



TUMI MORAKE

**COMEDIENNE
ACTRESS
AUTHOR**

A force to be reckoned with – mom, wife, author, columnist, presenter, producer, there is no end to this powerhouse!

With a comedy career spanning over 12 years and with numerous nominations and awards (including Comic of the Year and Favourite Comedian) under her belt, Tumi Morake continues to be a formidable force in the comedy industry.

Since beginning her comedy career in smoky clubs in 2006, she has steadily grown into one of SA's most sought after comedians, earning her the title of South Africa's 'First Lady of Comedy' – not bad for a wife and mother of three.

2017 saw a long list of achievements to her credentials:

- * Embarked on her first official South African tour
- * Co-host on Jacaranda FM Breakfast Show alongside Martin Bester
- * She was the 2017 brand ambassador for Menlyn Jaguar Landrover
- * She hosted her own TV show #WTF TUMI, from 2017 to 2019. She went on to host the second season of Point of Order as well as talkshow Red Cake alongside Alan Committie
- * Co-presenter (alongside Somizi) for the 2017 South African Music Awards
- * Co-presenter for the 2017 Naledi Theatre Awards

Tumi released her highly anticipated book, *And Then Mama Said*, in 2018, followed by the audiobook release in 2019. "This isn't my biography, but a collection of memories from my life. I have shared some of the things that

have made me resilient and shaped the persona of Tumi Morake. I have often been asked to share my story and I thought what better way than by honouring the woman who made me who I am, my mother,” comments Tumi Morake.

Tumi was also part of an unprecedented new stand-up comedy event series on Netflix as the first African female stand-up comedian to have her own special on Netflix. The special was launched in 2019. The inimitable host of JICF Stand Up Africa 2019, Morake continues to hold her own as a headliner. Her edgy and unpredictable brand of comedy has wowed audiences around the globe. She’s bold, she’s sassy and you simply cannot ignore her!

Some other highlights of her career include being the first woman to host Comedy Central presents on African soil and ticking off a bucket list item – taking her one-woman show to the famed Edinburgh Festival in Scotland in 2013. Not one to be limited by borders, Morake’s comedy has also seen her wow audiences in Wimbledon, Ghana, Zimbabwe and Botswana (with plans for a SA and Africa tour of her first one-woman show in 2017). Her one man shows Tumi Or Not Tumi included runs in Sydney and Perth Australia. Tumi teamed up with the gentleman of SA comedy, Ndumiso Lindi with a national tour of their original format, rib-cracking, hilarious new stand-up show, ‘Married...But Not To Each Other’.

Tumi Morake is a “jane-of-all-trades”. Beyond her comedy, Morake has been the face of major campaigns with Vodacom, Kellogs and Sanlam. As a producer, her work has been nominated in various categories at the South African Film and Television Awards, which she also hosted in 2013 and 2014.

Morake has also had some critical recognition thrown her way. From being named one of The Free State Province’s Icons, to the Entertainer of the Year at the 2012 Speakers of Note Award. The Tarantino of comedy, Tumi’s crowning glories have been her nominations for coveted Comic of The Year at the 2013, 2014, 2015 and the Comic of the Year award at the 2016 Savanna Comic’s Choice Awards. She is a recipient of the Mbokodo Women in the Arts Award for Excellence in Comedy 2013. 2015 saw her nominated in the Glamour Woman of the Year Awards. She was voted 2016’s YOU Spectacular Favourite Comedian. Her radio work has also been noteworthy, 2018 saw her team nominated for Best Breakfast Show, and her return to radio in 2020 brought with it two radio nominations: Best Breakfast Host PBS and Best Breakfast Show PBS.

Morake’s continental claim to fame began as the host of The Big Brother Hot

Room, a comical round up of Big Brother Africa. She also spent two seasons on the judging panel of etv's She's The One. Her star continued to rise as host of the ever trending Our Perfect Wedding for a record 3 seasons after a public demand for her return. In 2019 Tumi returned to the big screen in the highly acclaimed Three Days To Go. She also joined the cast of Canadian production Vagrant Queen which premiered in the US and Canada on the Syfy channel in 2020. The big bagner, of course, is her first big screen lead role as Noni in Seriously Single, due for release in October 2020.

Tumi Morake in true multitasking woman style, has channelled her comedy into writing, acting and producing. She will have her cake and eat it, and even have seconds, because she can.

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