OFFICIAL SELCTION LILONGWE SHORTS 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION MZANSI WOMEN FILM FESTIVAL 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION FESANCOR 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION national arts festival 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION AFRICA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION HOLLYWOOD FESTIVAL OF NEW CINEMA 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION shnit International Shortfilmfestival 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION SILICON VALLEY AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL 2015

Official Selection PAN AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION AFRICAN DIASPORA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2015

WINNER MENTION SPÉCIAL DU JURY COURT-MÉTRAGE FESTICAB 2015

Official Selection Oaxaca FilmFest Life is Short

OFFICIAL SELCTION CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION DURBAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION FESTIVAL DI CINEMA AFRICANO 2015

WINNER COEWEB EDUCATIONAL FCAAL MILANO 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION RWANDA FILM FESTIVAL 2015

OFFICIAL SELCTION DENTON BLACK FILM FESTIVAL 2016

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LAZY SUSAN

Logline

Susan works a double at a Cape Town restaurant, deftly maintaining both wit and service in the face of obnoxious customers—until a lousy tip gets the better of her.

Synopsis

A friendly waitress Susan works a double at an everyday Cape Town restaurant, deftly serving gluttons and WASPs, hipsters and high-tippers, racists and lechers. With some effort she maintains both wit and service in the face of obnoxious customers—until a lousy tip gets the better of her. Told from the perspective of a single lazy susan (rotating tray), the short mixes dark comedy and social commentary with devastating effect.

Production information

Title	**Lazy Susan**
Genre	**Short, drama, slice of life, dark comedy**
Date of completion	**January 2015**
Country of production	**South Africa**
Running time	**10 minutes (10:30)**
Language	**English, Xhosa**
Aspect ratio	**2.1:1**
Sound format	**Stereo**
Shooting format	**Red Epic 5k**
Screener formats	**Vimeo private, Blu-ray, DVD**
Exhibition resolutions	**2k, 1080p, PAL**
Exhibition formats	**DCP, Blu-ray, DVD, Quicktime ProRes, MPEG4**
Subtitles available	**English, French, Italian, Spanish**
Film website	**www.lazysusanshortfilm.co.za**
Presented by	**Stealth Donkey Moving Pictures in association with Stage 5 Films and Shorty's Film Contest**

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Festivals

Pan African Film Festival	Los Angeles	USA	2015/02/06
Hollywood Festival of New Cinema	Los Angeles	USA	2015/02/25
FESTICAB	Bujumbura	BDI	2015/04/25
Festival Cinema Africano Milano	Milano	ITA	2015/05/07
Lilongwe Shorts	Lilongwe	MWI	2015/05/08
National Arts Festival	Grahamstown	RSA	2015/07/02
Durban International Film Festival	Durban	RSA	2015/07/16
Rwanda Film Festival	Kigala	RWA	2015/07/23
Mzansi Womens Festival	Johannesburg	RSA	2015/08/08
SHNIT	Cape Town	RSA	2015/10/08
Oaxaca	Oaxaca	MEX	2015/10/09
Cyprus Short Film Festival	Limassol	CYP	2015/10/19
Silicon Valley African Film Fest	Mountain View	USA	2015/10/17
SHNIT	Johannesburg	RSA	2015/10/17
FESANCOR	Santiago	CHL	2015/10/19
Cinema Africano Verona	Verona	ITA	2015/11/06
Africa International Film Fesitval	Lagos	NGA	2015/11/08
African Diaspora Film Festival	New York	USA	2015/11/28
Denton Black Film Festival	Denton	USA	2016/01/30
Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival	Clermont-Ferrand	FRA	2016/02/05

Awards

FESTICAB	Mention Spécial du jury court-métrage	2015/04/25
Festival Cinema Africano Milano	COEWEB educational prize	2015/05/09

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Stills

A collection of stills can be downloaded here.

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Full credits

Directed by	**Stephen Abbott**
Produced by	**Dylan Voogt, Stephen Abbott**
Susan	**Chi Mhende**
Mr. Toast	**Carel Nel**
Mr. Off the Menu / Mr. Robber 2	**Siv Ngesi**
Miss Sugar	**Shamilla Miller**
Mr. Double-Shot	**Rory Acton-Burnell**
Mr. To Go	**Dylan Edy**
Mr. Beggar / Mr. Waiter / Mr. Robber	**Lemo Tsipa**
Mr. Salt / Mr. Manager	**Pierre Malherbe**
Mrs. Salt	**Kerstin Francis**
Ms. Small-Pricked Tosser	**Louise Saint-Claire**
Ms. Gherkin Dick	**Tiffany Barbuzano**
Mr. Five Rand	**Nick Pauling**
Ms. Five Rand	**Roxanne Kalie**
Casting director	**Jaci Chieman**
Sign language instructor	**June Bothma**
Written by	**Stephen Abbott, Eduan van Jaarsveldt**
Executive producer, Shorty's Film Contest	**Chris Greybe**
Production manager	**Saskia Schiel**
Production assistant	**Soyama Mbashe**
Director of photography	**Pierre de Villiers**
Focus puller	**Peter Smuts**
Camera assistant	**Anton Scholtz**
Gaffer	**Brian Oliver**
Best boy lighting	**Fuad Casker**
Sound mixer	**Craig Ryneveld**
Boom swinger	**John Claassen**
Art director	**Camilla van Zyl**
Set dresser / standby / props	**September McNabb**
Set dresser / standby / props	**Hendri Froneman**
Set construction	**George Brain, Gigi Potter**
Hair and makeup	**Marcelle du Toit, Klarese Nel**
Editor	**Stanley M. Agnew**
Post supervisor	**Joe Erasmus, Ashleigh Lambson**
Colourist, online editor	**Chris Greybe**
Visual effects artist	**Charmaine Greyling**
ADR recording	**Andre Feldmann**
Music composer & supervisor	**James Matthes**
Final mix and sound design	**Andy Smit**
Casting at	**AV Network**
Location	**Superette**
Set construction	**Faux Crafts**
Lighting	**Panalux**
Camera gear	**Panavision**
VT gear	**Camera Station**
Post finishing	**Upstairs Post**
Music recorded at	**Pressure Cooker Studios**
Audio post production	**The Workroom**
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Director's biography

Stephen graduated from Wits University with an honours degree in Drama in 2004, and has since worked as a film and television writer, director and editor. In 2005 he co-founded Stealth Donkey Moving Pictures.

In 2009 Stephen was selected as part of Focus Features' Africa First programme. DIRTY LAUNDRY, the resulting short film he co-wrote and directed is a dark comedy about a guy trying to get his washing done. The short won both the best South African short film and best short film awards at the 31st Durban International Film Festival, as well as the SAFTA for best short film.

In 2013 he directed new seasons of Takalani Sesame, the legendary children's television show. His first feature film TREE OF CROWS has completed development and is seeking finance.

His new short film LAZY SUSAN tells a bittersweet tale of waitress at an everyday restaurant, and is hitting the festival circuit from early 2015.

Stephen is known for his uncompromising devotion to quality and is committed to developing a loyal film culture in Southern Africa. He's also been known to make a fine caffè latte.

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