



KARIN VAN DER LAAG



Karin van der Laag is an award-winning actress, best known for her work in SABC 3's *Isidingo*, where she has been playing the role of Maggie for the past 21 years. She started her television acting career at 7 years old in the SABC Christmas production *They Came from Afar*, and never looked back, with a substantial list of subsequent television, theatre and other media appearances. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Drama and English from the University of Cape Town and a Performer's Diploma in Speech and Drama.

SERVICES

- Celebrity MC
- Celebrity guest
- Motivational speaker

AWARDS

- FNB National Vita award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Comedy role
- FNB Vita Award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role
- Fleur du Cap Award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role

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Nominations:

- FNB Vita Award Nomination for Most Outstanding Performance in Musical Theatre
- 2008 Nomination for People Magazine's Crystal Award for Best Actress in a Soap Opera
- 2003 Nomination for an Avanti Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Soap Opera

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SCREEN

- Maggie in SABC3's Isidingo
- Other television roles in Zero Tolerance, Going Up, Hard Copy, Justice for All, Sorted in South Africa
- The Three Investigators for the international market
- Played "Tant Sannie" opposite Richard E Grant in The Story of an African Farm, which was re-released in the USA as Bustin' Bonaparte.
- Other international films Les Deux Mondes, Hoodlum and Son, Hey Boy, God is African and short films, The Witness and Hermit Rose

MC HIGHLIGHTS

- 2008 ABSA conference in PE
- 2004 Edcon Conference at the Palace of the Lost City

CELEBRITY APPEARANCES

- Celebrity presenter at 2009 SAMA Awards at Sun City
- Appearances at Thabo Mbeki Children's day concert and Heritage Day concert, V Day at Emperor's Palace with Eve Ensler, and events for Milady's
- Modelling for Fair Lady at the Fair Lady Lyon Fashion Awards
- Judge at the Avril Elizabeth Home's Christmas Concert as well as the Weigh Less Slimmer of the year
- Performing (singing) at the Isidingo Variety Club Concert at Carnival City, Sports Trust Function, various Stages of Love Aids Benefits at the Civic Theatre, the Royal Agricultural Show and the Rand Easter Show

THEATRE AND MUSICALS

- Played Lilly and Miss Hannigan (understudy) in Annie, Fraulein Kost in Cabaret, the Fairy Godmother in Cinderella and the witch in Bietse en Brousele as well as other roles in Boy Meets Boy and Scribble, the Musical.
- Starring alongside the likes of Tobie Cronje and Eddie Eksteen in the comedy productions Situation Comedy, My Boetie se Sussie se Ou and So waar as Vet.
- Numerous Shakespearian roles ranging from Lady Macduff in Macbeth to Peaseblossom in A Midsummer Night's Dream.
- Drama highlights include playing Natasha in Drie Susters 2 directed by Marthinus Basson and the Fortune Teller in the thriller Amazing Grace

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"BEHIND THE SCENES"

Behind the scenes Karin is a casting director for Endemol South Africa and has cast many television series and films including: Isidingo, Snitch, Mzansi, Zero Tolerance, Ready Steady Cook, Murmur and City S'esla. Both City S'esla and Isidingo have received numerous Golden Horn Awards.

She has also trained as a multi-cam director under Raymond Sergeant and has also directed many corporate events including Baswa la Meetse and Women in Water for the Department of Water and Forestry, the Jet Community Awards and the Annual Edcon Conference for Blue Moon at the Lost City in 2004. She also directed the opening of the Walter Sisulu Paediatric Cardiac Unit for Blue Moon which was attended by none other than Madiba!

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