

NHU Africa & Sabido Productions





Sharon Pincott, from Queensland, Australia, ditches her sports car, friends and material possessions to pursue a dangerous life in Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe - as self-appointed caretaker of the 'presidential herd' of elephants. Sharon has formed one of the most remarkable relationships between humans and wild elephants ever documented, and now you can share the experience with her!

Triosphere



A vast white wilderness stretches across the southern tip of our planet. For brief moments each year the landscape opens up, inviting scientists from around the world to investigate. This film introduces us to a team of experts, researchers and explorers who have braved the inhospitable continent in the quest to learn its secrets, and showcases groundbreaking research that could make the difference to our survival on this planet.

Foster Brother Film Productions

2009



HD



Most visitors to South Africa's National Parks are not lucky enough to witness a lion kill or a glimpse of a leopard. But they are guaranteed to see the stars of this show: the naughty wildlife that has made the park's camps their territory -The Trash Can Clan! Here the camp-dwelling animals take centre stage - from squirrels stealing crumbs to monkeys executing burglaries - we follow the exploits of Kruger National Park's regulars.

Skekek Productions



What if you could talk to animals and have them talk back to you? Anna Breytenbach has dedicated her life to communication. She sends messages to animals through pictures and thoughts, and receives messages back! Anna can feel the scars hidden under a monkeys fur or turn a snarling leopard into a contented cat. Wild birds land on her shoulders, fish gather around her legs, and wild baboons lie on her body as if she is one of their own.

Foster Brother Film Productions

2012





Whenever baboon troop leader Papio struts from the no man's land between Zimbabwe and South Africa, he does so with the audacity of a Mafia Don. Crossing the border, no one dares block his path - neither the armed guards nor the border officials. For Don Papio, times are good. His brutal campaign of ambushes and incursions have finally paid off. At last, his rivals, the sapiens, treated him with the respect he demands!

Viaquin Investments 28

2013





These mysterious dwarf-like lions are known all over the world, but curiously can live only in very particular places. Herpetologists around the world are on a quest to reveal the secret life of these strange-looking lizards. An array of high-tech tools show the life of chameleons as they've never been seen before. It's a journey of discovery into the forests of Madagascar, the savannahs of east and southern Africa and the Namib desert.

Homebrew Film Company



This series chronicles the lives of the cheetah cubs training to become ambassador cats, and we're invited to follow a unique conservation team over four years. From the emotive eye operation performed on one of the cheetah cubs to male cheetah ambassador Shadow's charismatic guest appearance, viewers will be amazed as our footage documents the incredible bond between humans and animals.

NHU Africa 2009 - 2014



Angola is witnessing a giant homecoming. After decades of civil war, elephants are returning to the now peaceful country on ancestral routes, which have lain dormant for over thirty years. But the area is apparently still riddled with landmines. How do the elephants avoid them? This film tells the story of peace and resettlement in Angola and the challenge of both elephants and people reclaiming their land and living together.

NHU Africa 2011



The Okavango river in south-west Africa is home to a lot of crocodiles. These ferocious predators are known to attack humans, and few sights in nature compare to the savagery of a feeding frenzy. We follow Roger Horrocks as he prepares to dive with crocs. We hear from croc attack victims and locals with knowledge of crocodile behaviour. And finally, we take the plunge as Roger enters the water and comes face to face with a 4-metre giant.



2012





City Zoo houses over 3,000 animals from around the world. Each animal helps to educate the zoo's visitors, and in return the zoo crew play their part in breeding and rehabilitating animals. We meet some of the zoo's residents, and follow the zoo crew's efforts to keep the animals healthy and happy. Come take a walk on the wild side at City Zoo where tigers and lions live side-by-side and where conservation is a way of life.

Wild Dog Productions





In the south-east of the African continent lies the highest mountain range south of Kilamanjaro, the Dragon mountains. To walk in them is to be reminded of a primordial world. This is a landscape of geological and palaeontological wonders, with fossilised remnants of Massypondyris and its unhatched eggs containing the oldest dinosaur embryos in the world, bearing testimony to a tragedy that happened some 200 million years ago.

Tekweni TV Productions

2008





Presenter Michaela Strachan investigates the endangered wildlife of South Africa. Michaela is on a mission to track down endangered species wherever they may be, from the elusive riverine rabbit to the rowdy but vulnerable western leopard toad. Species that require massive territories, like African wild dogs, are now the most endangered mammals in Africa, and it is a race against time to save them before they are lost forever.



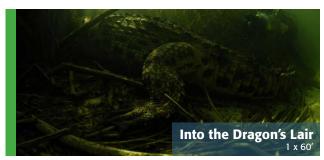
Lesser flamingo numbers are declining dangerously fast, so ornithologist Mark Anderson came up with the idea of constructing an artificial breeding island for the birds in Kimberley, South Africa. This film records the story of the island and its flamingos, its unprecedented success, and the obstacles threatening its future.

NHU Africa 2009



The African penguin is fighting for survival. Presenter Michaela Strachan is on a mission to help them. After ten years living in her adopted home of Cape Town, South Africa, the peninsula's penguins have found a special place in Michaela's heart. As the newest recruit to the SANCCOB chick bolstering team, Michaela will be finding out why the penguin numbers have crashed so dramatically and what can be done to save them.

NHU Africa 2013



Didier Noirot, a diver with Jacques Cousteau on over 5000 dives, teams up with South African photographer Roger Horrocks, notorious for his daring shark photography, to dive with giant Nile crocodile - the last predator on earth to view humans as prey. Before meeting Roger, Didier battles overwhelming fear, poor visibility and diving partners too terrified to back him up.



In late 2001, from the rainforests of Cameroon, four helpless baby western lowlands gorillas were snatched from their mothers who had been killed by poachers. This film chronicles the step by step procedure of returning the 'Taiping Four' to their home in Cameroon. Interviews with hunters and exhunters reveal the truths and myths about the bush meat trade and explain the world of poachers and gorilla hunters in Cameroon.

