

Roberta Durrant**Creative Producer / Director, Penguin and Paw Paw Films (Pty) LTD, South Africa**

Roberta Durrant is a creative director/producer of television and film. She has created and directed/produced several long running, award winning drama series and sitcoms for South African broadcasters. She also has a reputation in the industry for training and mentoring many aspiring writers, directors, editors and producers.



Roberta is probably best known to South African audiences for the popular sitcoms 'Sgudi 'Snaysi (It's Good It's Nice); Going Up, About Us; Madam & Eve.; S.O.S; Fishy Feshuns; Going Up Again; Mazinyo dot Q and Stokvel. These productions have had several seasons (many still airing) and many have won local and international awards for best comedy.

Internationally Madam & Eve achieved a Rose in the prestigious 2002 Golden Rose awards in Switzerland for best sitcom from over 30 submissions from around the world. About Us, a four part comedy sketch show produced for SABC 2 received an honourable mention at the international Golden Rose Festival in the comedy category in 2005. In 2004, Stokvel was the runner-up in the sitcom category at in the International Emmy Awards in New York. This marked the first time in the history of South African television that a local programme made the finals at the International Emmys. In 2011, Roberta will produce the 8th season of the ever popular Stokvel.

As Creative Producer her drama credits include Home Affairs, Sokhulu and Partners and Montana. She has also produced two feature films, Inside Out, released by Icon Entertainment and Skillpoppe, M-Net.

Roberta has served as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Independent Producer's Organization for many years. She is a past President of Women in Film, she has been invited as a guest lecturer to both the University of Cape Town and AFDA.

Penguin Films (PTY) LTD

Penguin Films (Level 2 BEE contributor QSE Verification score) is one of the premiere television and film production companies in South Africa, having achieved success in the fields of long form television drama, documentary, sitcom, edutainment, talk shows, feature films, commercials, corporate & training videos and children's programming. Viewer response to Penguin Films' original productions has resulted in the majority of our series being commissioned for multiple seasons by broadcasters, subsequently enjoying long and successful runs. Penguin Films' productions have achieved many local and international awards.