REFILWE MAITISA

Actor, Singer & Model

Height: 1.74m Hair: Dark Brown **Eyes:** Dark Brown

Languages: English = 10/10,

Sotho (Mix of Sepedi, Tswana & SiPitori) = 6/10

Afrikaans = 4/10

Skills: Trained Singer - Mezzo Soprano + Alto (Belt); Accents

> (American, British); Fluent in the International Phonetic Alphabet; Movement & Dance (Basic Ballet, Waltz, Hip Hop); Stage Combat (Unarmed, Fencing, Rapier Sword); Sports (Netball, Tennis, Running, Soccer, Chess, Basketball, Touch Rugby, Swimming);

Basic Music Software (Cubase), Video Editing

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Qualifications

2021 **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY** Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drama

> *Summa Cum Laude Minor: The Business of

Entertainment, Media & Technology

(*Received Top Student Award for Leadership and Academics at Tisch + Outstanding Achievement in Studio Award for The Classical Studio) 2018

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC Associate Degree in Theatre

ARTS (LOS ANGELES)

Film Experience

2021 2019	THE PORTAL MIDNIGHT SHOW	Anna (Lead) Jennifer (Lead)	Rachel Johnson Adrian Kader & Zac Wiese	Independent el Independent
2019	ZULU WEDDING	Young Lu (Supporting)	Lineo Sekeleoane	Luju Inc.
	*Best Narrative Feature at Pan African Film Festival			
2018	PRICELESS	Masana (Supporting)	Kamogelo Mokwena	Independent
	*Semi-Finalist at AT&T Awards			
2018	TENDER	Rebecca (Supporting)	Tyler Townsend	Independent
	*Winner at Best Shorts Competition + 3 international			
	film festival nominations			
2017	ARE WE NOT MEN	Ivy (Supporting)	Zahra Golafshan	Independent

Theatre Experience

2023	THE SLAVES	Ayanda	Nii Lante Cunnison	National Theatre of Ghana
2020	ROMEO & JULIET	Lady Capulet (Supporting)	Daniel Spector	Cabaret Theater
2019	THE MERCHANT OF VENICE	Portia (Lead)	Daniel Spector	Cabaret Theater
2018	MACBETH	Lady Macbeth (Lead)	Mary Bleier	Academy Theater
2018	THREE SISTERS	Masha (Lead)	Tim Landfield	Academy Theater
2017	UNCOMMON WOMEN AND OTHERS	Kate (Lead)	Frank Krueger	Academy Theater

Musical Theatre Experience

2019 HUMANITY'S CHILD Cousin (Ensemble) Keena McDonald The Players Theatre

*Off-Broadway (Playbill)

2019 HUMANITY'S CHILD Cousin (Ensemble) Keena McDonald The Hudson Theatre

*Winner of Best Choreography and Best Director

awards at New York Theatre Festival

New Media / Web Series Experience

2022 EPITOME Bria (Supporting) Corey Laramore Endlos Entertainment

Singing Experience

2022-Current SINGING LESSONS Individual Christine Ludwig 2012-Current GRACEPOINT WORSHIP MUSIC Lead & Background Gracepoint Church

Vocalist

2018 ACAPELLA Vocalist Academy Theater
2015 SHINE CONVENTION Soloist & Duet Gaylord Palms Resort

2015 NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD Soloist Roodeport Theatre 2014 SOUTH AFRICAN TALENT CHAMPIONSHIP Soloist Boksburg

Modeling Experience

2023 JOBURG FASHION WEEK Runway Model David Tlale Melrose Arch
2015 MERCEDES BENZ FASHION WEEK Runway Model David Tlale Constitutional Hill

Commercial Experience

SOUTH AFRICAN TALENT CHAMPIONSHIP

2023 MTN Lead TBWA MTN

Achievements

2014

2023	AFRICA MONOLOGUE CHALLENGE	(Won 2 nd Runner Up at the Africa Monologue Challenge in Ghana, as the only representative from South Africa)
2021	PRINCESS GRACE AWARD NOMINEE	(National award recognizing top, extraordinary emerging talent in the US)
2021	DRAMA BANNER BEARER AWARD	(Top student in leadership & academic excellence in all of Tisch Drama)
2021	UNIVERSITY HONORS SCHOLAR	(Top 40% of baccalaureate students in Tisch)
2021	OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN STUDIO AWARD	(Award for excellence in Classical acting at Tisch Drama)
2019	THE JOSH GOLDFADEN AWARD	(Outstanding contribution to building community of writers & readers at NYU)
2019, 2020 &	DEAN'S LIST	•
2021		
2015	3 RD PLACE OVERALL FEMALE TEEN ACTOR	(SHINE Conference, AMTC in Orlando, Florida)
2015	3 RD PLACE OVERALL TEEN SINGER	(SHINE Conference, AMTC in Orlando, Florida)
2015	PASSED MATRIC WITH SIX DISTINCTIONS	(English, Drama, Biology, Accounting, History, L.O.)

(Top 10 Vocalist)