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KWAZULU-NATAL FILM COMMISSION IN ASSOCIATION WITH BUNZI BEAR PICTURES AND DG PICTURES PRESENT FATHER'S DAY  
EDITED BY BRUCE MCLAREN-LYALL AND AUBREY MOYO DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY JIMMY REYNOLDS  
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DIRECTED BY  
Tumelo Lekena

PRODUCED BY  
Mpho Makhalemele

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER  
Dumi Gumbi  
Jimmy Reynolds

## CAST

Bonga Sizwe Nhlongo

Sbongile Mthembu

Nombuso Gcabashe

Jimmy Magubane

Carol Mkhwanazi

Luniko Dinga

Lizwi Ndumo

Langa Msimango

Nkanyezi Ngcobo

Mpendulo Bengu

Atlehang Tsolele

Mbuso Prince Cebekhulu

Alakhe

Gogo

Ndiliswa

Mahlubi

Emman

Londeka

Bukeka

Mr Gumede

Cele

Zoro

Spitjo

Senzo

Line Producer

Mpho Makhalemele

Editor

Aubrey Moyo

Online Editor

Bruce McLaren-Lyall

1st Assistant Directors

Lungani Malo

2nd Assistant Directors

Zamile Zuma

Art Director

Zimasa Ndamase

## FATHER'SDAY SHORT FILM

Production Manager

Continuity

Production Accountant

Unit Manager

Director of Photography

Camera Assistant

Camera Trainee/behind the scenes

Key Grip

Best girl grip

Grip assistant

Spark

Gaffer

Focus puller

Best Boy lights

Sound mixer

DIT

Boom Swinger

Wardrobe

Hair and Makeup

Locations

Security and Catering

Cast Driver

Zanele Nhlapo

Nolwazi Dladla

Sibongile Yaka

Thulani Dubazana

Jimmy Reynolds

Mthokozisi Msomi

Nhlakanipho Dlamini

Jean-Pierre Eichler

Sinenhlanhla Mtshali

Anathi Kondile

Noxolo Zwane

Nelson Ndadane

Lutho Mdzinwa

Wanda Mchunu

Mandla 'Ballie' Mdletshe

Helet Van Staden

Mandla 'Ballie' Mdletshe

Nkuleh Langa

Nontobeko Hlengwa

Tumelo Lekena

Visual Networks

Tshepang Mofokeng

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### SPECIFICATIONS

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<b>Genre:</b>	Drama
<b>Running Time:</b>	27 min
<b>Language:</b>	Isizulu with English sub-titles
<b>Format:</b>	2K
<b>Country:</b>	South Africa

### Synopsis.

Father's Day is a short film about Alakhe a 12-year-old boy who is raised by a single mother. Being the nerd of the class, Alakhe is selected to give a speech for a Father's Day school event. He decides to go against his mother's word and sets out to find the father he's never met which opens a can of worms. Eventually he discovers who his real father is.

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### About the Director

My name is Tumelo Lekena. I am a South African Writer and Director. A lover of movies since the age of eight, I began taking writing seriously in high school, constantly writing stories on exercise books until I discovered screenwriting in 2012. Born and raised in Durban, South Africa, in 2018 I left my cooperate job and moved to Cape Town where I received a scholarship to study at Big Fish Digital School of Filmmaking for 2 years. A month later after graduation, I landed my first job as a casting director for several months casting for commercials. It was here that I honed my directing skills, and I was inspired write my first short film, Father's Day. The film received funding from three organizations, KwaZuluNatal film Commission, National Film and Video Foundation and Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs.

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### **Director's statement**

Father's Day is a personal story. Growing up, I only saw my father (Rest in Peace) on weekends or school holidays until my late twenties. The inspiration for this film stems from my years of experience running children's classes. There was a 12-year-old boy who was raised by a single mother and grandmother. One day after a class his grandmother came up to me and said that her grandson looks up to me as a father figure. This was flattering but also thought provoking, and I wondered what happens when this boy's father is needed at school! I took the feel that arose within me and coupled it with the experience of my life with my brothers. For me, when my dad was at work my mom was our father.