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# Biography

South African singer whose career spans a period of more than 30 years, in South Africa and internationally.

She was nominated for a Grammy Award for the song: Mandela, Father of the Nation, and won a Kora Award, NTVA Stone Award and Mayoral Award of Sedibeng District.

In 1997 she was the first South African artist to be signed by the international record agency, Sony Music when the company opened its doors in SA and her hit song, I don't Mind, released by the label competed for top spot against Tony Braxton's "Unbreak my Heart" in the SA Top 40.

She was the opening and closing act of the 1995 Rugby World Cup, singing: Where the World Began and toured with Michael Jackson on the South African leg of his world tour as his opening act. She also shared the stage with stars, Dionne Warwick (Opening Act), Tina Turner (Opening Act), M People, Dr Alban and Hugh Masakela to name a few.

She is highly experienced as a talent judge and has judged in a multitude of national talent competitions, in South Africa.

She performed on big budget productions such as Skouspel, Kaapse Jol, Skouspel Plus and is a founder artist in the renowned SA producer & creative director, Willie Venter's, annual Moments Spectacular in Bloemfontein.

She graced the stage for Presidents, Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki inaugurations and performed for South Africa's beloved Madiba on seven of his birthdays.

## **Chronology of most important events & achievements:**

- 1988 - Starts singing professionally in clubs and music venue around South Africa.
  - Leaves South Africa and performs on the international Southern Sun (Sun International) Circuit but returns to SA from time to time for performances.
- 1992 - Collaborates and records the hit song, Good Times with South African Hip Hop Group Black Noise.
- 1993 - Performs and records the title track, Body Talk, of the American action film, Terminator Woman.
- 1994 - Performs at the inauguration of President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, South Africa's first democratically elected president.
- 1995 - Opening and closing act of the 1995 Rugby World Cup, singing: Where the World Began, broadcast live internationally to the world's rugby nations.
- 1996 - First South African artist to be signed by the international record agency, Sony Music SA.
  - Leaves the Sun International circuit towards the end of 1996.
- 1997 - Records her first album: Slow Down on which the track "I don't Mind" reaches no. 2 on the South African Top 40.
- 1999 - Nominated for a Grammy award for the song: Mandela, Father of the Nation.
  - Wins a Kora Award for most promising female artist.
  - Wins the NTVA Stone Award for her performance in the programme High Heels and Hisses, in the category magazine and talk show.
  - Performs at the inauguration of President Thabo Mbeki South Africa's second democratically elected president.
- 2000 - Performs at the first South African, World Aids Day concert and conference singing: The Future Ain't What it Used to Be. The event was broadcast live, worldwide.
- 2006 - Invited by SA Tourism to perform in India and is nominated as "India's Tourism Ambassador to South Africa, 2007."
  - Writes, records and performs the IFA (Independent Field Advertisers) anthem. IFA is the network marketing division of Clientele Life. The recording was released in house.

- 2008 - Performs at President Nelson Mandela's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Prior to his 90<sup>th</sup> Jennifer had performed on 6 of his previous birthdays, this would be the last time her beloved Madiba would be healthy enough to attend any further birthday celebrations and the last time she would perform for him in person.
- 2010 - Collaborates with South African sensation On-Que and records Through My Eyes. The song is written and produced by Willie Venter. Jennifer produces and arranges all vocals. The single is released independently.
- 2011 - Performs at the Madiba Legacy Concert performing her Grammy nominated song.
- 2013 - Appears in an episode of Season 1 of Jamie Oliver's South African version of Dream School SA. Jennifer is a mentor to school dropouts.
  - Co-produces and records her second album ReNewed, the album is released through Vonk Music.
- 2014 - Becomes LifeLine SA National Patron and LifeLine Vaal Triangle's ambassador.
- 2015 - Receives a Loyalty Award from Abraham Kriel, Stars for Charity for her continued support and performances on the annual event for the orphanage.
  - Relinquishes LifeLine National Patronship but remains LifeLine Vaal Triangle's Ambassador to date.
- 2016 - Receives the Sedibeng Mayoral Award in the category performing arts for her achievements and service to the community.

### **Production, Television and Radio:**

Jennifer is highly experienced in voiceover/jingle recording and has featured and performed in the following television commercials throughout her career: Mobil (voice & visuals, national TV and public performance campaign) Nik Naks (voice & visual, national TV), Take 2 Chocolate (voice, national TV), Caltex (voice only, in house and roadshow performance), Engen (voice & visuals, national TV and public performance campaign), Metropolitan Life (voice, in house and national TV), Joko Tea (voice, national TV), iWyze-Old Mutual Insurance (voice, national TV/Radio), Standard Bank (voice & visual, in house only) Opel (voice, national TV/Radio), Protea Hotels (voice, in house video and "on hold" track on national telephone systems), LiquiFruit (voice, national TV/Radio), UniFruiCo (music video, performance, in house export campaign)

### **Television appearances:**

The Juvenis – United Nations documentary (featuring the young life of Jennifer Jones) High heels & Hisses - magazine talk show (featured guest). Noot vir Noot - musical game show (performance). Musiek Roulette - musical game show (performance). So is dit met Steve - talk show (featured guest & performance). Kom 'n bietjie binne - talk show (featured guest & performance). Supersterre - talent competition (contestant coach). Afrikaans Idols – Idols SA spinoff talent show (guest judge). Kwela – magazine talk show (featured guest & performance). Felicia Mabuza Suttle Show – talk show (featured guest). Glitterati – magazine talk show (featured guest). Zing – talent show (prime judge).

### **National talent shows/competitions:**

Zing – prime judge for 2 years. Afrikaans Idols – guest judge. Kaapse Jol 2007 Tiener Kompetisie (teenage competition) – prime judge. Patricia Lewis Supersterre 2007 – contestant coach. Patricia Lewis Supersterre 2010 – guest judge.

### **International:**

Jennifer Jones has performed internationally in the following countries: England, Scotland, Italy, Switzerland, Hong Kong, India, Nigeria, Ghana, Morocco, Egypt, Seychelles Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, eSwatini (Swaziland), Lesotho.

### **Closing:**

Jennifer Jones sets her performance standards high and on par with international trends. She is a highly professional performer and entertainer who will add value to any production, show or event with her unique voice, subtle wit and larger than life personality.

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# Links

**Website:** [www.jenniferjones.co.za](http://www.jenniferjones.co.za)

**Videos:** [Slow Down](#)

[The Future Ain't What It Used to Be](#)

[Where the World Began](#)

[Mandela, Father of The Nation](#)