

Gaopie Kabe, SASC

Director of Photography

Gaopalelwe (Gaopie) Kabe began her cinematography career in 2004 as a trainee loader, gaining invaluable hands-on experience under some of South Africa's most esteemed cinematographers, camera operators, focus pullers, gaffers, and key grips. The path to success was built step by step—advancing from camera trainee to loader (with the privilege of working with film), then to first assistant camera, and eventually to camera operator for both international and local cinematographers. She takes pride in the essence of rising through the ranks in the industry.

Today, she is an award-winning cinematographer working on international and local films and series, with a growing interest in commercial work. Her work can be found on various platforms and networks including Netflix, Prime, BET.





Awards & Nominations

YEAR	AWARD/NOMINATION	PRODUCTION	CATEGORY
2017	SAFTA GOLDEN HORN WINNER	THE RIVER S01	BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMATOGRAPHY - TELENOVELA
2019	SAFTA GOLDEN HORN NOMINEE	LOCKDOWN S02	BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMATOGRAPHY - TV DRAMA
2019	SAFTA GOLDEN HORN NOMINEE	SIDE DISH S01	BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMATOGRAPHY - TV DRAMA
2019	MBOOKODO AWARDS WINNER	CAROL BOUWER PRODUCTIONS	WOMAN IN FILM
2020	SAFTA GOLDEN HORN WINNER	DIEP CITY S01	BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DIRECTING - TELENOVELA
2020	SAFTA GOLDEN HORN NOMINEE	LOCKDOWN S04	BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMATOGRAPHY - TV DRAMA
2022	SAFTA GOLDEN HORN WINNER	THE BLACKDOOR S01	BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMATOGRAPHY - TELENOVELA

Narrative

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DREAD	BLENDED FILMS	SHORT FILMS	DOP	LOREN LOUBSER GABE GABRIEL	2024
STAYCATION	RHINO FILMS	FEATURE FILMS	DOP	DEAN BLUMBERG	2024
LOVED OUT	NDIANA STUDIOS	FEATURE FILMS	DOP	TENDAYI NYEKE	2024
BELOW THE SALT	YELLOWBONE ENTERTAINMENT	SHORT FILMS	DOP	LOREN LOUSER	2024
ISIPHETHO S01	BLACK BRAIN PICTURES	TELENOVELA	DOP	MANDLA N	2024
MABASO FAMILY REUNION	BLACK BRAIN PICTURES	NETFLIX LIMITED	DOP	MANDLA N	2024
CITY OF GOLD	RHINO FILMS	FEATURE FILMS	DOP	FABIEN MORTORELL	2024
SIYA KOLISI THE RISE UP	ORANGE FILMS	DOCUMENTARY FILMS	DOP	JON DAY	2024
MTV SHUGA SOUTH S03	BURNT ONION PICTURES	TV SERIES	DOP	ATHI PETELA / NOMA KHUMALO	2024

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YOU'RE MY FAVOURITE PLACE	YELLOWBONE PICTURE	FEATURE FILMS	DOP	JAHMIL X KHUBEKA	2024
SHAKA ZULU	FILM AFRIKA	LIMITED SERIES	DOP	SETH MANN	2024
SPIRIT	113 FILMS	SHORT FILMS	DOP	KGOSI	2024
FATAL SEDUCTION	UCHRE MEDIA	TV SERIES	DOP	CATHRINE STEWARD/FERRY JELE	2024
BALCKDOOR S01	BLACK BRAIN PICTURES	TELENOVELA	DOP	MANDLA N	2024
RAISED BY WOLVES	FILM AFRIKA	TV SERIES	A CAM OP (2ND UNIT)	SUNU GONERA	2024
BAL	MERX INTERNATIOL	LIMITED DOCUMENTARY	DOP	TEBOGO MALOPE/KIVU RUHORAHOZA	2024

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MADIONNA OF EXCELSIOR	ST FRANCIS PRODUCTION	FEATURE FILM	DOP	ELELWANI NETSHIFHIRE	2020
JIVA!	BLUE ICE AFRICA	TV SERIES	DOP	SCOTNES SMITH, MANDLAKASI DUBE	2020
LOCKDOWN S05	BLACK BRAIN PICTURES	TV SERIES	DOP	MANDLA N	2019
NELSON MANDELA TRIBUTE FILM	ARRIF	SHORT FILM	DOP	THABO RAMETSI	2019
ALBERTINA SISULU TRIBUTE FILM	ARRIF	SHORT FILM	DOP	THABO RAMETSI	2019
KISSING BOOTH 2 & 3	BLUE ICE AFRICA	FRATURE FILM	A CAM OP	VINCENT MARCELLO	2019
RIDING WITH SUGAR	HELENA SPRING FILMS	FEATURE FILM	2ND UNIT OP	SUNU GONERA	2018
INSIDE MAN : MOST WANTED	UNIVERSAL 1440 ENTERTAINMENT	FEATURE FILM	CB CAM & 2ND UNIT DOP	M.J. BASSETT	2018

