

Dorinda Hafner

Curriculum Vitae - Abridged

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Humanitarian, Author, International TV Chef, Public Speaker, Actor, Nursing Sister,
Dispensing Optician, Charity Worker, Marriage Celebrant

Education

1965 – 1977 Ophthalmic Nurse UK (Kent County Ophthalmic & Oral Hospital)

1967 – 1970 Registered Nurse UK (St Georges Hospital, 1st Black RN trained there)

Dispensing Optician (City College of Further Education, London)

Degrees & other qualifications: SRN; OND; FBDO (Fellow of the British Dispensing Opticians), FBOA (Disp) (Fellow of the British Optical Association Dispensing); Civil Marriage Celebrant

Employment/Self-employment

1965 – 1977 London, U.K.: Nursing, Acting, Modelling, Optician

1977 – Emigrated to Australia – Adelaide, South Australia

1980's – Instigated & performed in the **African Dance Troupe**

Instigated and ran “**Africa In Schools**” (program countering racism in schools)

Instigated and ran the catering business “**Cuisine Africaine**” (countering community racisms using food and culture)

Represented Australia Storytelling in Vancouver, Canada & Seattle, U.S.A.

1990 – present –

Television Chef and Presenter; TV guest; Author; Public Speaker, Motivator, Host, MC; Voluntary Charity Worker

2010 – present – “Dorinda Ceremonies” Marriage Celebrant

Dorinda's 5 TV Series (1990's)

- A Taste of Africa
- Dorinda's Taste of the Caribbean
- United Tastes of America
- Tastes of Britain
- Dinner on the Diner

Dorinda's Television series made in the 1990's and were shown in over 40 countries, including Australia on the ABC and SBS networks, PBS in the US, Channel 4 UK, Brazil, Holland, South Africa, The Caribbean, South Asia & more.

Films (1980 - 2024)

- **Breaker Morant** – Featured Extra – dual roles – 1980 directed by Bruce Beresford
- **Finders Keepers** – (Ruby) TV Series 1991 directed by Scott Hicks
- **Elephant Tales** – (Cheetah 2, lead narrator) - Feature Film 2006 – directed by Mario Andreacchio – Adelaide Motion Pictures Company
- **Self-produced DVD series** “Stories by Grammy D” 2-disc set. Life lessons told with Dorinda's inimitable joy for life - 2008
- Plus, innumerable industry training short films – from 2000 to present

Theatre (1988 - 1994)

- **Tales of the Decameron** by Boccaccio (actor) – State Theatre Company of SA (directed by Simon Phillips)
- **The Rover** by Aphra Behn – (actor) State Theatre Company of SA (directed by Gayle Edwards)
- **Malache & The Big Cat** – Choreographer - State Theatre Company of SA
- **Akwanso, Fly South** - (actor) Adelaide Festival Centre Trust (directed by Robyn Archer, choreography by Mary Barnett of Alvin Ailey School of Dance, New York, USA.

- **The Colour Keeper** - (actor) Adelaide Festival Centre Trust
- **Child Divine** - (actor) Adelaide Festival Centre Trust
- **Tales From a Drum** (actor) - Spare Parts Theatre, Fremantle, WA
- **Isadora Duncan** – Theatre 62, Adelaide Production (producer/co-choreographer)

Dorinda's innumerable television, radio & film appearances (abridged)

Elephant Tales (Film by Adelaide Motion Pictures) - 2006

Talking Heads – her life story (ABC Channel 2 National)

Finders Keepers (Science Fiction Film, ABC Australia) 1991, directed by Scott Hicks

Good Morning Australia (Channel 10 National) for 10 years with Bert Newton – Weekly and twice-weekly cooking segments and various other appearances on subjects of general interest as required

Rove Live with Rove McManus (Channel 10 National)

Directions for South Australia (Channel 9 SA)

Midday Show with Ray Martin (Channel 9 National)

Mornings with Kerrie-Anne Kennelly (Channel 9 National)

A Current Affair (Channel 9 National)

Tonight, Live with Richard Stubbs

Denton with Andrew Denton (Channel 2 National)

Today, Tonight (Channel 7 National innumerable times)

Channel 7 Sunrise

Mars/Venus TV panel (Foxtel National)

Laws with John Laws and others, too numerous to mention

Breaker Morant (Film by SA Film Corporation)

SBS – The Food Lover's Guide to Australia – with Joanna Saville

Season 1, Episode 4

SBS - Day One Stories

ABC radio Adelaide – Fondue Friday (February 2019)

The Joel Shepherd Podcast - Dorinda Hafner; From Ghana to Australia and the World (2022)

Music

Australian Music Ensemble CD titled “**Slivanje**” - Where Waters Meet – 1995

Dorinda & The All-Day Suckers CD titled “**Dorinda**” Released by Chart Records 2002 (Brian Cadd & David Day). Producers Quentin Eysers & Darren Mullan

Books Written by Dorinda

- A Taste of Africa
- Dorinda's Taste of the Caribbean
- I Was Never Here and This Never Happened
- United Tastes of America
- Tastes of Britain
- A Taste of Africa (New Edition)
- Ethnodelectious - eat, travel, collect (*won first prize in the English-speaking category*)
- Honey I Shrunk the Chef (Judges Choice - World Cookbooks Award Winner 2013)

See more at www.dorindahafner.com