

NHLAKANIPHO BRAIN BUTHELEZI

FOCUS PULLER
CAMERA OPERATOR

Biography :

Nhlakanipho "Brain" Buthelezi is a renowned South African Focus Puller and Camera Operator with over a decade of experience across high-end television, feature films, documentaries, and global advertising campaigns.

A University of Johannesburg film graduate, he is trusted on premium productions including *Adulthood* (Season 3), *Ubetina Wethu* (Seasons 2–4), *Kings of Jo'burg* (Season 2), *City of Gold*, *Piano Love*, and *Mr Easy Loo*.

In the commercial space, Brain has delivered standout work for major international and local brands such as **Netflix**, **Standard Bank**, **FNB**, **Nedbank**, **KFC**, **Mr Price**, **Old Mutual**, **Cell C**, **Supersport**, **Kaizer Chiefs**, **New Balance**, and **Remote.com**. Known for precision, consistency, and creative reliability, he collaborates closely with leading cinematographers across fast-paced, large-scale productions.

With a strong documentary foundation and a reputation for excellence under pressure, Brain continues to expand his footprint globally while progressing toward roles as Director of Photography.



Narrative

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EMPINI	CRYSTAL PICS	TV SERIES	1ST AC	KHAYA	2024
ADULTING	TSHEDZA	TV SERIES 2ND UNIT	B-CAM 1ST AC	THAMI MAGQOKI	2024
KABELO FILM	KABELO	FEATURE	1ST AC		2024
NKWENKWE	WELDUN MEDIA	SHORT FILM	1ST AC	KHAYA JALI	2024
UBETTINA WETHU SEASON 4	MOONLIGHTING	TV SERIES	B CAM 1ST AC	KHAYA JALI	2024
MR EASY LOO	BLACK BRAIN	FEATURE FILM	1ST AC		2023
PIANO LOVE	BLACK BRAIN	FEATURE FILM	1ST AC		2023
CITY OF GOLD	CITY OF GOLD MOVIE. (PTY) LTD	FEATURE FILM	OPERATOR B-UNIT		2023
UBETTINA WETHU SEASON 3	MOONLIGHTING	TV SERIES	B CAM 1ST AC	KHAYA JALI	2023
KINGS OF JO'BURG SEASON 2	KOJS2	TV SERIES	1ST AC	TIYANE NYEMBE	2022
UBETTINA WETHU SEASON 2	MOONLIGHTING	TV SERIES DAILIES	1ST AC	BONGA NKOMO	2022
ABAFANA ABABI	PARENTAL ADVISORY	TV SERIES DAILIES	1ST AC		2021
NIGHT SHIFT	J&J PRODUCTIONS	TV SERIES DAILIES	1ST AC	KHAYA JALI	2021
HYBRID	UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG	FEATURE FILM	1ST AC	BONGA NKOMO	2021
BLACK TAX SEASON 2	ROUS HOUSE	TV SERIES	1ST AC		2021
CMS	EGG	DOCUMENTARY	1ST AC	CHUANNE BLOFIELD	2021

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COLLISION	COLLISION SPV	FEATURE FILM DAILIES	1ST AC	TIYANE NYEMBE	2021
UBETTINA WETHU	MOONLIGHTING	TV SERIES DAILIES	1ST AC	DINO BENEDETTI	2021
THE RIVER	TSHEDZA	TV SERIES DAILIES	1ST AC		2021
SURVIVOR 6	AFROKAANS	REALITY TV SERIES	CAMERA OPERATOR	MARK HRYMA	2018
BROKEN VOWS	CLIVE MORRIS PRODUCTIONS	TV SERIES	CAMERA OPERATOR	DINO BENEDETTI	2017
HANGMAN	BLINK PICTURES	TV SERIES	LOADER	TOBIAS DEML	2017
THE FIGHTER	SIC ENTERTAINMENT	TV SERIES	LOADER		2017
STEREOTYPES	LAUNCH FACTORY	TV SERIES	LOADER	BONGA NKOMO	2017
THE HUSTLE S2	CALLBACK DREAMS	TV SERIES	LOADER		2017
PERFECT ACE	VUSION MEDIA	COOKING SHOW	CAMERA ASSIE	BONGA NKOMO	2016
LEST WE FORGET	ONE AFRICA/SABC	DOCCIE	CAMERA OPERATOR	THEMBEKA MAJOMBOZI	2016
NEXT OF NEXT WEEK	DIPRENTE MEDIA	COMEDY TV SERIES	CAMERA ASSIE	BONGA NKOMO	2016

