

# Khumba to be released in Afrikaans

In an exciting first for South Africa, 'Khumba', the South Africa film about a half-striped zebra who is blamed for the drought by his superstitious herd and forced to go in search of a magic waterhole, will be released in Afrikaans in cinemas when it opens on 25 October 2013.



'Khumba' is the second animated feature produced by Cape Town-based Triggerfish Animation Studios, following the successful global release of 'Adventures in Zambesia'. It features the voice of Liam Neeson as a malicious leopard, as well as the voices of Jake T Austin, AnnaSophia Robb, Lawrence Fishburn and Steve Buscemi. The film is directed by Anthony Silverston.

'Khumba' tells a story which is universal, so we are delighted to be able to release it in both English and Afrikaans as it will appeal to a wider audience," says director, Anthony Silverstone. "It's a great family story about the struggle to feel comfortable in your own skin and learning to fit in."

## About Khumba

The film tells the story of Khumba, a zebra who has only half his stripes. When he is blamed for the lack of rain by the rest of his insular, superstitious herd, he embarks on a daring quest. In his search for the legendary waterhole where the first zebras got their stripes, Khumba meets a quirky range of characters and teams up with an unlikely duo: Mama V, an overprotective wildebeest, and Bradley, a self-obsessed, flamboyant ostrich. But before he can reunite with his herd, Khumba has to come face to face with Phango, a sadistic leopard who controls the waterholes and terrorizes all the animals in the Great Karoo. It's not all black and white in this colorful adventure with a difference.

"It's a delightful story that is beautifully told," says Helen Kuun, CEO of Indigenous Film Distribution, which is releasing the film locally. "To be able to release a 3D animated film of this quality in Afrikaans is a major achievement for the industry and it's sure to delight audiences."

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