NHU Africa 2008 HD



Think you've got what it takes to catch a crocodile? This unbelievable look at how a brave team of crocodile researchers trap and sample these enormous reptiles will convince you otherwise. Watching Aliki Strydom wrestling a 4-metre long crocodile into submission with a noose is an impressive sight, but you only truly realise the measure of Aliki as she inserts her whole hand into a crocodile to collect a vital sample!

NHU Africa 2006



Home for the Gosa gang of meerkats is a piece of fiercely defended bush within the Tswalu Game Reserve. Most of the animals live peacefully with the meerkats but snakes and birds of prey are a nightmare. Wildlife filmmaker Mags has become an honorary member of the group and has an amazing bond with these wild creatures. They regularly jump on her head or on her camera to help them survey the dangerous horizons of their home!

Wildearth Media 2013

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The Kalahari is a vast stretch of wilderness, a place of sun-drenched landscapes, a place of extremes. For the majority of the time, the Kalahari is a pale and dusty place. But there comes a period when the rain transforms it into a green paradise, adding colour and a sudden burst of life. For the wildlife population it's a daily struggle, for the audience a fascinating demonstration of nature's immense capacity to survive.

Skekek Productions

2011





Keepers of the Cape explores conservation projects in the Western Cape and is presented by zoologist Tali Hoffman. We experience a rich array of wildlife including marine and terrestrial life such as southern right whales, great white sharks, the charismatic African penguins, black rhinos, chacma baboons and Cape leopards to name a few, against the backdrop of the unrivalled natural beauty of the Western Cape.

Insync Productions

2011





Less than a century ago, vast herds of wild animals would migrate to greener pastures as the seasons changed. Today, natural areas have been fenced in to protect not only the animals, but also the habitats. As a result, people now have to make it possible for the animals to move beyond the fences that hold them in. Welcome to the world of wild animal transportation. From buffalo, giraffe and warthog, all need new habitats.

Homebrew Film Company





In this documentary we follow the fortunes of a small sisterhood of squirrels, surviving in the harsh Kalahari conditions. The constant threat from snakes and birds of prey, not to mention larger predators, means that ground squirrels need to be constantly alert. Survival is all about adaptability and we see the almost miraculous ways in which these tiny creatures have figured out how to live in this remote part of the world.

Skekek Productions

2008 HD





This fun, irreverent, yet educational series brings to life the magic of the Kalahari desert. Narrated by the central character Kusi, the wise old camel thorn tree, each episode looks at a different aspect of Kalahari life and introduces the animal characters. From the cute little ground squirrels to the dignified leopard, Kusi's companions are brought to life by fun, quirky animations that add pace and interest to the stories.

Skekek Productions

2012





So far all we have heard is that climate change is the biggest ever environmental crisis and that it has been caused by our unsustainable approach to living. This film, however, suggests that there is hope and that there are ways to adapt to and overcome this crisis, introducing the audience to a group of extraordinary people who are challenging models of sustainability and creating a new legacy of elegant design, and technology.



Frogs from every continent around the world have suffered in recent times from inexplicably high death rates, resulting in various species undergoing severe population reductions and pushing others over the edge of extinction. A disease has been identified as the most likely cause, and herpetologists from South Africa believe they might have found the cure. Join professors Louis du Preez and Marius Burger as they investigate.

Homebrew Film Company

2009





In this series we follow the trail of the Transfrontier Parks. We explore why these conservation areas are important and what they protect. Through the eyes of the local communities and the conservation bodies, we follow a trail along the major rivers, mountains and deserts to see what can be achieved if countries work together to conserve a shared heritage.

Homebrew Film Company

2013





30km inland from the Zambezi river, water flows out of a sandy river bed - a lifeline for hundreds of animals. But taking a drink is risky, as it is flanked by cliffs and forms a perfect ambush alley for lions. The powerful predators strike with deadly force, and with an incredible success rate. They have developed skills that allow them to take on everything from buffalos to baby elephants. It is truly a predators' playground.

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On Easter morning, a baby elephant is mysteriously abandoned by her herd in the wilds of Botswana's Okavango delta. Saved from certain death by a bizarre chain of events, she forces herself into a very unusual, captive elephant herd. We follow her first year in this spectacular African wilderness, learning what it means to be an elephant. Her unique journey is our window into the elephant world.

Afriscreen Films

2012





With an exciting and upbeat style, the focus of this series is on bringing awareness of positive environmental and community-driven stories by taking the audience through Africa. This series brings together stories that tell of projects that people are involved in, whether small or large, which have a positive effect on the environment and community. The stories educate, inspire, create awareness and encourage involvement.

NHU Africa

2008





The Orange river in South Africa is an oasis in an arid land. Amongst its most interesting creatures is the Augrabies Flat Lizard, locally known as the Rainbow Lizard. The name is derived from the vibrant colours of the male and reflected in the spectacular rainbow that guards over the majestic waters of the river. In Rainbow Nature, we discover just how remarkable these little lizards are.



Rhino Trade Uncovered examines the illegal trade in rhino horns and presents the case for legalising the trade in rhino horns as a mechanism to mitigate poaching, create jobs, provide a substantial revenue stream from trade for conservation, and incentivise private rhino breeders to continue farming these beautiful animals.

Mothers Of Africa Project

2012 HD





Very little is known about the elephants of the Knysna Forest. It is difficult to study an animal that you cannot find; some even doubt their existence. Hunted almost to extinction by the early twentieth century, the last remaining members of the massive herds instinctively knew that they had to adapt in order to survive. But adaptation takes time, and time is running out.

Gideon Furst C.C.

