







FATHERS MATTER

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6 FILMS SERIES

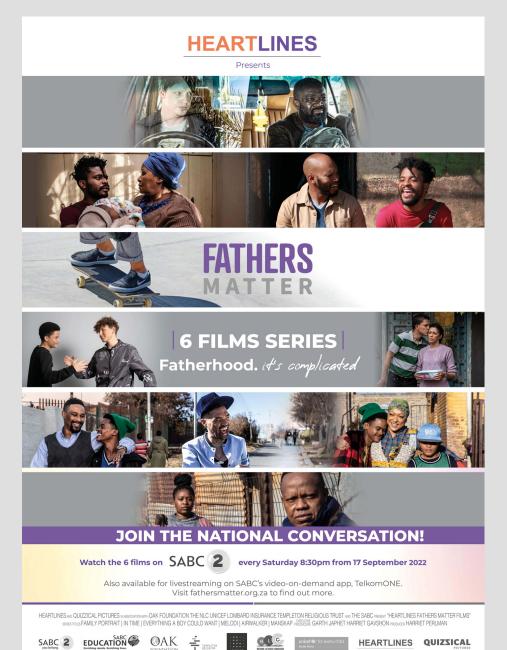
Fatherhood. it's complicated







All about ... Heartlines Fathers Matter Film Series



Fathers Matter is a Heartlines initiative to promote the positive and active presence of fathers in children's lives.

At the centre of the project are the Heartlines Fathers Matter Films – six anthology films set in various contexts around South Africa.

Each short film is a compelling drama that explores the complexities of fatherhood in South Africa today, where most children grow up in homes without their biological fathers.

Through these films we want to:

- Create awareness and start conversations about why a father should be positively involved in his child's life – no matter how old they are.
- Create a supportive environment and share resources that organisations and people can use to promote positive fatherhood.

The films were produced for Heartlines by Quizzical Pictures.

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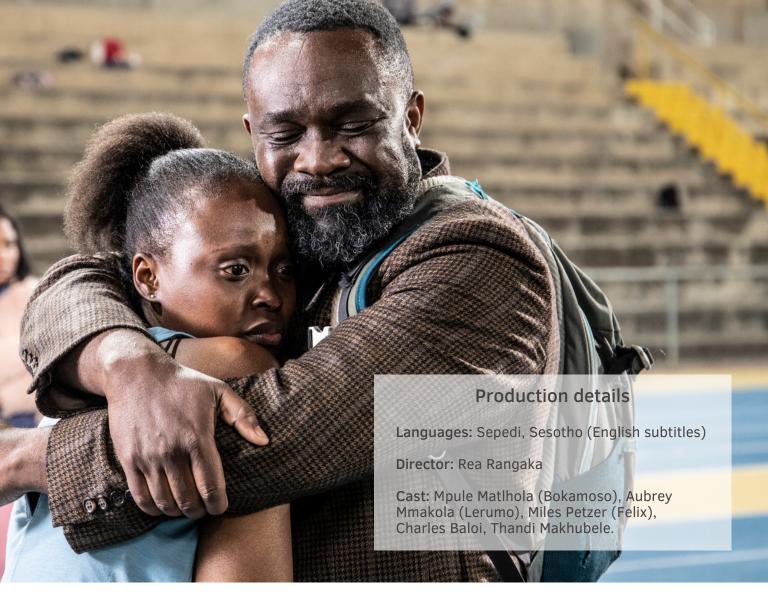
Matter Films.



Family Portrait

Saturday 17 September 20:30 SABC 2 / TelkomONE Ayize is a struggling artist who becomes a new father when his girlfriend Nomvula has a baby. He is devoted to both her and their baby girl, Zenzile. But he must prove to his rather terrifying and tough mother-in-law Cecelia that he is good enough to be a good dad, even though he can't provide financially. Can he gain Cecelia's trust and support even though he doesn't have a steady job?

Click here to watch "The Making of Family Portrait"
Click here for more images



In Time

Saturday 24 September 20:30 SABC 2 / TelkomONE Lerumo is a gold miner who works on a mine far away from his wife daughter, Bokamoso. But he is a loving father who spares nothing to show up for his child. When Bokamoso is offered an opportunity to race for an athletics scholarship, he is determined to do anything he can to be on the sidelines cheering her on. But many obstacles threaten to throw him off track. Can he make it in time?

