

# STUART Taylor

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## PROFILE

With a career in the entertainment industry that spans more than 25 years, Stuart Taylor remains one of SA's top entertainment acts. He is a veteran of the industry with varied expertise both in front of the public as well as behind the scenes.

Even though Stuart holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Stellenbosch University, his love for the creative arts led him to pursue a full-time career in entertainment once he obtained his BSc.

The public success of his theatre shows opened doors to him becoming the host of the hit SABC travel show, 'Going Nowhere Slowly' in 2003, which ran over 7 seasons.

## EXPERIENCE

### Performer:

As a founding member of the 'Cape Comedy Collective' in 1999, Stuart was at the forefront of establishing the art of stand-up comedy as a bona fide addition to the SA live entertainment landscape. This allowed him to cut his teeth in the Cape Town comedy circuit before venturing into producing his solo shows. Internationally, he has performed to critical acclaim at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the Berlin International Comedy Festival, New Zealand International Comedy Festival and the Montreaux Comedy festival in Switzerland. Locally, he has performed throughout most of SA. Stuart has written, produced and performed 14 solo shows that have toured across South Africa. His most noted and famed shows include *'Techni-Coloured'*, *'Learner Husband'* & *'Money's Too Tight to*

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*Mention*. Some of these solo performances have scooped various awards including the prestigious *Ovation Award* and *Overall Best Comedy* award at the National Arts Festival, and the *Show Time Award* for best solo performance. The success of *'Learner Husband'* led Stuart to write the best selling comedy book: *'Learner Husband - A handy guide for avoiding collisions with your wife'* which was launched in 2013 with a major national campaign.

In 2017, Stuart had a feature role in the South African comedy drama film, *Finders Keepers*, which was directed by acclaimed Maynard Kraak.

## Producer / Director:

His first decade in the industry gave Stuart enough expertise to launch Taylor Made Productions in 2005, which specialises in the production of live stage events and TV broadcast productions. Some of the projects that Stuart has managed include:

- Co-creating (with Riaad Moosa), producing and co-directing *'Comedy Mixtape'*, a 13 part comedy sketch show which aired on SABC2 in 2021
- Directing other performers in their solos shows
- Creating, directing and producing a 6 part web series for Bright Rock
- Creating, directing and producing a 6 part docu-drama called *"Diary of a Touring Comic"* which was broadcast on Mzansi Magic
- Directing and producing Dalin Oliver's *"Face for Radio"* comedy special which was broadcast on Showmax
- Creating, directing and producing his own comedy special *"Funny you should say that"* which aired on Showmax in 2020/2021
- Creating, directing and producing his own comedy special *"Money's too tight to Mention"*
- Creating, directing and co-producing *"The Last Laugh with Stuart Taylor"* which was broadcast on Showmax
- Editing of the *"Lockdown & Loaded"* comedy special which was broadcast on SABC 2 in October 2020
- Co-producing *"The Lounge Series"* which was broadcast on Mzansi Magic in 2020



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In addition, Stuart is also a veteran of the production of live events, the most notable of which include:

- Being the co-founder and producer of the *Mother City Comedy Festival* - the largest festival of solo comedy shows in Africa
  - Conceptualising and producing the *Big 5 Comedy Show* which have toured nationally for 4 years until halted due to Covid19.
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