2007





On the 29 May 2009, 55 false killer whales swam ashore at Kommetjie beach in Cape Town. The public swamped the beach in an attempt to keep the beached whales alive, but before the sun set all the whales had been shot dead by authorities in a bid to end their suffering. This tragic event is the starting point for a film which delves into the events of that fateful day and also examines the worldwide phenomenon of why cetaceans beach.



From a conflict emerges a powerful emotional story of survival. A new breed of poachers has recently gone to war on South Africa's rhino population and against all odds, one rhino has survived their bullets. Her name is Phila. Phila's story takes us deep into a world of organised crime and millionaire poachers. It's a rollercoaster ride complete with surprising twists in a conflict that is not as simple as it seems on the surface.

Triosphere





80 million years old, and almost completely barren with less than 10mm of rainfall annually: welcome to the Namib desert. Elephants are masters of desert survival, adapting their behaviours and feeding patterns and employing basic survival strategies in order to preserve both energy and resources. This film showcases the environment in which these elephants live and how they have learnt to settle into their constantly changing environment.

Insync Productions

2007





Roger Horrocks knows what it feels like to look into the eyes of a man-killer. He is one of a handful of men that have survived close encounters with Africa's last great predator, the Nile crocodile. Roger wants to film the ultimate spectacle of crocodile behaviour and survive. But he will need to conquer his fear to get closer than ever before.



He used to trap animals to kill them, now he's trapping animals to save them. In this compelling series we follow trapper extraordinaire Darien Simpson in his quest to catch some of the most elusive big predators in Africa so that vital conservation work can be carried out. Darien's personality is as big as the challenges he faces: to ensure the survival of these animals in the long term by catching them unharmed.

Trapper In Africa





The most aggressive of ocean predators, the bull shark, is notorious for leaving the safety of the deep blue ocean, venturing far up the murky rivers of Africa's coast in search of prey. But lurking in these shadowy places is Africa's deadliest killer - the Nile crocodile. Reports of clashes between the two are many but marine researchers Ryan Johnson and Tess Hempson, are determined to find out the truth.

Talking Pictures

2013





Filmmaker Lianne Sleigh journeys into the greater Kruger National Park, 5.5 million hectares of unrivalled density of permanent game. Lianne joins the anti-poaching unit; a team dedicated to be guardians to the animals. Stand with Lianne in the middle of the Limpopo river, and experience the transformation of a dry river into an endless flow of water and life.

NHU Africa

2007

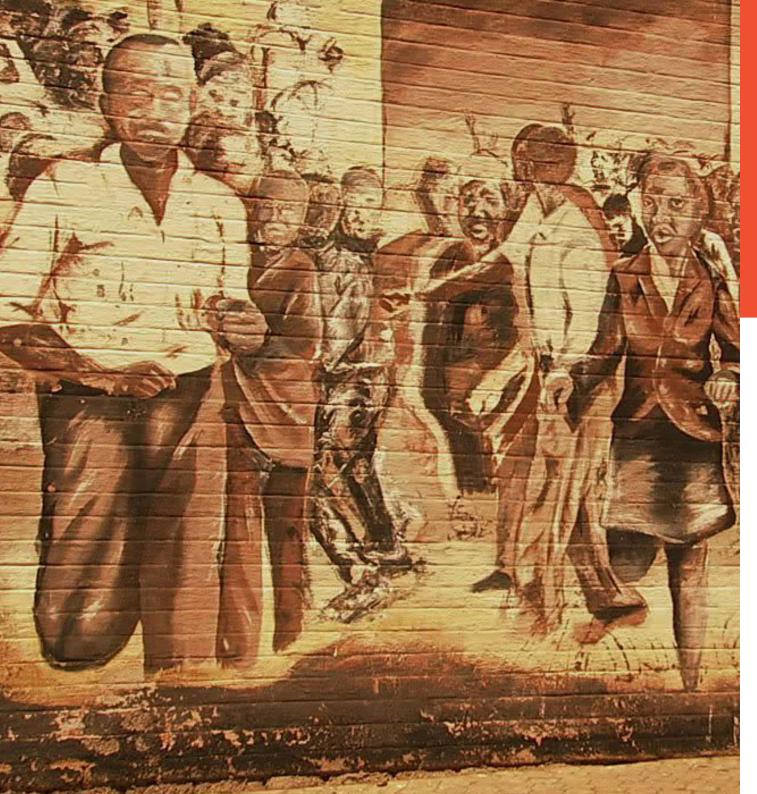




We get up close and personal with some of the world's most endangered, most exotic, most feared and most loved animals and the people who help them fight for their survival. In a world whose natural environment is fast losing its battle to development, over-population and looming global issues like climate change, pretty pictures need reality to set them in context.

Foster Brother Film Productions







When South Africa celebrated its democracy in 1994, many believed that civil war was inevitable, and that the elections would be derailed. The averting of that war became known as the 'Mandela miracle.' But an orgy of violence proved that some were indeed intent on obstructing the first free elections. Now those responsible explain how they nearly brought democracy down. Have they now made their peace with the 'Rainbow Nation'?

The Boondogle Film





As the African National Congress marks its centenary, the party of Nelson Mandela considers its past. From its founding in 1912 by African intellectuals, through apartheid to the miracle of democracy, the ANC has been at the centre of the fight for human rights in South Africa. This film gauges the party's values, ideals and aspirations as it moved painfully towards negotiation and ultimately, liberation.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit

2014





February 1917. To provide logistical support to WWI troops, a troopship of volunteers from the South African Native Labour Contingent is sent to France. The men never arrive. This incident still troubles some South African communities today. A story endures of the final hours before the volunteers drowned, when a charismatic Xhosa priest called the men to dance a warrior dance on deck as their ship sunk into the freezing water.



This documentary tells the story of the greatest military controversy in Australian history — the trial and execution of Harry 'The Breaker' Morant. 110 years after he was executed by the British during the Boer war, this film reconsiders the Breaker Morant case, through cross-examinations of historians and legal experts, and the presentation of evidence that suggests betrayal and subterfuge at the centre of the trial.

