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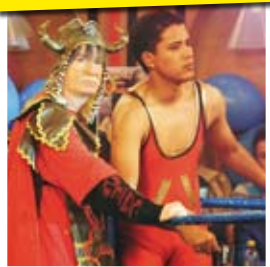
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# Generations

## 15 years of memories!

Generations celebrates its 15th birthday this month so we've compiled our list of 15 top moments that have helped make the soapie such a hit in South Africa.

### 2 the end of back of the moon

Sonny (Cedwyn Joel) was devastated when his bar Back of the Moon, the only thing he owned, burnt down. It led to his decision to leave town. Later Karabo and Sibusiso decided to resurrect the bar Sonny once owned and had a huge bash for the opening of the new bar, now called Tsalanang.



### 3 tau's funeral

Who could forget Tau's (Rapulana Seiphemo) emotional funeral! Tau was shot by Jack Mabaso (Vusi Kunene), just after he proposed to his true love Karabo and finally bonded with his daughter, Angela. The service was conducted in a church with everyone in their best outfits. Generations also shot the burial scenes at a real cemetery.



### 4 ntsiki is shot

Viewers loved to hate the bitchy Ntsiki (Pamela Nomvete), but everyone was stunned when she was shot and left paralysed. It was eventually revealed that her friend Sarah-Lee (Hanlie Rolfse-Opperman) had shot her after Ntsiki betrayed her. Sarah-Lee could think of only one way to solve her problem – kill Ntsiki.



### 7 jack's death

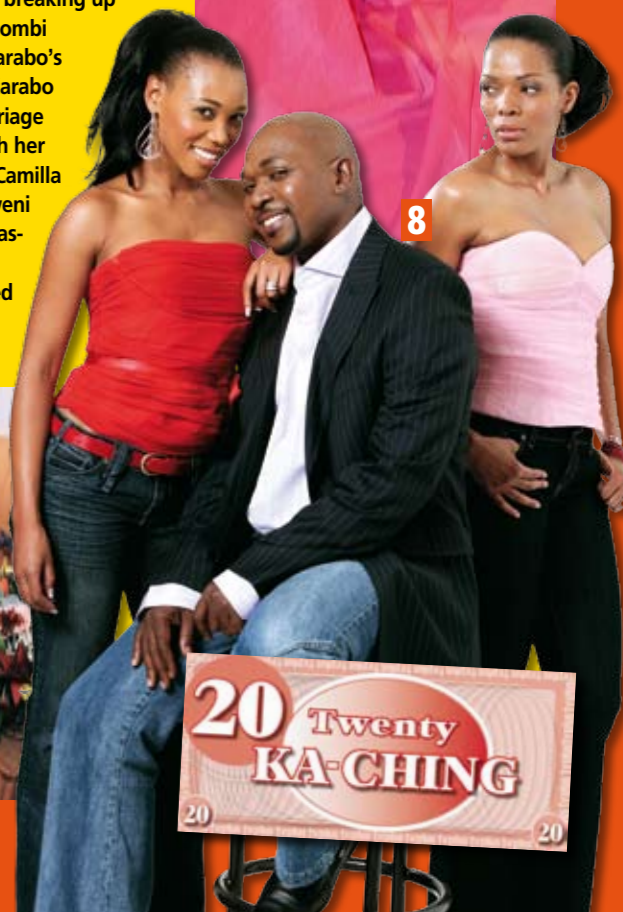
Sibusiso's number one enemy Jack Mabaso died in hospital after he was badly injured and left in a coma. Busi's long-time boyfriend had made a lot of enemies during his life. It turns out Busi actually killed Jack by injecting him with a fatal dose of penicillin while he was in a coma.



