

# SEAN PRETORIUS/SET DESIGNER

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## **Profile.**

18 years of experience in set decorating, set construction and set design. Certified knowledge of new game changing CAD/CAM technology and a passion that has brought me half way across the planet. I am a team player with the experience, knowledge and drive to take on even the fastest paced and most demanding schedules.

## **Experience SUMMARY**

- ◆ **Set Design** 18 years set design experience in TV, film, stage, exhibition stands, experiential marketing campaigns and events.
- ◆ **Owner/founder Spacecraft film** Spacecraft film is a South African set design and construction company with 13 permanent employees which I began in 2009.
- ◆ **Technical Proficiencies** I am proficient in Rhino 3D, Visual Arq, Rhino paneling tools, key shot, Sketch up pro, Podium render, photoshop, working knowledge of illustrator, adobe premier and crazy talk animation.
- ◆ **Strengths and Accomplishments** Fast, methodical, creative. I have literally project managed hundreds of sets from the concept phase through the technical design process to the final construction.

## **Brief Outline work experience**

### **2009 -Present    Owner/ Manager/ Set designer**

- Established SpaceCraft in 2009 as a set design and fabrication company
- Duties included project management, procurement, budgeting, and daily administration.
- Grew business from a one man concern in a garage to a medium size enterprise of 13 full-time employees which currently occupies 2000 square foot of space and an annual turnover of approximately \$600 000
- Set design for **Television** including 17 sit-coms, over 25 talk shows, 3 feature films, 4 daily soap operas and countless commercials for local as well as international clients ranging from Bollywood to MTV.

- Set Design for **Stage** including SA comedy awards, 5 sets for Trevor Noah and a host of smaller shows.
- Set Design and concepts for **Corporate Activations** including Miller Time Gib Rig, Gillette Barbershop trucks **movember** campaign, Red cider 5D cinema experience containers; Ariel Guinness book of records day event 2000 washing bays, Hamleys Giant bear toy collection and Exxaro Baobab tree which stands in the companies foyer.
- Interior Design including 2 shop fitting, 4 office revamps and 5 exhibition stands and well as furniture design
- Event Design - Spacecraft has an event hire section we do an average of 20 events per year including Miss South Africa in 2016

## **2007 - 2009 Highlights**

### ***Set Designer / Art Director / Freelance***

- Production design Feature film Taka takata starring Trevor Noah
- Art Director Halo 3 Neill Blomkamp commercial - Project involved the planning and deconstruction of 6 city blocks in inner Johannesburg. Armoured vehicles, choppers and automatic weapons used in this futuristic sci-fi commercial for the Microsoft's Best selling Halo game Tasks included art direction of set from design to completion. As Art Director, responsibilities included sourcing of materials, management of contractors, co-ordination of workflow, ensuring budgets and milestones maintained.
- Art Director Alive in Joburg Neil Blomkamp pilot to District 9 - Project involved the planning and construction of several major SFX sequences preparation of several sets and vehicles, from design to completion. Team included 7 art department crew. (Wingnut films)
- 20 - 30 Local and international Commercials including shoots in Accra Ghana and Lagos Nigeria.

## **2006 - 2007 productions**

### ***Set Designer / Art Director | Word of mouth***

- Art director Muvhango *South African soap opera*
- Duties included script breakdown and management of team of 9s well as show sponsors.
- Revamp look and feel of entire show
- Set Design and art direction of over 30 sets

## **2001 - 2006 Highlights**

### ***Art Director / Props / Wardrobe | Freelance***

- Set up of art direction Zone 14 multi award winning series
- Art direction of Pure Monate Show - cult South Africa TV show
- Music Video in house art director Pam Devereux Harris between 2002 - 2003 we did approximately 1 music video a week. My task was to do props, wardrobe, art direction and often location scouting. Over 40 music videos in the period

## **Qualifications**

### ***University***

AFDA (<http://www.afda.co.za/>) **1998 -2001** B.A Film

### ***PMP***

Int Project Management certification PMP Membership no.487731

### ***3D CAD Software***

Simply Rhino level 1 + 2 (2015)

### ***Sailing Liscence***

ICC and SAS Day skippers license(2016)

## **Programes**

- Microsoft Suit (Word, Power point, Excell, MSP )

- Adobe Creative Suit (Illustrator, Photoshop, Premier)
- Sketch up – 3D Design Centre
- Podium Renderer (sketch up render)
- Rhino 3D, Keyshot
- Crazy Talk animator

## ***Achievements***

### **Awards** (as spacecraft)

- Ses Top La (**SAFTA**)
- Ga Re Dumele (**SAFTA**)
- Gauteng Maboneng (**SAFTA**)
- and 6 nominations
- other awards
- Zonke Best Video (**SAMA**)
- 1 Assegai - (Redd's trailer) Marketing award

### **Awards** (as Sean Pretorius)

Golden Lion Advertising Award - Cannes (Niel Blomkamp Halo)

<http://adage.com/article/cannes08/a-tie-halo-gorilla-share-film-grand-prix/127933/>

- (2007) SAFTA
- Nominee best Art Direction Soap Opera (Art Direction)
- Muvhango
- (2006) SAFTA
- Nominee best Art Direction Comedy Series
- Pure Monate Show
- (2003) Bronze Lourie Award
- A world without Sasol
- (2003) SAMA Award
- Best Music Video Thembi

### **Sean Pretorius Student Awards**

- (2001)IBDAA Dubai Film Festival
- Winner of Best Short Film -
- Triomfeer
- (2001) M-Net EDIT Competition –
- Best Production Design, Sound and winner of Special Craft Award
- (2001) Merit Award Production Design AFDA
- (2001) Nali Commercial
- AAA Award –
- Student Category
- (2001)
- Requiem for Broken Toys
- IBDAA Dubai Film Festival - Nominated for Best Short Film
- (2000)
- NTVA Avanti Gold – Best Animation