

A portrait of Simphiwe Lizwi Shembe, a South African comedian, author, philanthropist, and businessman. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a dark blue turtleneck sweater. He has a goatee and is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a lush green garden with various plants and a brick wall. The text 'PROFILE' is overlaid at the top in large white letters, and 'SIMPHIWE LIZWI SHEMBE' is overlaid in the center in even larger white letters. At the bottom left, there is a bio in white text, and at the bottom right, there is a website URL.

**PROFILE**

**SIMPHIWE  
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**SOUTH AFRICAN  
COMEDIAN, PRIZE-  
WINNING AUTHOR,  
PHILANTHROPIST &  
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# ABOUT

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Simphiwe Lizwi Shembe (39) is one of South Africa's most-loved Comedians, Entertainers and Authors.

Outrageously funny, authentically local and sometimes a little on the crazy side, Simphiwe Shembe is on a mission to make people all over the country laugh a little.... or a lot.

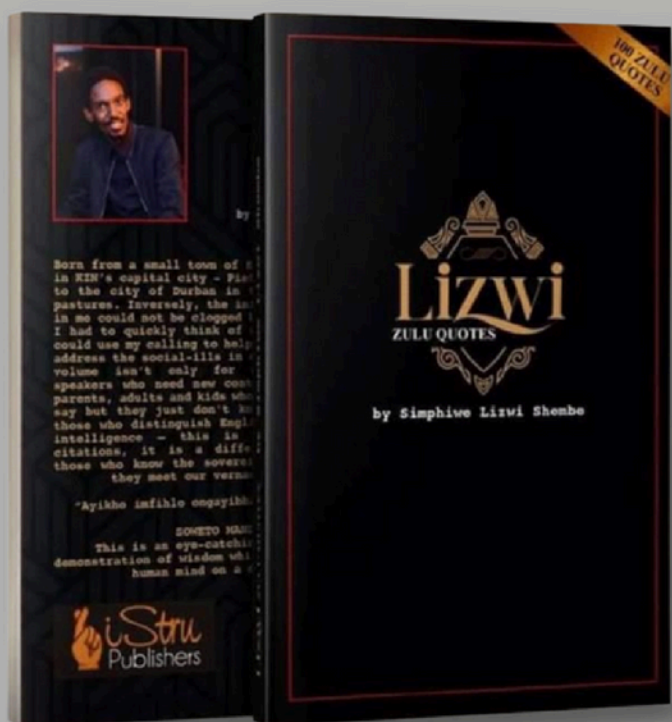
Boasting over 20 years in the entertainment and comic industry, Shembe has become conversant with the kind of jokes that make different categories of audiences drown in laughter, appealing to a huge spectrum of the country's vernacular audience. His unique voice, booming laughter, original content and seamless delivery, will leave you proud to be African, and laughing from belly to bottom!

Shembe has been the butt of the joke for as long as he can remember. "Making people laugh will probably always be one of my biggest gifts. As a child, I used to make fun of everything and everyone - they too would make jokes about me. Sometimes, people paid me not to make fun of them," he insists.

The 'legend in the making', has shared stages with comics such as Kenneth Nkosi, Vusi Ximba, Trevor Noah, Kagiso Lediga, Mel Miller, John Vlismas, Eugen Khoza and Trevor Gumbi to name a few, "because a comedian has to namedrop sometimes".

Shembe is the founder and official host of the Simphiwe Shembe Comedy Picnic franchise, noted as one of the biggest comedy picnics in Durban.

He is also founder of the Simphiwe Shembe Comedy Connection and Simphiwe Shembe Foundation, an organisation that nurtures and supports the country's emerging talent in the entertainment and comedy industry.



# THE AUTHOR



Simphiwe Shembe is the author of the 'uLizwi Book of Quotes', a book that compiles over 100 unique and inspirational quotes, for motivational, philosophical, spiritual and developmental purposes.

The book, which is written in isiZulu, forms part of an initiative by Shembe, to preserve and promote African cultures, while sharing messages of enlightenment, hope and inspiration!

*"Ayikho imfihlo  
ongayibhala ngolimu  
lwesitha"*



The Simphiwe Shembe Comedy Picnic is an annual, super-sized comedy extravaganza, that brings together various acts and comedians from South Africa and different parts of KwaZulu Natal, in a celebration of the province's thriving pot of local talent and ever-growing comedy scene.

Regarded as one of the biggest and most notable comedy events in the province, the picnic (now in its 9th year) is designed to nurture, empower and uplift South African comedy and comedians, equipping them with the resources, skills and platform needed to hone and develop their craft.

The Comedy picnic is a day event, hosted at the Durban & PMB Botanic Gardens, Newcastle, and is in the process of being extended to other parts of KZN.

The event puts SA comedians on the front and centre stage, appearing alongside the country's most loved musicians, artists and performers.

The picnics grew from only 500 attendees in the first year, to over 5000 attendees in March 2020.



# PAST WORK

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In October 2012, Shembe helped coordinate one of the biggest comedy festivals held in Durban, and hosted a series of comedy shows at KCAP in front of a 250 working class audience.

He runs the biggest Vernacular Comedy Club in Durban called the Simphiwe Shembe Comedy Connection, which started at KCAP, but now runs at The Bat Centre, He was also part of Gagasi FM's Breakfast show 'I Love Mornings with Mzokoloko'



Apart from sharing stages with comedy's best, during his own shows or on the plethora of invites he receives a year, he has also featured on Comedy Central, and formed part of the 'Nyusi Volume Campaign', which is done by the biggest radio station in the country uKhozi FM.

He has also appeared in a number of TV shows and interviews such as

- Durban Gen S1 - eTV
- eHostela S3 - Mzansi Magic
- Laugh in your language S1 - Comedy central
- Shift on SABC 1
- Morning Live on SABC 2
- Mzansi Magic Movies - Kwaito Church Service 1 & 2
- Mzansi Insider SABC 1

# QUICK STATS, BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

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Shembe is known, loved, and followed by many, virtually and in person; not to mention that he is part of the Shembe Church legacy, which has a church membership in the millions!



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