### 8 the karabo, sibusiso and ntombi love triangle

Unlucky-in-love Karabo (Connie Ferguson) was once again involved in a love triangle when she fell pregnant with Sibusiso's son in 2007. This resulted in Sibusiso (Menzi Ngubane) breaking up with girlfriend Ntombi (Sonia Sedibe), Karabo's best friend. But Karabo suffered a miscarriage while in a lift with her colleague Anne (Camilla Waldman) at Ezweni – leaving her devastated. Sibusiso eventually married Ntombi.

(turn over)



There've been countless favourite moments in Generations that have kept viewers entertained.

In the first episode there was an opening shot of gospel singer Rebecca Malope singing at Mama Moroka's funeral. Soon, we were introduced to the Moroka

family and the New Horizons advertising agency. Since the show started airing on SABC on 4 February 1994, it has evolved from a weekly broadcast to a much loved daily soapie. tvplus looks back at 15 of the most pivotal Generations storylines (in no particular order).

### 1 anne and busi's final fight

Anne (Camilla Waldman) betrayed her enemy Busi (Leleti Khumalo) by stealing her shares at Ezweni. After Kenneth blackmailed Anne during a fashion design project which Ezweni was running, Anne opted to sell her shares and leave

the country. But before she could leave, Busi, who had in turn sabotaged Anne's design project, lost it completely and shot Anne in Sibusiso's apartment. Busi then committed suicide by jumping off the balcony – leaving everyone shocked and Sibusiso with so many questions about his sister.



### 6 vivian gives birth

Vivian (Faye Peters) made soapie history when the dramatic footage of the birth of her baby daughter was aired. She was married to Glen Majozi (Roderick Jaftha), but had an affair with one of his colleagues and became pregnant. Glen died while Vivian was giving birth when the building he was in collapsed.



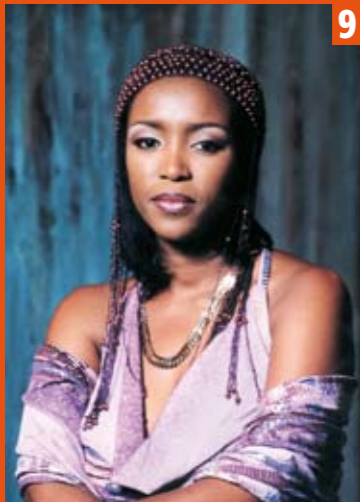
### 5 khethiwe becomes a model

Khethiwe (Winnie Modise) was on cloud nine when she heard she'd landed the La Cioccolata modelling contract. The young, naïve village girl from KwaZulu-Natal was turned into a stylish, glamorous model. Unfortunately, her modelling career came to an end when Dumisane's crazy sister-in-law Belinda (Lulu Nxosi) stabbed her in the face on New Year's Eve last year.



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### 10 who's your daddy?

First Bradley (Clint Brink) discovered his real father was none other than his boss and fellow barman, Sonny. Later he was stunned to find out his mother was Anne de Villiers, the manipulative and bitchy business-woman who used to run a brothel. But he's not the only one. Last year, Grace also discovered her real father was not Paul but his brother Kenneth (Seputla Sebogodi). What made it worse was that Karabo blurted it out in front of guests at an MM-Live party.



### 14 queen becomes a moroka

Queen (Sophie Ndaba) has always loved the Moroka brothers. She first had a fling with Archie (Sello Maake ka Ncube), but then set her sights on his brother, Zakes. They got married and Queen became part of the family – a Moroka at last. Unfortunately, Zakes was killed on their wedding day. Later Queen fell pregnant and had Terence's child (Zakes' brother), Prinnie.

### 9 khensani almost marries noah

Khensani Moroka (Phemelo Motene) made a shocking discovery when she found out that her boyfriend Noah (Zolile Nokwe), whom she was about to marry, was also her long-lost twin brother. What a story! This revelation caused Noah to lose it completely and find salvation in drugs.



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### 12 chris brown surprises ajax

US R&B star Chris Brown (now in the media for the wrong reasons!) surprised viewers with a visit to the Generations set while touring SA in 2007. He appeared in an episode with Ajax (Psyfo Ngwenya), surprising him in hospital after Ajax was involved in a car accident. They recorded a song together that gave Ajax hope for his career as a rap artist.