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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT		DOCUMENTARY	CAMERA ASSIE & B OPERATOR	MATTHEW MONICA	2015
BLOOD TRAFFICK	NEGRITUDE FILMS	SHORT FILM	PA	MATTHEW MONICA	2015
THE BRAVE ONES	ONE BRAVE ONE	TV SERIES DAILIES	1ST AC	MOTHEO MOENG	2021
FFP	ZINC PICTURES	FEATURE FILM	1ST AC	BONGA NKOMO	2021
SURVIVOR SEASON 8	AFROKAANS	TV SERIES	OPERATOR		2020
SWARTWATER SEASON 3	QUIZZICAL	TV SERIES	1ST AC		2020
LITHAPO	QUIZZICAL	TV SERIES	DOP		2020
LITHAPO	QUIZZICAL	TV SERIES	2ND AC	MANDISA MOFFAT	2019
AFRICAN AMERICAN	MVP PROD	FEATURE FILM	1ST AC	BONGA NKOMO	2019
THE PROFESSIONAL	SAINT MOON HILL	INTL' TV SERIES DAILIES	2ND AC		2019
SURVIVOR SEASON 7	AFROKAANS	TV SERIES	CAMERA ASSISTANT		2019
DIAMOND CITY	QUIZZICAL PICTURES	TV SERIES	FOCUS PULLER	DINO BENEDETTI	2018
COOKING WITH BAE	THIS IS MONARCHY	TV PILOT	B CAM OPERATOR	DINO BENEDETTI	2018

Shorts

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COLGATE	DARE	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	BONGA NKOMO	2025
AFCON	THACKWELL & WHITAKER	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR	JARED HINDE	2025
KFC	THEY	COMMERCIAL	B-UNIT FOCUS PULLER	MOTHEO MOENG	2025
MR PRICE	LUSTURE	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	KYLE TRYTSMAN	2025
OUTSURANCE	9MM	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	BONGA NKOMO	2024
MR PRICE	LAMPOST	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	KYLE TYTSMAN	2024

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MUSIC VIDEO	PAPER FRIENDS	MUSIC VIDEO	FOCUS PULLER	JOSH LEVI	2024
VIGRO	MODE	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	ADAM FINE	2024
PAPGALOS	AFROPULSE	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	JONO KYRIAKOU	2024
IFF DINNER	INDELIBLE MEDIA	EVENT	OPERATOR		2022
KAIZER CHIEFS	99	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	JOSHUA LEVI	2022
SOWETO GIANTS	THACKWELL & WHITACKER	PROMO	FOCUS PULLER	KHAYA JALI	2022
KFM DRAKENSBERG CONFERENCE	INDELIBLE MEDIA	EVENT	OPERATOR		2022
PULSE OF A NATION	THACKWELL & WHITACKER	PROMO	FOCUS PULLER	JARED HINDE	2022
SUN CITY SUPERBOWL	LITTLE BIG	EVENT	OPERATOR		2022
CELL C	DARLING	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	MICHAEL CLEARY	2022
SUPERSPORT	AHOY	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER		2022
OLD MUTUAL	TOGETHER FILMS	CORPORATE	FOCUS PULLER	CHUANNE BLOFIELD	2022
MOONSHOT	DARLING	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	CHUANNE BLOFIELD	2022
FNB	K ROC	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER		2022
HERO	BIOSCOPE	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	JONO KYRIAKOU	2022
NEDBANK	LITTLE BIG	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR		2022
MORVITE	TEAM BEST	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR	DINO BENEDETTI	2022
KFC	9MM	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	BONGA NKOMO	2022
PROJECT X	OLA	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	OFENTSE MWASE	2022
REMOTE.COM	FORWARD MOTION	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR		2022
STANDARD BANK	9MM	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	BONGA NKOMO	2022
NETFLIX	9MM	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	BONGA NKOMO	2022
STANDARD BANK	PRESS PLAY	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	CHUANNE BLOFIELD	2021
SAA	MODE FILMS	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR		2021
MULTI COMIC SHOW	BLACKSHEEP	EVENT	FOCUS PULLER	BONGA NKOMO	2021
MOONCHILD	CAKE	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	JASON PRINS	2021
AUTO BRAND	MANNEQUIN	CORPORATE	FOCUS PULLER	CHUANNE BLOFIELD	2021
THIRSTI	INDIE VILLAGE CREATIVES	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	BRYCE NINOW	2021
WARNER MV	REBEL REBEL	MUSIC VIDEO	FOCUS PULLER		2021
DISCOVERY	DARE	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER		2021
FLEX	GROUNDGLASS	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	CHUANNE BLOFIELD	2020
ICONS	HAVE YOU HEARD	CORPORATE	OPERATOR	ROBO WILSON	2019
MASTERCLASS	HAVE YOU HEARD	CORPORATE	OPERATOR	ROBO WILSON	2019
KLM	THE FORT	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR		2019

