be addressed to prevent further harm to individuals' mental and physical well-being.

When one envisions the world of fashion and modeling, renowned names like Vogue and Rolling Stone immediately come to mind. Lijan's personal favorites among fashion designers include the likes of Tom Ford, Ralph Lauren, and Giorgio Armani, exemplifying a penchant for classic elegance and timeless style.

In today's digital age, social media plays a pivotal role in the modeling industry, especially for aspiring models. Lijan acknowledges the importance of utilizing these platforms to their advantage, as they offer opportunities for scouting and exposure, leading to a larger platform to showcase their talent. Lijan's branding strategy as a model is relatively light, consisting of occasional high-quality photo posts and reaching out to agencies when necessary. They emphasize the need to strike a balance between self-promotion and humility, acknowledging their current position as a young model still honing their skills and gaining experience.

When not pursuing modeling endeavors, Lijan's life revolves around various aspects. They devote extensive hours to their education, recognizing the significance of academic growth. Additionally, Lijan cherishes moments spent with friends, prioritizes their mental well-being, and embraces personal growth as a fundamental pursuit.

A motto that resonates deeply with Lijan is, "Not until we are lost do we begin to understand ourselves," a profound sentiment coined by Henry David Thoreau. This encapsulates the journey of self-discovery that many individuals embark on, exploring their passions and uncovering their true potential. In terms of personal style, Lijan finds themselves navigating a diverse range of aesthetics. While their fashion choices can be eclectic, neutral colors such as whites, beiges, blacks, and greys form the foundation of their wardrobe. Furthermore, Lijan reveals a fondness for fragrances, with Hugo Boss and English Blazer topping their list of favorites.

The modeling industry is undoubtedly competitive and can sometimes ignite heated rivalries. Lijan acknowledges having experienced moments of envy and sore losing, but they swiftly recognized the need for personal growth. Accepting that such emotions are part of the journey, Lijan has fostered numerous friendships within the industry and has learned to embrace the idea that there is always room for improvement.

When it comes to the essentials that Lijan cannot live without, a list of five items comes to mind. First and foremost, their Bible serves as a constant source of inspiration and guidance. Music holds a special place in Lijan's heart, providing solace and motivation. A cozy blanket offers comfort during moments of relaxation. Their phone, a modern necessity, keeps them connected and enables them to share their journey with the world. Lastly, their beloved feline companion completes the list, providing companionship and warmth.

In a world that often encourages comparison and yearning for what others have, Lijan advocates for self-acceptance and self-focus. By embracing one's own unique qualities and accomplishments, the path to personal fulfillment becomes clearer.

To follow Lijan Cilliers and stay updated on their modeling journey, visit their Instagram handle: @lxjan_cilliers.





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