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### 13 zinzi and zoleka's big switch

Twin sisters Zinzi and Zoleka (S'thandiwe Kgoroge) both fell in love with Archie Moroka, but Archie eventually married Zoleka. She fell pregnant with his child, but after contracting measles, she miscarried and could not have children. Zoleka asked Zinzi to switch places with her without Archie's knowledge and have his child. Big mistake on Zoleka's part – when a furious Archie found out he left her. But they later reconciled.



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### 11 julia's secret

Tau was stunned when he discovered he had a daughter with Julia (Xolile Tshabalala). Julia kept this secret from him, Angela (Dineo Nchabeleng) and Khaya (Akin Omotoso) who thought Angela was his daughter. Then Julia and Khaya died and their son Jonathan (Wright Ngubeni) and Angela went to live with Tau.



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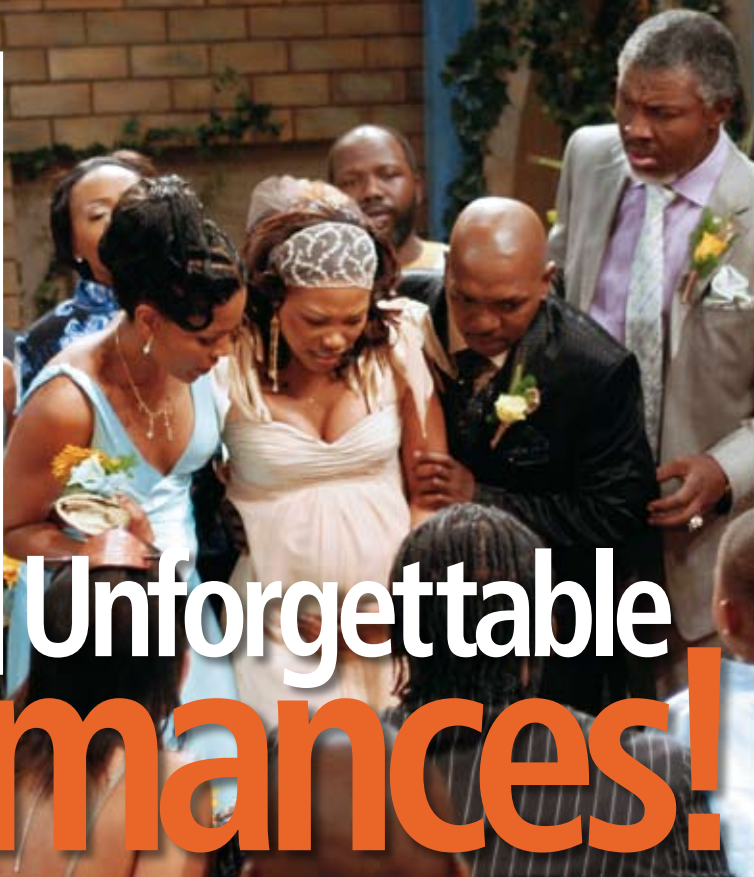
### 15 the scheming mamfundisi

Do you remember the devious Mamfundisi (Vatiswa Ndara) who was stealing from elderly people? She tricked them into transferring all their savings to her account to help a church, but was really using the money to buy cars and fancy new clothes. She fooled the vulnerable Zoleka by convincing her to give up all her possessions and leave her family to live in the church with the rest of her followers. The church was eventually uncovered and the victims rescued from a fire when Mamfundisi tried to destroy evidence of her scheme.

**nb!** Tell us about your favourite Generations storylines! We'll publish your favourite moments in a later issue of tvplus. SMS TVPLUS MEMORIES with your comments to 32113 or email tvplus@media24.com. SMSes cost R1 each.



We look back at some of the best Generations romances from the past 15 years.



