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## **Soli Philander - Biography**

Multi-award winning performer, Soli Philander, has featured in South Africa's entertainment and media industry for more than 20 years.

This multi-talented "actor, director, comedian, playwright, columnist" and television and radio presenter, has performed around South Africa in all the key theatres. On numerous occasions he has also performed internationally in Sweden, The Netherlands, America, the UK and both Swaziland and Namibia.

He has on numerous occasions appeared as either host or celebrity entertainer for corporate functions where he has been praised by many companies as both ideal and hilarious for an evening's entertainment. His uproarious yet honest South African humour has drawn scores of people in his favour in the past.

This versatile performer is undoubtedly one of our countries top entertainers, more often than not using his distinctly unique brand of Cape Coloured humour.

Business day's Joanna Sterkowitz says of Soli's performance: "Always a delight, the stylishly dread locked Soli Philander brings his unique flavour of the Cape to proceedings." His immensely likable self-penned "Heppie Hawker" character, DC Diamond, has had South African and international audiences rolling in the aisles with his winning yet oh-so-congenial Cape-Flats typical stories of District Six and days of old.

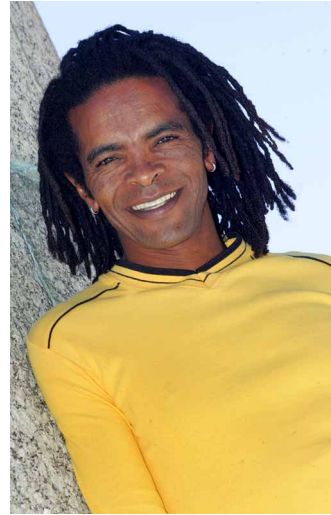
Soli's dynamic television appearances have seen him in many guises, including both national and satellite performances.

He presents both Kyknet and M-Net's celebrity hit Liriekerai. In the past he has also presented a travel program for M-Net called Exploring Southern Africa, been a field reporter for Front Row (a glamorous magazine program), and hosted or featured in the comedy shows Lagnet, People of the South, Punch Line and It's a Funny Country.

For SABC, Soli has appeared in child educational programmes Bospraatjies and Kideo, and has also starred in the satirical politics program, Off the Record, and acted in Reflections, a local drama series among a list of other equally popular local shows. Soli has also frequently hosted radio talk shows on Capetalk Radio and Punt Geselsradio.

He has also presented on RSG, and portrayed comic characters on both Metro FM and AM Live. As well as being a comic and performer, Soli is also a highly respected and prolific writer and director.

Some of his personal writings include the hit show Woeskroes, which he is currently making into a movie script. He also wrote the hilarious character Rosie September "the maid with the most", in the brilliantly orchestrated Take Two. Soli's repertoire also includes numerous stage





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performances or direction of classic international works, as well as of South African playwrights André Brink, Pieter Dirk Uys and Robert Kirby.

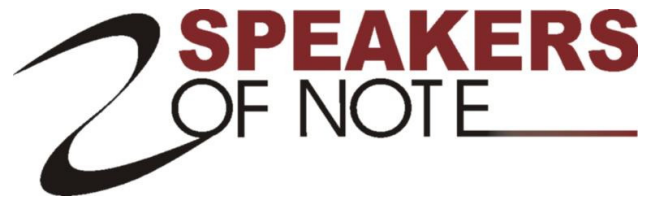
Subsequently he has been nominated for or received several best actor and supporting actor awards as well as the prestigious Lifetime Contribution to the Arts award. The Argus's Glynn Spaans recently celebrated Soli's continuous rise and rise status by saying: "The man is a natural comic, has a splendid rapport with his audience, and tells a superb story." Yet in all honesty this was not Soli's preferred career choice.

"I only realised I was a comedian when I saw the media reports," he says modestly.

Last year he filmed the hugely popular Let's Fix It. He currently freelances on Capetalk, and amidst the usual round of Corporate appearances is busy performing his one-man show Hotnotsgot at various venues - receiving a Best Performance nomination at the KKNK in Oudtshoorn earlier this year..

**A list of events where i acted as MC, entertainer or keynote speaker last year:**

IEC conferences in Worcester and Cape Town  
Portnet Conference in Saldanha  
Capetalk Moonstruck Festival  
Rapport Sing Jou Taal Fees in Bloem  
Cape Town Fashion Week in Mitchell's Plain  
Christine Opperman Gala Dinner Fundraiser in Windhoek  
The Mayoral Ball for Members of Parliament in Cape Town  
Liberty Life Consultancy Brokers Awards Evening in Cape Town  
Pep Stores Conference in Cape Town  
Huisgenoot 90th Birthday Gala Dinner at Emperor's Palace  
Laugh and Dine Fundraiser for Hospice in Sandton  
Faircape Opening of Pre-schools in Rawsonville  
Foschini RCS Conference in Cape Town  
Spier Staff Appreciation Evening at Spier  
Occupational Health Workers Conference at Spier  
Stellenbosch University Music Department's Classical Evening at the University  
RCP Media Awards in Johannesburg  
Pendoring Awards in Johannesburg  
Norvatis Launch in PE, Bloemfontein and Pretoria  
Momentum Life Conference in Cape Town  
Cancer Survivors Day in Cape Town  
Standard Bank Client Appreciation Evening in Cape Town  
Standard Bank Staff Appreciation Evening in Cape Town  
Absa Client Appreciation Evening in Cape Town  
Mnet Staff Awards in Johannesburg  
MTC Staff Appreciation Evening in Windhoek  
Old Mutual Secretaries Day in Cape Town  
PE SOS Children's Village Fundraiser in PE  
MTN Science Centre Ten Year Celebration in Cape Town



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Poetry Festival 2006 in Durban (presenting the Dutch evening of the Festival)  
IRMSA conference in Johannesburg  
SABC Client Golf Days in JHB, Durban and Cape Town  
CHIETA Conference in Cape Town  
Investec Staff Conference in Sun City  
Ernst and Young Staff Appreciation Gala Dinner in Johannesburg  
V+A Waterfront Tenant's Appreciation Evening in Cape Town  
RAF Staff Appreciation Event in Cape Town

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