<u>Click here to watch "The Making of In Time"</u> <u>Click here for more images</u>



Everything a Boy Could Want

Saturday 1 October 20:30 SABC 2 / TelkomONE Martin is a rich businessman who financially provides everything his family needs. But he is emotionally cruel, impossible to please and hardly ever there for his son, Lester. Lester has everything money can buy, except what he longs for the most – the love and approval of his father. When Martin insists that his son go to boarding school so he can follow in his father's rugby footsteps, they are forced to take a bumpy road trip together that threatens to break them apart forever.



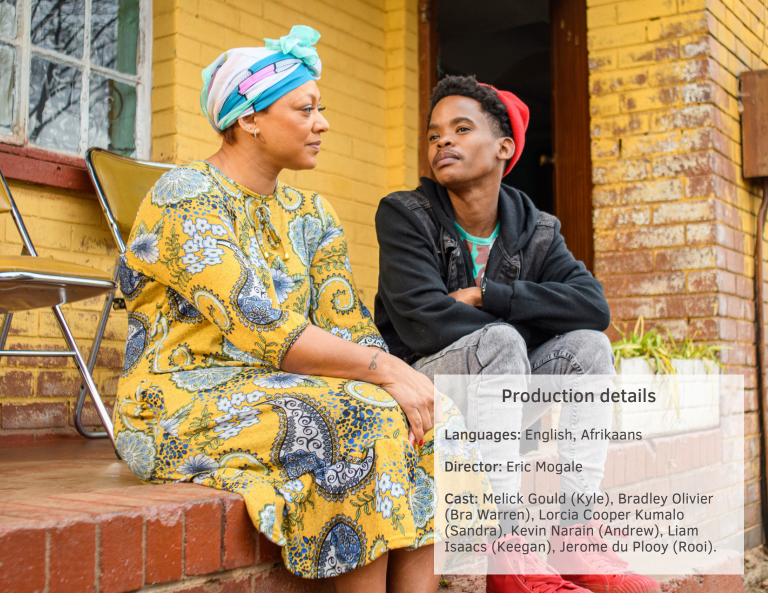
Melodi

Saturday 8 October 20:30 SABC 2 / TelkomONE Melodi is a successful banker who was raised by a loving single mother, Sesi. She is about to be married to Liyanda. Wedding plans are underway and lobola negotiations are about to start. But all this brings back old wounds and deep feelings of abandonment. Why did her father, Mojalefa, abandon her as a baby? Melodi decides to deal with the pain of her past by searching for a father she never knew, before making a commitment of her own. Will this journey bring her healing, or more pain?



Airwalker

Saturday 15 October 20:30 SABC 2 / TelkomONE Zoë is a gifted young skateboarder whose talent earns her a spot in a promo for her favourite skate park. But her parents, Bridget and Mike are separated, and their continual fighting affects her deeply. Zoë finds herself a continual pawn in their conflict. Caught between their lies and constant arguments, a frustrated Zoë lands up in a life-threatening situation. But is this enough to give her parents a reality check?



Manskap

Saturday 22 October 20:30 SABC 2 / TelkomONE Kyle is a troubled but promising young man, unemployed, fatherless and raised by a single mother. With nothing much to keep him motivated besides his love for cars, Kyle finds himself in the clutches of a powerful local gang leader, Rooi. When another father figure steps in to offer him a new sense of direction, Kyle must make a choice. Can Bra Warren help Kyle find a different path in his life? Does Kyle want it badly enough?













Watching the Films

There are a few different ways to watch the Heartlines Fathers Matter films.



The first film will premiere on SABC 2 on 17 September 2022 at 8:30pm. The next five films will then be aired at the same time on consecutive Saturdays at 8:30pm until 22 October 2022. Each film will be repeated on SABC 2 on the Thursday following its Saturday premiere.



The films will also be accessible on the SABC video-on-demand app, TelkomONE It is downloadable from any app store or find it online at www.telkomone.tv/en.

Viewings of the films outside of the airing dates can be organised by contacting the Heartlines team at fathersmatter@heartlines.org.za

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