# Unforgettable romances!

## ntombi's weddings

One of the most romantic moments in the soapie was when Ntombi (Sonia Sedibe) finally married the love of her life, Sibusiso Dlomo (Menzi Ngubane). The wedding was meant to be a surprise for the heavily pregnant Ntombi on Christmas Day in 2007. Queen secretly planned it, but Ntombi found out and almost tried to stop it. It took much convincing by Sibusiso and Ntombi eventually agreed. But on the wedding day (pictured left) Ntombi went into labour while at the altar, giving birth to Sibusiso's daughter, Christina. In September last year (inset left) Ntombi got to plan her own wedding. First, they had a traditional wedding at her home in KwaZulu-Natal before returning to Joburg for the glamorous white wedding. Ntombi was thrilled to finally become Mrs Dlomo and we were so happy too!

**n**o soapie is complete without a perfect wedding or romance involving some of the best-loved TV couples. Generations has produced many wonderful love dramas and we pay tribute to five special romances that have stood out in the past 15 years.

## shaan and dev's wedding

Generations had its first traditional Indian wedding when Shaan (Thahira Sayed) and Deven (Strini Pillai) got married. Shaan was very late for the wedding, keeping Deven and the guests waiting. But when the bride eventually arrived, the ceremony took place with no hiccups. The couple exchanged necklaces instead of rings.



Steve and Queen

## queen's engagement

After disappointments on the romantic front, Queen (Sophie Ndaba) found love with Steve (Don Mosenye), a marketing director of Pep, who had business dealings with New Horizons. They started dating, after she landed the Pep business account on her own terms, and soon fell madly in love with each other. Steve later proposed to Queen and she accepted, but they (together with Prinnie) had to move to Australia. Of course everyone was sad to see Queen leave, but they were also happy for her new-found romance. But before you could blink Queen was back in town with Prinnie. She hated life in Oz and returned home without Steve.



Shaan and Deven

## unlucky karabo

Karabo (Connie Ferguson) was born into the wealthy Moroka family and always dated men her family didn't approve of. She dated doctor Mandla Sithole (Fana Mokoena), who tried to kill her, but Glen (Rodrick Jaftha) saved her. Soon she was involved with Tau (Rapulana Seiphemo), who'd had a relationship and a baby with Tsego (Rosie Motene). Tau turned out to be the love of her life, before he was shot by Jack (Vusi Kunene). Karabo briefly dated Sibusiso, fell pregnant, married him, but lost the baby. After they broke up, she met her current boyfriend, Paul Mashaba (Siyabonga Twala). We hope this is the man of Karabo's dreams – finally.



Mandla and Karabo



Archie and Zoleka on their wedding day

## archie and zoleka's wedding

Archie Moroka (Sello Maake ka-Ncube) fell in love and eventually married Zoleka Mda (S'thandiwe Kgoroge). Zoleka was a deeply spiritual person and her wedding gown and head-dress stayed true to her traditional roots, but she merged it well with modern, western tradition. It was a wonderful union of the powerful, strong Archie Moroka from the rich and influential Moroka family and the calm, serene and spiritual Zoleka. Things looked so good for them – then tragedy struck. Archie died of a heart attack after much drama and sadness. Poor Zoleka was heartbroken and suffered a breakdown. ☹

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Generations creator Mfundi Vundla and actresses Connie Ferguson (Karabo) and Sophie Ndaba (Queen) have been with the soapie since its inception. tvplus reminisces with them about the early days, their highlights and 15 fabulous years on South Africa's best loved soapie.

## Connie Ferguson

**Why did you audition for Generations?** I was a model at the time and wanted to get into more TV shows. My modelling agency sent me for an audition. Generations was initially meant to be a 52-episode series that was meant to play once a week. This was a huge project for me as I'd done some other work before then, but never acted in a series this big. **Looking back at my audition . . .** I remember wearing black jeans and a cerise pink top that I thought was hip at the time. I didn't know Sophie Ndaba back then, but I did see her in the queue for the auditions. All I focused on that day was getting the role of Karabo. As soon as I entered the audition room, I gave it my all and they couldn't help but award the part to me.

