

Jaco graduated from Stellenbosch University with a Masters in 2001 and has since been creating work that resists convention and easy categorization. He has also been involved in theatre, dance, performance and installation art, animation, and film. He has won various awards, including the Standard Bank Young Artists award in 2008 and best director at the Fleur du Cap awards three years in a row. His work combines the personal and political with introspective inquiry and a radical formalism which seeks to critique controversial subjects without any attempt to solve the issues they raise.

In Development:

SPINNERS

Director

Producer: Federation MEAC for Canal+ and Showmax

8 x 60' Crime Drama TV Series

TX: November 2023

GOING HOME

Director

Sunil Perkash

Feature

DELETED

Director

Producer: Robert Lawrence

Feature

Produced:

4 MURE

Director

Producer: Kate Schalk | Marche Media for KykNet

Anthology Drama Series

TX: 2021

GAIA

Director

Producer: Film Initiative

AfricaEco-Horror Feature Film

Premiered at ZEISS Cinematography Award at SXSW on 16 March 2021

Released: 18 June 2021

DIE SPREEUS

Director

Producer: Kate Schalk | Marche Media for KykNet and Showmax

Police Procedural Supernatural Drama Series

Nominated for SAFTAs Best Directing and Best TV drama [2020]

Released: 9 April 2019

SOMERKERSFEES

Director

Producer: Nagvlug Films for Showmax

Drama feature Film

Released: 2019

RAGE

Director

Producer: Nagvlug Films for Showmax

Horror TV Movie

Released: 2019

DWAALSTER

Director

Producer: Marche Media for KykNet, Showmax

13 x 48' Drama Series

TX: 2018

THIS COUNTRY IS LONELY

Director

Showcased at the International Film Festival Rotterdam 2019

Short Film

Released: 2018

WATERFRONT

Director

Producer: Marche Media for KykNet, Showmax

Drama Series

TX: 2017

AKTV Mediaveertjie Best Director Award [2018]

Theatre Productions:

CELLIST WITH RABIES

Director

National Arts Festival

2019

LIEWER

Director

Woordfees US

2018

MARAT/ SADE

Baxter Theatre

2017

Fleur de Cap Best Production Award [2018]

ORFEO

Director

Monteverdi, Cape Town Opera

2017

BBDHS

Director

Woordfees US, KKNK

2016

IN ONGRNADE

Woordfees US

2016

SANTA GAMKA

Woordfees US, KKNK, SO

2016

THE VEGETARIAN

Adapted into Afrikaans by Willem Anker from the original stageplay by Han Kang and winner of the 2016 Bokker Prize.

SAMSA MASJIEN

Director

KKNK, Baxter

Kanna Award for Best Director [2016]

FIESTA Award for Best Director [2015]

Fleur de Cap Best Director Award [2014]

Fleur de Cap Set Design Award [2014]

TRIPPIE

KKNK

2014

POSKANTOOR

Opera

Aardkloop

2014

NA-AAP

Aardklop, Woordfees US

2013

BALBESIT

Artscape, KKNK

Fleur de Cap Best Director Award [2015]

WAANSIN

Aardklop, Woordfees US, Grahamstown Festival
2013

ROOILAND

Aardklop. KKNK, Woordfees US, Baxter

2011

Fleur de Cap Best Director Award [2013]

Fleur de Cap Best Lighting Design Award [2013]

FIESTA Best Director Award [2012]

FIESTA Nuutgeskepte Afrikaanse Opvoering Award [2012]

LIG

Aardklop

2011

SKRAPNEL

KKNK, Woordfees US, Baxter

2008

SMAG

Aardklop, Woordfees US. Baxter

Fleur de Cap Best Director Award [2008]

UNTITLED

Grahamstown Festival

2008

SAAD

Aardklop, Baxter, Woordfees US

2007

DIE GENERAAL

2007

'N ANDER TONGVAL

KKNK

2007

TEER

2007

BROTHER NUMBER

2007

ALTYD JONKER

KKNK

Fleur de Cap Best Director Award [2006]

Kanna Herrie Best Design and Music Award [2006]

MIXED METAPHORS

State Theatre/ Artscape, Baxter

2006

BEDEDEVAART

Aardklop

2006

VERKEER

ETC.

Smeltkroes Award [2005]