Film Projects

2013





In the same year South Africa hosted the World Cup, the country marked the 50th anniversary of the worst massacre under apartheid. In March 1960, police opened fire on peaceful demonstrators in the township of Sharpeville. Fifty years on, the handful of remaining survivors still meet to help each other cope with their enduring trauma - the physical scars are still as vivid as their painful memories.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit

2010





The Trouble with Truth reveals the power of print in the face of oppression. As the South African apartheid government clamped down on free political activity, an independent-minded newspaper protested. The Guardian developed into the intellectual voice of the liberation movement in South Africa, taking on the discriminatory ideology of apartheid and exposing its practices in print and photographs, headlines and provocative cartoons.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit

2009



Sabido Productions





Wingsuiting is probably the activity that comes the closest to realising man's age-old desire to fly. Participants don a jumpsuit that adds surface area to their bodies, enabling a significant increase in lift, and of the control they have over their flight. As the sport is still in its infancy, safety is hard to guarantee, and statistical information is scarce, while the publicity around fatal wingsuiting accidents has led to it being labelled 'the most dangerous sport in the world.'

Sabido Productions

2011





Lewis Pugh plunges into the freezing Arctic Ocean, where he swims a kilometre across Antarctica, wearing nothing but Speedos. It's a feat never thought possible. Ordinary humans would die within minutes in this icy water! So how does he cope? And why would anyone want to do such a crazy thing? With the support of cutting edge science and an incredible ability to believe in himself, he hopes to unify the potential of mind and body.

Foster Brother Film Productions

2009





This film tells the story of Professor Ron Clarke's obsessive determination to realise a dream, to reveal the invisible: to find in the the darkness of the Sterkfontein caves near Johannesburg,' the skeleton which just had to be there.' For Professor Clarke, it was a dream come true, involving a seventeen-year excavation of the extraordinarily complete three-and-a-half-million year old fossil of an apernan skeleton.

Paul Myburgh Film 2014





The Gautrain rail project was a hugely ambitious scheme to develop a state of the art high-speed rail transport system. This massive engineering feat, completed in the midst of the daily bustle of two of South Africa's largest cities, involved burrowing through some of the hardest rock in the world, firming up risky sink-hole terrain and the building of massive superstructures that have changed the face of Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit

2012





Over two billion years ago, a meteorite the size of Table Mountain slammed into Earth just outside Vredefort. It created a scar that is today recognised as the oldest and largest meteorite impact site in the world. In this film, Roger Gibson, one of South Africa's most renowned geologists, explains how it took scientists over a century to recognise the clues of the area's impact origin clues which are still locked up in the rocks.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit







Two friends with a love for aviation and adventure decide to design and build their own tiny aircraft. As if this isn't challenge enough, they also want to fly the plane to Oshkosh, the world's greatest air show. With the clock ticking down, they rush to complete the build of the plucky little plane that will become known as The Sling. With very little test flying done, they take off into the night... but will it be a bumpy landing?

Valley Studios 2012



We explore the soaring voices of South Africa's newest singing stars - how young black people are embracing an art form that was once the exclusive preserve of whites. They're not only wowing audiences in the country's top opera houses but also appearing on stages around the world to critical acclaim. This is their story.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit

2009





This series focuses on Chinese nationals from vastly different walks of life, occupations and backgrounds, all of whom have found a happy new home in Africa. We learn what they are involved with in Africa, hear what they love about their new homes, and also what challenges they've had to overcome while settling in a new continent.

CICC

2012





Two things define Carl de Campos more than his blindness: his determination to prove that he can be independent and compete on an equal footing, and his love for his horse, Billy. This documentary follows Carl as he prepares for the gruelling Fauresmith Endurance Ride in South Africa. Carl had been the first blind person to complete the ride two years previously, and he's determined to prove that it had not been a one-off.

Born into poverty in apartheid South Africa, Jacob Zuma defied fate, making

the journey to the highest office. He was a Zulu herdboy, with no formal education, stirred into a political awakening by stories of local rebellions and

socialist revolutions in distant corners of the world. But his canny survival skills,

sophisticated legal team, and long-standing connections with intelligence

Factuals: Biography and History Unit



Comrade President: The

Man from Nkandla





This series looks at how big Chinese enterprises have found a foothold in Africa, how they've often had to adapt their approach and strategies to fit the African market, and how Chinese and African employers, employees and business partners have learned from and influenced one another.

Sabido Productions/CICC







Sabido Productions

Funeka is gay in South Africa, and open about it. It's a deadly combination, and she has been disowned by her mum, faced several attacks and the authorities have done little to help. But there are signs of a seismic change on the horizon. Communities are beginning to stand by their gay brothers and sisters, and Funeka is determined to help victims and families, whether by

providing emotional support or fighting for their day in court.

Sabido Productions

networks, all help him survive as President.





A Crime of Hate: Funeka's Story



10,000 children a year pass through the trauma unit at Africa's busiest children's hospital. This film follows two trauma doctors facing the challenge of caring empathetically for children. They must deal with the general bumps and bruises that all children get, alongside some of the most serious and lifethreatening cases in the entire hospital. It's somewhere no parent wants to be - the doctors' challenge is to make it bearable.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit







This series follows five children from Johannesburg as they embark on a vear's exchange programme at Stowe School in Buckinghamshire, UK. The Dominican Convent School offers a revolutionary educational model in the country by educating wealthy, poor and middle class side by side. In a country whose education system is in crisis, the school is providing much needed skills for those who would otherwise not receive a quality education.

Left Hand Films

2013





As the FIFA 2010 World Cup got underway, a small community on the outskirts of Cape Town prepared for its own competition. The excitement is tempered by the daily poverty - a stark reminder of ongoing disparity in the country. Wandile, a schoolboy, feels these challenges more than most: he must alone find an income to support himself and his sister in their small shack. He also desperately wants to win the township competition.