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A MESURE OF A WOMAN	SPIER FILMS	SHORT FILMS	DOP	SARA BLECHER	2018
SIDE DISH	BLACKBRAIN PICTURES	TV SERIES	DOP	MANDLA.N	2018
THE RIVER S01	TSHEDZA PICTURE	TELENOVELA	DOP	JONNY BARBOUZANO	2017
LOCKDOWN S02	BLACKBRAIN PICTURES	TV SERIES	DOP	MANDLA.N	2017
HOPE	URBAN BREW STUDIO	SHORT FILMS	DOP	JINNY BARBOUZANO	2017
THALA'S VINE	COAL STOVE PRODUCTIONS	TV SERIES	DOP	SCOTNES SMIT MMABATHO MANTSHO	2017
LOCKDOWN S01	BLACKBRAIN PICTURES	TV SERIES	DOP	MANDLA.N	2016
SOBER COMPANION S01	BBZEE FILMS	TV SERIES	DOP	JONNY BARBOUZANO	2016
BANTU HOUR S02	DIPRENTE FILMS	TV SERIES	DOP	KARABO LEDINGA	2016

Shorts

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ABSA	MASSIF	COMMERCAO	DOP	DEAN	2025
SANLAM ESSENTIAL MED	SPITFIRE	COMMERCIAL	DOP	BONGANI MORGAN	2025
MTAJ CAMPAIGN	PRIMARY PICTURES	COMMERCIAL	DOP	TOSH GITONGA	2025
VUNUS BURN	MR FILMS	COMMERCIAL	DOP	ANNIE KRUNTCEVA	2025
THINK AND GROW RICH	URITHI	COMMERCIAL	DOP	SCOT CERVINE	2024
ABSA HOME LOAN	OLAMUK	COMMERCIAL	DOP	MZI KHUMALO	2024
DSTV	SERIT	COMMERCIAL	DOP	LINDO LANGE	2023
SANRAL VALA ZONKE	SNO CREATIONS	COMMERCAL	DOP	BRAD KATZEN	2023
KOJ THERE'S ONLY 1 KING	PITCH BLACK POST	COMMERCIAL	DOP	TIM HORWOOD	2022
KING OF JOBURG S02	PITCH BLACK POST	COMMERCIAL	DOP	SOMS MAHLANGU	2022

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DISNEY +	SERITI	COMMERCIAL	DOP	THABANG MOLEYA	2022
TELKOM SUMMER CAMPAIGN	TRIPLE STORY CONTENT	COMMERCAL	DOP	THINA ZIBI	2022
SHO MAJOZI TORO	WE CREATIVES	COMMERCIAL	DOP	LINDO LANGA	2022
EFF - MANJE CAMPAIGN	SERITI	COMMERCIAL	DOP	THABANG MOLEYA	2021
IEC	SERITI	COMMERCIAL	DOP	LINDO LANGA	2021
DARLING HAIR	FLUMANYA FILMS	COMMERCIAL	DOP	VANESSA MOJAPELA	2021
WOMEN IN SPORT	STORY TV BOARD	COMMERCIAL	DOP	THINA ZIBI	2021
ASSUPOL	TRIPLE STORY CONTENT	COMMERCIAL	DOP	BENNAN LEWIS	2021
NEDBANK BEKE LE BEKE	BLACK BRAIN PICTURES	COMMERCIAL	DOP	MANDLA.N	2021

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GAME TRUCK LOAD	TRIPLE STORY	COMMERCIAL	DOP	MICHAEL RODRIGUES	2020
KFC - MAHLALELA	STAR FILMS	COMMERCIAL	DOP	TEBOGO MOLAPE	2020
UBANK	STORYBOARD PICTURES	COMMERCIAL	DOP	MEJA SHOBA	2019
BRING BACK THE LOVE MUSIC VIDEO	KYLE DEUSTCH	COMMERCIAL	DOP	ELSA BLADA	2019
GASED UP JOSHUA IAM	CALL BLACK DREAMS	COMMERCIAL	DOP	MAKERE TSHEKISO	2018
DSTV	OLA FILMS	COMMERCIAL	DOP	MFUNDO MKHIZE	2017
BEVCAN	BLACK BRAIN PICTURES	COMMERCIAL	DOP	MANDLA N.	2017
PHILLIPS NOW THATS SMOOTH	THE VCG	COMMERCIAL	DOP	BATANDWA ALPERSTEIN	2016
VODAFIE	THE GRAND XERO	COMMERCIAL	DOP	KENNY MUMBA	2016
YOU CAN GET IT BIG STAR JOHNSON	CALL BLACK DREAMS	COMMERCIAL	DOP	MAKERE TSHEKISO & MOTHEO MOENG	2015



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