



# FERDINAND VAN ZYL

## WRITER & DIRECTOR

I am a creative; dynamic, enthusiastic, and confident individual with an interesting personality and an abundance of drive and ambition. I am highly organized and practical, with excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

I graduated from UCT with distinctions in Screenwriting and Film and Media Studies. In addition to this I sub-majoried in Classical Literature, Ancient Cultures and Comparative Religious Studies. For the last decade I have been working as a professional screenwriter, story liner, film editor and director for international & local feature films, television shows, online campaigns and music video. Storytelling has become my main trade and my keen eye for detail and format serves as an efficient tool for various literary and visual editing.

## EDUCATION

### Stellenbosch Institute for Photographic Studies

Advanced Diploma in Photography and Video Production  
Stellenbosch, South Africa  
January 2005-2007

### UCT, Cape Town, South Africa

Bachelors Degree in Film and Media Studies  
MAJORED WITH DISTINCTIONS IN SCREENWRITING  
January 2012 - 2015

## SKILLS

- DIRECTING
- CREATIVE WRITING (SCRIPT, ESSAY & COPY)
- EDITING
- VIDEOGRAPHY
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- FINAL DRAFT
- CELTX
- MICROSOFT OFFICE
- PHOTOSHOP
- PREMIER CC
- FINAL CUT
- DA VINCI RESOLVE
- ADOBE SUIT

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## EXPERIENCE

### 'Dec 19 - Present' **Freelance, Cape Town, South Africa** **Screenwriter, Director & Editor**

- Director & Story Liner for MYNE VIR JOUNE season 4 commissioned by VIA
- Wrote Feature Screenplay, GONE, for NYC based Black Tank Films
- Shot, Directed & Edited 2 seasons (26 Episodes) for VIA show, MY VREEMDE VRIENDE (season 3 & 4)  
NOMINATED FOR BEST LIFESTYLE PROGRAM SAFTAS 2021
- Commissioned to Write Feature Screenplay adaptation for Jan Blohm's album Jenny.
- Commissioned to Write Feature Screenplay, Working Title, for independent producer, J Labuschagne.
- Commissioned to Write Feature Film adaption of, 'n GOEIE DAG VIR BOOMKLIM, for KYKNET.
- Commissioned to Write Feature Film, The Visit, for Sony Pictures with Hunter Kennedy (Fokofpolisiekar & Die Heuwels Fantasties) and Harold Hölcher (Director of Internationally acclaimed Horror film "8")

### 'Jan17 - Dec 19' **Man Makes A Picture, Cape Town, South Africa** **Screenwriter, Director, Editor & Executive Producer**

- Wrote, Directed, Produced and Edited the internationally award winning feature film, THE RECCE, starring Marius Weyers, Greg Kriek, Albert Maritz, Grant Swanby, Christia Visser, Maurice Carpede & Elsabe Daneel.
- Co-Wrote and Produced internationally award winning feature film, 8, starring Inge Beckman, Keita Luna, Tshamano Sebe, Chris April, Sindiwe Magona & Garth Breytenbach.
- Wrote the feature film adaptation of, 'n GOEIE DAG VIR BOOMKLIM, for KYKNET.

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# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Ferdinand Van Zyl is an internationally acclaimed Writer & Director with numerous laurels and awards under his belt; taking home Best Film at the International Idyllwild Film Festival in California & Remi Award at the WorldFest Houston International Film Festival in addition best Screenplay, Best Director, Best Editor & Best Film at the Knysna International Film Festival.
- MAJORS: SCREENWRITING AND FILM AND TELEVISION STUDIES
- DIPLOMA IN ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO PRODUCTION FROM THE STELLENBOSCH INSTITUTE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO PRODUCTION (SIPS 23005),
- OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS , Distinctions in Film and Media Production (SCREENWRITING),and was appointed to the Dean's Merit List at UCT, 2012.
- Please refer to his IMBD page for additional information.

# EXPERIENCE

'JAN14 -  
DEC16'

## **THE ALEIT GROUP, Somerset West, SOUTH AFRICA PRODUCER, DIRECTOR, WRITER & EDITOR**

- Wrote, Produced and Directed numerous online marketing films for various in house brands.
- Wrote, Directed and Produced the music video PREY TO THE BIRDS for AKING.
- Produced music video IN LOVING MEMORY for AKING.
- Wrote, Produced, Directed and Edited 40min Short Film: DIE VERSOENING VAN DANIEL DU RANDT, starring Inge Beckman, De Klerk Oelofse & Laudo Liebenberg.
- Wrote & Directed 6 min Short Film, SELAH, starring Albert Maritz.

'JAN14 -  
DEC14'

## **PENGUIN FILM, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA SCREENWRITER on "SARA SE GEHEIM" SE01**

- Staff writer on Sara se Geheim, produced by Penguin Films and commissioned by Kyknet.
- Conceptualize series and episodic outline.
- Conceptualize character breakdowns and arcs.
- Wrote Pilot episode

'JAN13 -  
JAN14'

## **PENGUIN FILMS, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA Researcher/ Story Liner**

- Written a 13 part, 47-minute episode, drama series (JAKKALSHART), which was in a 3-year development contract with Penguin Films South Africa.,
- Hired writer aiding in the concept development for numerous Drama and Procedural series for Penguin Films