**What's been your favourite Generations moment?** A memorable storyline I had was when Karabo was blind. Karabo was in love with Glen Majozi and his ex-wife poisoned Karabo's eye drops, which left her blind. In order to become blind I wore opaque contact lenses that made me feel as if I was stuck in a dark cloud. Every time I wore them on set I would get heart palpitations because I really couldn't see. Playing the role of a blind character made me empathise more with blind people.

**Karabo has been unlucky in love. What relationships have stood out for you?** I really enjoyed working with Fana Mokoena who played Mandla. Their relationship seemed very real to me. But Tau was the love of her life. Tau and Karabo had a volatile relationship, but they truly loved each other. Where she is with Paul right now shows there might be something to explore for a possible long-term relationship.

**What's it like having worked on Generations for 15 years?**

I am blessed to have enjoyed this rollercoaster journey at Generations for the past 15 years, and I've grown with the show – with the cast and crew that I love so much.

**Sophie Ndaba is . . .** my sister from another mother! As much as we've grown with the show we've grown to know, appreciate and understand each other. We relate like sisters and I love her so much.

Connie Ferguson is Karabo Moroka

Generations creator Mfundi Vundla

Sophie Ndaba is Queen Moroka

## Sophie Ndaba

**Being a part of Generations for the past 15 years . . .** has been an amazing dream come true for me. Mfundi had an amazing concept that he believed in – and who would have thought that it would still be a success on TV 15 years later? It just shows if you believe in something that much, it will have longevity. I'm grateful to the show's producers, crew, scriptwriters, cast and fans for believing in me as an actor and for believing in my character. **How did you land the part?** I auditioned for the role of Karabo. Connie Ferguson (Karabo) and I were both models, and when they started filming in 1993 it

was a time when all models thought they could act. Connie proved to be a better fit for the role of Karabo as she was more powerful on camera and could speak Tswana fluently (which was required for the part). I, on the other hand, was average in height and could only speak a little bit of Tswana here and there. After my failed audition, Mfundi Vundla saw something special in me and call me to say that he'd created Queen just for me and offered me a cameo role.

**A cameo role?** Yes, Queen was meant to be this stylish, comedic character that would bring some spunk to the show. I was only meant to act in four or five episodes, but I went to Mfundi and said I could help make this character even bigger. Coming from Soweto, I knew how to spunk Queen up and more than 15 years later, she's still in Generations. **Will she ever find her Stevie Wonder (aka dream man)?** Queen loves

weddings, but ultimately when she sees someone else getting married, she wishes she too had someone to call her very own. She does have commendable strength in that she can cry about her failed romances today and forget about it the very next day. After her engagement to Steve, Queen focused on herself and Prinnie and hasn't dated since. I truly hope she finds love in the near future. She's so ready for it!

**What are your highlights?** When Queen had to do community service at an orphanage – because she would otherwise never get her hands dirty! When she went to the orphanage, viewers got to see the real Queen as we knew her 15 years ago. **What's it been like working with Connie Ferguson?** I've learnt a lot from her. We celebrate each other's achievements and I respect her as an actor. We're like sisters and working with her has been a tremendous honour. I love her so much!

## Mfundi Vundla

**How did the idea for Generations come about?** In 1993, the SABC approached me with the idea of writing a soap opera for the channel. I was asked to submit a proposal and was up against a few other candidates – including the late (renowned South African playwright) Gibson Kente. My proposed

show was set inside the advertising industry, and was inspired by friends who had left established advertising agencies to form the first black advertising agency in South Africa at the time, called Herdbuoys. The world of advertising has very eccentric, visual and creative people within its profession. That inspired Generations. **Was it a long process to get the green light?** The process wasn't very long. A month after I had pitched my idea, I was told I had won the contract to have my own soapie on TV. I was put in touch with the production company shortly afterwards

and we worked on writing the first season's storylines together. **How did it grow?** For the first year we aired one episode a week. Then the SABC decided to air Generations three times a week and the soapie was then contracted to my own production house, Morula Pictures. By that time, Friedrich Stark worked on the show as the main producer and I was the executive producer. Before we knew it, Generations was a daily soapie and it's still going strong today!