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WMM	INDELIBLE MEDIA	DOCCIE	OPERATOR		2019
IFF MANDELA DAY	INDELIBLE MEDIA	DOCCIE	OPERATOR		2019
HC3	HAVE YOU HEARD	CORPORATE	OPERATOR	ROBO WILSON	2019
ICONS 4	HAVE YOU HEARD	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR	ROBO WILSON	2019
QUEEN SONO	NETFLIX	DAILIES FEATURE	OPERATOR	CHUANNE BLOFIELD	2019
MC DONALDS	BOMB	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	BONGA NKOMO	2019
MASTERCLASS 2	HAVE YOU HEARD	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR	ROBO WILSON	2019
NEW BALANCE	I SEE A DIFFERENT YOU	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER		2019
ADCORP	THE FORT	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR	BONGA NKOMO	2019
FNB	9MM	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR	BONGA NKOMO	2019
NEWZROOM PROMOS	ATTV	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	BONGA NKOMO	2019
CADBURY'S	MASSIF	COMMERCIAL	LOADER	KHAYA JALI	2019
CASTLE FREE	BIOSCOPE	COMMERCIAL	LOADER	KHAYA JALI	2019
PEP	5 STAR MEDIA	COMMERCIAL	LOADER/VT	DEAN HIBBERT	2019
FREDERIC	FORWARD MOTION	COMMERCIAL	LOADER	DMITRI SAVVA	2019
BSA ABSA	FUEL CONTENT	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR	BONGA NKOMO	2019
BSA SIEMENS	FUEL CONTENT	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR	BONGA NKOMO	2018
COMPENSATION FUND	BOZZI MEDIA	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	MIKE YELSETH	2018
TV SLOP SLAP	TIMEFRAME	COMMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	MIKE YELSETH	2018
DSTV RUSSIAN EXPERIENCE	STORYBOARD PICTURES	COMMERCIAL	CAMERA ASSISTANT	ROBO WILSON	2018
MILKY LANE	ADAM FINE	COMMERCIAL	CAMERA ASSISTANT	RAEES HASSAN	2018
SASOL	FUEL CONTENT	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR	BONGA NKOMO	2018
SHELL	FUEL CONTENT	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR	BONGA NKOMO	2018
GO TV	AHOY FILMS	PROMOTIONAL VIDEO	LOADER	CHUANNE BLOFIELD	2018
CBL BETTER LIFE	THE VIDEO CARTEL	COMMERCIAL	OPERATOR	ROBO WILSON	2018
SAB	EGG FILMS	COMMERCIAL	CAMERA ASSISTANT	MOTHEO MOENG	2017
KFC	TEAM BEST	COMMERCIAL	CAMERA ASSISTANT	BRENDAN BARNES	2017
SHANGHAI TRUST FUND	SPITFIRE	PROMOTIONAL VIDEO	LOADER	ALARD DE SMIDT	2017
NESCAFE	SAFE AND SOUND	COMMERCIAL	LOADER	RUAN BARNARD	2017
MZANSI ALL ACCESS		COMMERCIAL	CAMERA ASSIE	TISETSO KALE	2016
COALITION, POWER PLAY	BORN FOR THIS MEDIA	COMMERCIAL	MULTI CAM ASSIE	ALEX BANDA	2016
	9MM PRODUCTIONS	INFOMERCIAL	FOCUS PULLER	BONGA NKOMO	2016
KAIZEN ONE PICTURES		EVENTS	CAMERA ASSIE & OPERATOR	LEE MCCABE	2015
PERFECT SISHEBO SHOW	FILM 24	SHOW	CAMERA OPERATOR	THEUNIS BESTER	2014