

Artist Bio - Toni Morkel

Toni's most recent theatre work includes directing Andrew Buckland and Sylvaine Strike in a new devised theatre piece *Firefly*. Played Baxter, Woordfees, Hilton Fest, and playing Theatre on the Bay and Monte Casino 2023. It was filmed by Kyknet titled *Ferine and Ferase* and won the Kyknet Fiesta award for Best Production.

Theatre appearances include *The Boy who Cried Ninja* for Contagious Theatre (for which she received a **Naledi nomination** for best performer in a show for young audiences); her solo show *Cottonwool Kid*, directed by Sylvaine Strike, (**Naledi nomination** for best independent theatre production); *Tobacco, and the Harmful Effects Thereof* with Andrew Buckland, directed by Sylvaine Strike (for which she received a **Naledi nomination** for Best Supporting Actress); *Izithombe 2094* directed by Alex Halligey; *Hearts Hotel* directed by James Cuningham; *Roach* directed by Khutjo Green; *The Last Show* with Roberto Pombo, directed by Jemma Kahn; *The Merry Wives of Zuma* written and directed by Pieter Dirk Uys; *Nounouche – The Side Show* as part of the French/South African Season at this year's National Arts Festival; Jenine Collocott's *High Diving*; *Grimm Tales* at the Market Theatre (for which she received a **Naledi nomination** for Best Female Comedy Performance); The Fortune Cookie Theatre Company's *Coupé* and *The Travellers*. For her performance in *The Travellers* Toni was voted **Best Female Physical Theatre Performer** at the Grahamstown Festival 2005 by Die Beeld newspaper and was **nominated for a Naledi Theatre Award 2006 for Best Female Comedy Performance**.

Toni has performed in 15 Robyn Orlin productions, from *naked on a goat* at The Market Theatre in 1996. She toured extensively internationally with Orlin's pieces, the most notable being *daddy I've seen this piece six times before and I still don't know why they're hurting each other*.

Other shows Toni has co-created and performed in at the Market Theatre include *fall, I catch you* and *Two Straight Queers* (for which she won the 1997 **FNB Tonight Comedy Actress of the year Award**); and several Orlin pieces.



Pic by Germaine DeLarch



The Last Show with Roberto Pombo (pic by Germaine Delarch) 2013



In Robyn Orlin's *daddy...* (centre) 2012



Toni Morkel is Toni Morkel

<http://vimeo.com/6858775> ((pic by Dean Hutton) 2009



Jittery Citizens (2nd from right)



The Travellers (with Daniel Buckland and Shelly Meskin) 2005



Cyril and Shirley (with Robert Colman)