**Where did the idea for Queen and Karabo's characters come from?** We needed Queen in the soapie as an eccentric and comic character who showed her wisdom through comedy. For Karabo, I felt we needed a daughter in the storyline, the daughter of the founder of New Horizons. **Why has the show become so popular?** Generations showed a life of luxury – which was unreal at the time – and I wanted to make it as aspirational as possible.

**Who are some of your favourite characters that you've helped to create?** Paul Moroka (David Phetoe), Archie Moroka (Sello Maake ka Ncube),

Masebube (Lillian Dube), Priscilla (Tina Jaxa-Billie) and Sonny (Cedwyn Joel). **What's the recipe to Generations' success?** We have a great production team, a good main producer in Friedrich Stark and a good writing team. We also have great directors and our cast is fabulous. I've learnt to make my cast happy because they give a lot of themselves to the show.

**What's been your highlight over the past 15 years?** When Nelson Mandela invited us to his residence in Pretoria in 1994. He gave us lunch and honoured us for our contribution to culture and nation-building in South Africa. That, for me, is bigger than all of the awards we've received.

**Actresses Connie Ferguson and Sophie Ndaba . . .** have proved beyond reasonable doubt there's a career to be made in acting and that women can aspire to be professionals in the acting business. They are role models and I'm honoured to have worked with them for the past 15 years.

**What would you still like to achieve?** I just want to continue to entertain and build a great TV programme and contribute to building the TV industry.

# Through the Generations

# Looking back

tvplus tracked down some of *Generations*' former stars to talk about their memories of the show and what they are doing now.



**portia joel**  
(Randy)  
**Fave *Generations* memory?** It was a real learning

curve for me and I got to work alongside my father (Cedwyn) on *Generations*. The show gave me a platform to grow as an actor and I'm really grateful to creator Mfundi Vundla.

**What have you been up to since *Generations*?** I've worked on a number of commercials and had roles in *Jacob's Cross*, *Erfsondes* and *Riemvasmaak*.



**s'thandiwe kgoroge**  
(Zoleka/Zinzi)  
**Fave memory?**

Zoleka and Archie's wedding. That day was really special.

**What have you been up to since?** Building houses for flood victims in KwaZulu-Natal. I also just got a call for an upcoming movie.



**tina jaxa-billie** (Priscilla)  
**Fave memory?**

When I was cast as Priscilla, I was overjoyed. We were treated like stars and I felt proud to be cast in such a powerful role.

**What have you been up to since?** I'm directing and producing SABC radio commercials in the 11 official languages.



**shaleen surtie-richards**  
(Mattie)  
**What did you**

**like and dislike about your character?** Mattie was a wonderful character, there was almost nothing to dislike. But I wasn't impressed that Mattie allowed her abusive relationship with her husband to go on for as long as it did.

**What have you been up to since?** I returned to Egoli after *Generations* as Nenna Willemse and have been there ever since.



**akin omotoso**  
(Kaya)  
**Fave memory?**

Strini Pillai, Rosie Motene, Clint Brink and I were always playing pranks on the extras, the cameramen or other actors. We were like an A-team of pranksters.

**What have you been up to since?** I formed a company with Robbie Thorpe and Kgomo Matsu-yane called T.O.M. Pictures in 2003. We produce TV shows, commercials, films and documentaries and among our work is *A Place Called Home* and *Late Night with Kgomo*.