Tunnel Vision Productions







This film focuses on the economic, trade, cultural, political, and nongovernmental exchange between China and South Africa. We investigate how various Chinese communities and individuals have grown and developed in South Africa and how various South African communities and individuals have grown and developed in China - sometimes with surprising results!

China Intercontinental Press (CIP)







The whole world watched Nelson Mandela walk to freedom in 1990. For many, it was their first glimpse of the famous political prisoner, as photographs of him were banned under apartheid. Using interviews with Mandela, the then president FW de Klerk, and journalists and cameramen there to cover the event, this is a dramatic, sometimes amusing account of how the world celebrated the release of a man who went on to become a global icon.

Doxa Productions 2010







This is the story of the apartment in downtown Johannesburg that, between the late 1940s and early 1960s, became a hub of resistance against apartheid. Nelson Mandela described it as the place where "the first seeds of non-racialism were sown and a wider concept of the nation came into being." He was concerned that history accurately record the role played by all freedom-loving people towards the final liberation of the country.

Red Pepper Pictures





Touted as a conservative when he took over from PW Botha, former president FW de Klerk shocked his supporters and stunned the world by unbanning political parties and freeing Nelson Mandela. This biographical documentary tells the story of how de Klerk made such a surprise decision and how he may have squandered his political legacy by leaving the political stage prematurely.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit







The formidable racial prejudice that Nelson Mandela encountered on moving to Johannesburg, South Africa's biggest city, lead to his rapid politicisation and fight to topple apartheid. This programme charts the events that began one of the most legendary civil rights campaigns of the twentieth century.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit







For many of the journalists working for South African news channel eNCA, the death of Nelson Mandela was the most memorable story of their careers. It was a week in which South Africa regained the international limelight, but then threatened to derail following a series of bungles - including the hiring of a schizophrenic criminal who interpreted speeches in fake sign language. We go look backstage as the world bids farewell to Mandela.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit



2014



Jerome was the only South African to be shortlisted to referee at the World Cup in 2010. As a sports mad teenager, he could never have imagined having the opportunity. In the 1980s, the working-class suburb where he grew up was under siege as apartheid police and political activists fought. Two decades on, Jerome has a chance to show that African referees are as much on the ball as their counterparts elsewhere.

Factuals: Crime and Investigating Unit





Born in one of the most rural parts of South Africa, Nelson Mandela was adopted by the Thembu royalty after the death of his father. But for many, the lure of the city is more powerful than an aristocratic lifestyle in the country. This is the story of Mandela's flight to Johannesburg.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit







Triumphing over tough political negotiations, widespread violence and personal tragedy, this is the story of Nelson Mandela - South Africa's first black president.



Despite lengthy incarceration in an apartheid prison, Nelson Mandela overcame his indignity, and even begun negotiations with his jailers about a democratic South Africa. This is the story of his years of imprisonment.



This film documents Nelson Mandela's secret life in the underground of the anti-apartheid movement, his decision to launch an armed struggle, and his eventual capture and trial which led to life imprisonment.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit





Factuals: Biography and History Unit

2010





A special report that plays tribute to the South Africa's greatest leader Nelson Mandela, by telling the full story of his dramatic life.



Ode to Mandela is a uniquely creative collaboration between a group of South African musicians. Together they have created a sequence of songs, each expressing a different phase in the life of Nelson Mandela. The genres shift seamlessly from traditional Xhosa to kwela to choral to jazz to reggae as the composers use the full variety of South African music to tell the story of its national icon.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit



2011

Red Pepper Pictures

2013

Postcards from China





Cape Town's flat-topped Table Mountain, slap-bang in the middle of a big city, looks an easy climb. It's not. We go behind the scenes with the mountain rescue team. With spectacular footage showing difficult rock-climbs and the splendour of Table Mountain, this is an intimate portrait of the unique camaraderie and emotions that come with saving lives on a mountain which has one of the highest accident rates in the world.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit



2011



We take a look at the experiences of South Africans who have made China their home. Each episode juxtaposes the perspectives of two different characters, as they explore some aspect of life in China. Over the course of four episodes, our South African guides give us a unique perspective on Chinese family life, language issues, China's consumer culture, its contemporary art and music scene and its fascinating food culture.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit



It's a dilemma faced in political conflicts the world over - when, if ever, is it justifiable to use violence? This is the story of one of South Africa's great political leaders, and of how his religious beliefs bound him to nonviolent campaigns. Largely marginalised by the ANC, Albert Luthuli died in mysterious circumstances. A democratic South Africa was still a long way off - arguably delayed by the ANC's decision to use violence.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit





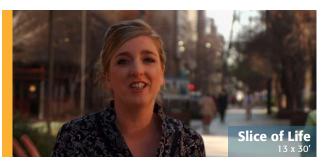


This is the story of how a young lifesaver, Achmat Hassiem, overcame a savage attack by a great white shark. He confronts his fear of going back into the ocean head-on by cage diving with great whites and, against all expectations, qualifies for the South African swimming team at the Beijing Paralympics after undergoing intensive training.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit







When cultures come together extraordinary things happen, and nowhere is this more true than in South Africa. The result is one of the most wonderfully diverse and imaginative cuisines anywhere on earth. Our host, Anna Trepido, explores this microcosm of world cooking, with each episode exploring a different theme, such as Iberian, Chinese and roots-inspired recipes, alongside the landscape, people and history that created them.

Red Pepper Pictures







Rat Roads chronicles the unforgettable journey of a Rwandan orphan from his birth in a refugee camp in 1972 to him taking the podium at the University of Pretoria in 2011 to receive a masters degree in law. It was an extraordinary achievement for someone who had survived genocide, committed atrocities in Africa's bloodiest civil war, and who had originally arrived in South Africa on foot, spending nights sleeping in parks and living as a street child.

Jacques Pauw







Despite having Down's Syndrome, Sheri has managed to finish school, attain a tertiary degree and become a qualified teacher. She is also a motivational speaker, inspiring people from the dusty townships of South Africa to the UN in New York. Her secret: an almost superhuman perseverance and an excellent memory. She has managed to overcome so many obstacles and she's not about to succumb to the 'forgetting illness' without a fight.

Factuals: Crime and Investigating Unit







Prince and Lefa are at Merafe Station in Soweto, waiting for a train to Johannesburg. But they don't get in the carriage - they are 'train surfers', holding on to the roof or sides of the train in a crazy hunt for an adrenaline rush. Despite their bravado, the surfers are desperate to change their lives. They search for love and acceptance, desperate not to join the ranks of the faceless, unemployed, unemployable and unremarkable.





Two-part biography series on the life and times of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the church leader who helped turn world opinion against apartheid South Africa while waging a defiant campaign against racism. Although now retired, Tutu continues to be the moral conscience of a country still battling to overcome its unjust past.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit

2011





Tim Jenkin is an unlikely revolutionary. As a young man he volunteered to assist the banned ANC. After a dramatic arrest and an outrageous prison break, he designed an ingenious secret communications system which enabled operatives to secretly penetrate South Africa's borders, smuggling messages to the imprisoned Nelson Mandela. He can now celebrate his role in bringing about South Africa's miraculous transition to democracy.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit

2013





Africa has seen a hardening of attitudes towards gay people in recent times, encouraged in large part by US Christian groups. Two men challenged these attitudes when they conducted a public engagement ceremony in Malawi in 2009. This was a small act of love, but they were charged and sentenced to 14 years imprisonment. We explore the implications of being gay in Africa today and two men's battle for their human rights and dignity.

Cinga Productions





Bruno Bronn was a popular figure in the Cape Town gay community, running one of the most popular bars. Following the death of his long term partner, he suffered from depression, but a few years later began a new relationship. After expressing anxiety about his partner's mental state, Bronn was found strangled in his home, and speculation about a hidden treasure trove in the home was raised. We unravel the truth of this dramatic crime.

Sabido Productions

2015





Johannes de Jager, the 'Butcher of Kraaifontein' is at the Western Cape High Court in South Africa. He's accused of murdering 16 year old Charmaine Mare and dismembering her with a tree cutter. He claims his hand slipped. The teenager's tragic story saw her drop out of school and leave her home town, Kriel, in a bid to start a new life and create a better future for herself and her parents - never expecting the horrendous fate she met.

Sabido Productions

2014





Dina Rodriguez comes from a middle class white South African family. The product of a posh girls' school, few would have guessed that years later she would end up in the court next door. In 2005, Dina began an affair with Neil Wilson. When she discovered Wilson had a love child, Dina paid hit men to "make the problem go away." The murdered six month old's blood was on her hands as she took the stand on her day in court...

Factuals: Crime and Investigating Unit



2008





Lazarus Mazingane was given a 700 year life sentence after being convicted of the rape and murder of over 20 women in 1990s Johannesburg. The five year reign of terror saw him posing as a taxi driver, methodically choosing victims, and strangling them with his bare hands. Now incarcerated at Leeuwkop Maximum Security Prison, we explore the psychology behind such a vicious criminal mind.

Mzansi Moving Media

2012





The tranquil lagoon-side town Knysna on the Cape coast is hardly the setting one would expect for high-stakes international crime. But in the summer of 2010, the town was the scene of the biggest drug haul in South Africa's history. We re-enact the daring caper, featuring a 'fishing expedition' in which smugglers sailed out far offshore, deep into dangerous international waters, to pick up barrels of drugs dropped off by a passing ship.

Sabido Productions

2014





Cape Town, 2003. A young man stumbles into a filling station, bleeding profusely and covered in sticky tape. He tells the petrol attendant about a massacre and collapses in a heap on the floor. By the time the police get to Sizzlers gay escort agency, it is too late. Nine men are found tied up, face down on the floor, most with their throats slit and all shot at point blank range. Why would someone commit such a crime? We investigate.

Factuals: Crime and Investigating Unit

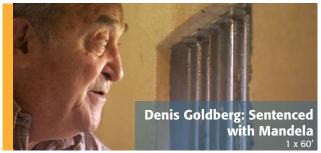




On a swelteringly hot day in February 1992, the unidentifiable, bloated body of a man was found floating in the polluted Black river in a suburb of Cape Town. He had a crossbow bolt through his head. Across town, Louisa Chatburn had reported her husband missing. Slowly, as the police put the puzzle pieces together, the facts about the horrific murder started to emerge. The evidence began pointing at the victim's wife.

Sabido Productions





Denis Goldberg, who was the only white man to be jailed with Nelson Mandela, has been dubbed 'the forgotten Rivonia man.' While Mandela and the other black Rivonia trialists were jailed together on Robben Island, Goldberg was sent to a whites-only jail in the shadow of the gallows at Pretoria Central, where he suffered twenty years of abuse from the white warders and fellow prisoners who branded him a traitor. This is his story.

Factuals: Biography and History Unit



2011





Swaziland, 2001. 40 women children are found dead in the Malkerns forest. Their decomposing bodies are so mutilated they can only be identified from their clothes. David Simelane allegedly confesses to the killings, but seven years later he is still on trial. Rumours abound that Simelane is part of a syndicate that harvests body parts for money. Could that be the case or is he iust a sadistic cold-blooded killer?

Factuals: Crime and Investigating Unit



2009



The albino population of the east African country of Tanzania face a deadly threat: there's a price on their white and pinkish skins. Up to sixty albinos have been hunted down by unscrupulous 'witchdoctors' that sell their skins, bones, hair and an array of body parts as ingredients in potions that are promised to make them rich. We follow government officials as they lead a crackdown on this most bizarre of crimes.