**rosie motene**  
(Tsego)  
**Fave memory?**

The ones that stand out the most were my last few scenes with Shaleen Surtie-Richards. My character had found out her son had a rare condition. Our scenes were incredibly powerful and heart-wrenching.

**What have you been up to since?** I played the role of a receptionist in

**nb!** Don't miss a special episode on Thursday 26 February at 20:30. Connie Ferguson will host a one-hour special looking back at the storylines and actors who've all formed part of the success of *Generations*.

## I remember when . . .

**Winnie Modise (Khetiwe):** I remember when Khetiwe burnt Tau's shirt because she was too busy dancing while ironing. She tried to sew it back together. Those scenes were fun to film.

**Thami Mngqolo (Senzo):** My fave moment was my first day on set. It was the big wedding (Sibusiso and Ntombi). Everyone was there and I was so nervous.

**Menzi Ngubane (Sibusiso):** Out of all the fun memories on set, I remember doing a scene with Vusi Kunene which we rehearsed once and shot in one take. The crew applauded after the scene and someone said Robert De Niro and Al Pacino were in the house!

**Dumisane Sizwe-Mebe (Dumisane Shabane):** What stands out for me was when actor Sello Maake ka

Ncube came to the University of Cape Town drama school while I was a student there. And here I am working on the same soapie after all these years.

**Psyfo (Ajax):** I used to have a crush on Vivian, which was the only reason I watched *Generations* back then. I was disappointed when she gave birth in the hospital scene.

**Hotel Rwanda.** I was hired as a field and studio presenter on *Studio 53*, which I'm still on, and I now produce the programme too.



**wright ngubeni**  
(Jonathan)  
**What did you**

**dislike about your character?** Jonathan was a spoiled brat, which I wasn't.

**What have you been up to since?** I went behind the scenes as a trainee director at Clips Television and *Gospel Gold*. I did 30 episodes of *Rhythm City* before leaving to do corporate gigs. I'm now back at *Rhythm City* and enjoying it.



**candice derman** (Blue)  
**Fave memory?**

When Blue makes a hell of a lot of money and gives it away – it was such a selfless act.

**What have you been up to since?** I was in *Scandal!* for three years. I have just finished writing a book which should be out in August.



**abena ayivor**  
(Lerato)  
**What did you like**

**and dislike about your character?** She was not the most positive character, but she was a survivor.  
**What have you been up to since?** I've done some TV work, dramas and theatre, and I was in *Isidingo* for a while. 📺

**teMmg**  
**ABENA AYIVOR (Lerato)**  
**What did you dislike and like about your character?** I liked that she was a survivor. She was not the most positive character, but she was a survivor.

**What have you been up to since *Generations*?** A lot of TV work, dramas and theatre. I was in *Isidingo* for a while and the last thing I did was a *Castle Lite* advert.

**Headline:** "I Remember When . . ."  
**Teaser:** We chatted to some of the current *Generations* cast about their memories of the soapie.

**Winnie Modise (Khetiwe):** I can't forget about when Khetiwe burnt Tau's shirt because she was too busy dancing while ironing. She tried to sew it back together. I really enjoyed those scenes as they were fun and funny.

**Thami Mngqolo (Senzo):** The most memorable moment for me was my first day on set. It was the big wedding (Sibusiso and Ntombi). Everyone was there and I was so nervous. I had to wait all day for my scene, so the nerves only got worse. I was introduced to the entire cast and the crew helped me settle in. It was all worth it.

**Menzi Ngubane (Sibusiso):** I remember doing a scene with Vusi Kunene which we rehearsed once and shot in one take. The crew applauded after the scene and someone said Robert De Niro and Al Pacino are in the house.

**Katlego Danke (Dineo):** I can't forget how cool it was to wear orange and lime green together on-screen. The fashion truly had a 1980s feel.

**Dumisane Sizwe-Mebe (Dumisane Shabane):** What stands out for me was when actor Sello Maake ka Ncube came to the University of Cape