Factuals: Crime and Investigating Unit

2009



The Cape flats in Cape Town are infamous for having one of the highest murder rates in the world. We follow a gang leader, Braaim, as he navigates a violent and conflicted physical and psychological landscape. Torn between securing a future for his young wife and family and simultaneously leading his men through a deadly drug turf war, every decision takes him deeper into drug hell – a place not many find their way out of alive.

Fireworx Media

2009





In 1995, Norman Afzal Simons was convicted of murdering 11 year old Elroy van Rooyen, one of the 22 boys allegedly killed by a serial killer dubbed the 'Station Strangler' during the early 1990s. But many people do not believe that the right man is behind bars. Simons has spent the past 14 years trying to clear his name. With evidence pointing to somebody else, the courts still believe that Simons played a major role in the killings.



In a rural South African village, Sipho Dube came from a religious family, but by 2006 he had been found guilty of murder, rape, kidnapping, theft, common assault and one assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. Throughout his trial he remained unrepentant and aggressive. He displayed nothing but contempt for the court. He was sentenced to ten life sentences and an additional 114 years. So was Sipho Dube simply born to do evil?

Factuals: Crime and Investigating Unit







This film uncovers the truth about the tragic murder of South African theatre personality Taliep Petersen. Taliep was murdered at his home in December 2006. Police believed it to be a robbery gone wrong. But later it came to light that men were hired by Taliep's wife to murder him. This intriguing story is a a classic case of 'stranger than fiction' - something which, had it been played on Taliep's stage, you wouldn't have believed.

Sabido Productions







Investigators searching for the remains of political activists killed by apartheid-era squads call in the help of Argentinian experts who have helped solve similar mysteries from their country's troubled past. What follows is an extraordinary display of skill and ingenuity, as the past rises from the ground to be explored and explained.

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Dutch exchange student Marlene Konings was studying in Cape Town. An adventurous student, she had planned a road trip to see the sights of South Africa. But when her friend later cancelled, Marlene carried on alone. On the way back to Cape Town, she made friends with an ex-con, who used a fake name. Along the way he drugged her, and eventually shot and killed her. This engrossing film explores the story and the following court case.

Sabido Productions

2015





Leigh Matthews was abducted from the parking lot at her college. Shortly after the kidnapping, a ransom demand of R50,000 (over £2,000) was made to Leigh's father, who scraped together and paid the money at the agreed place. He was able to hold a short telephone conversation with her after that, but it was to be their last communication. We piece together the final tragic hours of a girl who should have had her life ahead of her.

Sabido Productions







Graeme Eadie was driving his two young sons home from their grandparents' house. In the car in front, Kevin Duncan was driving dangerously, overtaking and slowing down with his headlights on full. When they reached an intersection, Eadie jumped out of his car and grabbed his hockey stick and proceeded to beat Duncan to death. What causes this kind of radical, crazy road rage? Is it an individual's mania, or is there a social cause?



Mozambique-born Ananias Mathe, thought to be South Africa's most wanted criminal, is not only dangerous but also mysterious. Although he has escaped from prisons on several occasions (only to resume his operations almost immediately) his recent escape from Pretoria's C Max prison was easily the most astounding. We go inside the prison and, with the help of experts, investigate how he could possibly have done it.

Factuals: Crime and Investigating Unit







For months in 2005, Jimmy Maketta terrorised a small farming community in Cape Town, killing the husbands and raping the wives. Many of the victims called him the 'Jesus Killer,' because of the tattoo of Jesus across his chest. When police finally captured Maketta they discovered that his reign of terror had lasted more than a year. In that time he is accused of killing and raping more than 19 women. We ask the question: why?

Factuals: Crime and Investigating Unit







Tholeni, a normal, quite rural village in the Eastern Cape, was turned into a hunting ground for a serial killer in 2008. Villagers were gripped for three years as the killer preyed on women and children. We retrace the story of the attacker and the attacks, using police records and expert investigators. Sometimes the chase for justice is as fascinating in real life as it is in a thriller.



The city of Mumbai is home to thousands of sex workers. Many are sold through the Chakri system - forced prostitution to pay off family debts. Many are children. Mumbai's red light district is lined by rows of cages, with young women staring out. This documentary follows the route from the picturesque mountain villages of Nepal and into the dark, back streets of India's sex trade business - the tragic stories told by three survivors.

Factuals: Crime and Investigating Unit







On December 31 2012, a two year old Cape Town boy is reported missing by his mother. She joins the massive police search for her child. But after the investigation begins, the story takes a turn, and she confesses to her son's murder. This film tries to explain how a mother's natural instinct became twisted into a passion for hatred, and led to perhaps the most awful crime of all - killing her own child.

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Five miniature heart-shaped tomb stones can be found in the graveyard on a dusty village in Pampierstad. All five had been killed by their mother. Is it madness which would lead a mother to commit such a crime, or does society at large have a role to play in preventing it? This thought-provoking film explores the dark side of the maternal bond, when love turns to hate in an instant

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This documentary examines the media frenzy that followed the murder of Marike de Klerk, former First Lady of South Africa, the investigation by a crack police team, and the trial of Luyanda Mboniswa that made international headlines. We explore the investigation and, using interviews with the forensic pathologist and investigating police officers, retell the story of a political assassination.

Sabido Productions

2014





This is the story of the brutal murder of newlywed Anni Dewani - on her honeymoon. So what really happened on that fateful night? We follow the case, mapping out the events as they happened, leading to a young and beautiful bride being murdered. Against the backdrop of this crime story, the film takes an intimate look at a family in mourning over the loss of a daughter, universally loved, and the heart of the family.

Factuals: Crime and Investigating Unit

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In April 2006, a double murder in Cape Town made world headlines. The two victims were Brett Goldin, a 28 year old actor at the height of his career and Richard Bloom, a fashion designer. Both were gay. As the world looked on, police investigated. But as the media storm revealed more than officials would like, would the search for the truth be fatally compromised?



Picture the scene. It's a rainy Autumn night in April 1970 in the affluent suburb of Constantia, Cape Town. A small desk is set for dinner in the large well-appointed study of a palatial mansion. There are signs of a meal interrupted, a chair overturned, and the outstretched body of a beautiful young woman, Susan Cohen, lays outstretched on the plush carpet...

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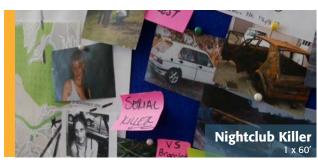


Rozlynn van der Vyver scoured newspapers for job offers for weeks before she found a job at a local chain store. But when she turned up, she was kidnapped. Hours later, she woke up on the side of a road many miles away. Critically injured she managed to tell her friend she'd been raped and viciously beaten by four men. The men who murdered Roz have never been brought to justice. Somebody out there still knows something.

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The last time Hannetjie Stadler heard her daughter's voice was a voicemail, as she called for help during a brutal, murderous attack. In 2005, the popular tourist town of Knysna was shattered when two young women were murdered in a nightclub over a period of two months. Rumour had it a serial killer was on the loose. Cocktail bar owner Nick Alexandrou said he believed the murders were personal vendettas. But what is the truth?

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This is the story of one of the worst ever killing sprees in South Africa. Several bodies have been discovered within a small area. There seem to be similarities between victims - couples out at night have been kidnapped, raped, and then shot. When a taxi driver is arrested and a gun found in his possession which matches the bullets on crime scene, he is sentenced for murder. But what would drive someone to commit a crime like this?

Sabido Productions

2015





An investigation into a gruesome attack that left a family murdered by their own guns, with a young son the only survivor, soon uncovered something far more sinister. On his 18th birthday, the media were allowed to identify the teenager dubbed the 'Griekwastad killer.' One local paper printed a photo of Don Steenkamp sitting in court. Above the story, the headline read 'this is the boy who raped his sister and killed his parents...'

Sabido Productions

2015





On 17 August 2008, eighteen year old Morne Harmse arrived at school in Krugersdorp. The slight pupil, described by his classmates as quiet, well mannered, and playful, then did something unthinkable. With accusations of Satanism, the idolisation of Heavy Metal bands like Slipknot, and the boy's use of a Samurai sword - this is one of the most unusual killings ever committed. We investigate why it might have happened.

Sabido Productions 2014





This fly-on-the-wall documentary follows the story of three extraordinary men who fight crime using extremely unorthodox methods. This fascinating film follows them as they use their inventive minds to create the ultimate crime-fighting team. Known as 'the Mountain Men,' they're loved by the public, but hated by criminals!

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2014



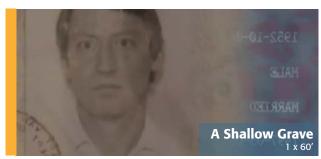


On 2 Feb 2013, 17 year old Anene Booysen was brutally gang raped and mutilated. Her death caused a massive outcry from South Africans, but the national outrage was short-lived. One year later, it seems that not much has changed in the small town of Bredasdorp since that fatal February night. Commentators have speculated that the culture of South Africa is still not to take violence against women seriously. So what can be done?

Sabido Productions

2014





This film explores the mystery of what happened to businessman Alec Steenkamp, who was buried for eight years in the backyard of a house in Brixton. Steenkamp was murdered with a hammer and buried in a shallow grave. His family waited nine years for justice. So why did police not believe Andrea Steenkamp when she insisted her husband's murderer was none other than the police informant Ken Downey?

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In July 2003, 8 year old Sasha Leigh Crook was staying with her grandparents for the Christmas holidays. On 6 July her grandparents planned to take her to a birthday party where her mother Michelle would meet them. So excited about the party, Sasha played happily in the front garden. But when it was time to leave, Sasha Leigh was nowhere to be found...

Sabido Productions

2015





This is the story of an extraordinary crime of passion. Judge Patrick Maqubela was found dead in his Sea Point flat in 2009. Shortly afterwards, his wife Thandi was arrested. Allegations of infidelities, police corruption, blackmail, and call girls emerged in the trial. Patrick had had a string of extra marital affairs and, bent on revenge, Thandi had devised a plan to kill him and alter his will so that she would inherit his estate.

Sabido Productions

2014





It's been two decades since a serial killer's reign of terror hit Cape Town's sex workers. During the period 1992-1996, 26 workers were killed and their bodies dumped all over the peninsula. This film pieces together the facts, and uses experts and witnesses to attempt to throw new light on the shocking events.

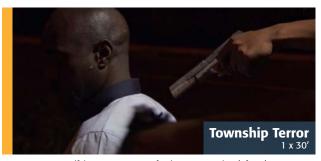


This immersive film follows the story of South African convicted drug mule Tessa Beetge, who was arrested while attempting to smuggle 10kg of cocaine through Sao Paulo airport. The plot was thickened when it was revealed that Beetge was working on the instruction of the former wife of the State Security minister. We follow Beetge back to South Africa, with the partner she met in prison. He is a convicted drugs mule too!

Sabido Productions

2014





2001 saw a terrifying sequences of crimes committed for drug money. Mass killings, rapes, hijackings and armed robberies were frighteningly commonplace. In 2005 the self-confessed killer Asanda Baninzi was handed 19 life sentences and an additional 189 years after pleading guilty to a checklist of appalling crimes. We investigate the motivation for committing such crimes, and how the police tracked their man down.

Sabido Productions

2015





In 2007, serial rapist Johannes Mowers was arrested. He led police to a large burrow covered in corrugated iron where he was keeping two girls, one of them four years old, who he had kidnapped in 2005. The girls were severely traumatised and it appeared that Mowers had sexually abused the older girl, aged 14. This sensitive film tells the girls' story, and tries to understand the mind of a man who could perpetrate such inhumane crimes.

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