



KATE VAN DER MERWE (RYAN)

ART DIRECTOR
SET DECORATOR
PRODUCTION DESIGNER

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA

Date of Birth:	19 October 1979
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Nationality:	South African
Driver's License:	Code 08
Languages:	English

Achievements:

2001 - SAFTA Winner for Best Production Design in a Film
2025 – Amanda Award Winner for Best Production Design in a Film
2026 – SAFTA Winner for Best Art Direction in a Comedy TV Series

FEATURE FILMS

2026

Production : **Changing Gears**
Production : Blue Ice Africa
Director : Bille Woodruff
Position : **Assistant Set Decorator**

2025

Production : **Help – (Unstrung)**
Production : Blue Ice Africa
Director : Malcolm D Lee
Position : **Art Director**

2024

Production : **Alphas**
Production : Moonlighting
Director : Franz Lewis
Position : **On Set Art Director**

Production : **Safehouse**
Production : Northerlights Productions (Dou Productions)
Director : Eirik Svensson
Position : **Production Designer**

2023

Production : **My Spy 2**
Production : Roman Holiday Productions
Director : Pete Segal
Position : **Set Decorator**

2022

Production : **Girl You Know Its True**
Production : TOP Afrika
Director : Simon Verhoeven
Position : **Set Decorator**

Production : **Sam – A Saxon**
Production Co : TOP Afrika
Director : TBC
Position : **Art Director**

2021

Production : **Girl You Know its True (GYKIT)**
Production Co : TOP Afrika
Director : TBC
Position : **Set Decorator**

2019 and previous

Production	:	Riding with Sugar
Production Co	:	Riding with Sugar
Producer	:	Juli Lotter
Position	:	Production Designer
Production	:	Blood Drive
Production Co	:	Out Of Africa
DOP	:	Yaron Levy
Producer	:	Marc Halsey
Position	:	Set Dresser and Lead Man
Production	:	American Girl
Production Co	:	Out of Africa
Director	:	Nadia Tass
Production Designer	:	Brian Glaser
Position	:	Set Dresser
Production	:	Three Pegs
Production Co	:	Zen HQ
International Co	:	TT Film Productions
Production Designer	:	Andrew McCarthy
Position	:	Set Decorator
Production	:	Restless
Production Co	:	Moonlighting Films
International Co	:	Endor Productions – UK
Director	:	Edward Hall
Set Decorator	:	Andrew McCarthy
Position	:	Set Dresser Lead Man
Production	:	Death Race 3
Production Co	:	Moonlighting Films
International Co	:	Universal Studios
Producers	:	Paul Anderson, Jeremy Bolt, Mike Elliott
Director	:	Roel Reine
Position	:	Set Dressing Lead Man
Production	:	Safehouse
Production Co	:	Moonlighting Films
International Co	:	Stuber Productions
Producers	:	Scott Stuber/Genevieve Hofmeyr
Director	:	Alexander Witt
Position	:	Set Dresser

Production	:	Mission Crane
Production Co	:	Two Oceans Productions
International Co	:	TV60 Film
Int Producer	:	Andreas Schneppe
Director	:	Andreas Senn
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Sisters
Production Co	:	Moonlighting Films
International Co	:	Company Pictures
Producers	:	Mark Pybus/Genevieve Hofmeyr
Director	:	Miranda Bowen
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Laconia
Production Co	:	Two Oceans Productions
International Co	:	Teamworx GmbH
Producers	:	Nico Hofmann, Dr Jürgen Schuster, Klaus Zimmermann
Director	:	Uwe Jansen
Position	:	Props Buyer
Production	:	Summer in Cape Town
Production Co	:	Two Oceans Productions
International Co	:	TeamworX Television & Film GmbH
Producers	:	Ariane Krampe
Director	:	Imogen Kimmel
Position	:	Set Dresser
Production	:	Song of Whales
Production Co	:	Two Oceans Productions
International Co	:	TeamworX Television & Film GmbH
Producers	:	Nico Hoffmann, Sascha Schwingel, Moritz von Koss
Director	:	Philipp Kadelbach
Position	:	Props Buyer
Production	:	1st Ladies Detective
Production Co	:	Film Afrika
International Co	:	The Weinstein Company - USA
Producers	:	Richard Curtis, Amy Moore
Director	:	Charles Sturridge, Tim Fywell
Position	:	Props Buyer
Production	:	3 Investigators –Terror Castle
Production Co	:	Two Oceans Productions
International Co	:	Studio Hamburg International Production
Producers	:	Multe Grunert, Sytze van der Laan
Director	:	Florian Baxmeyer

Art Directors : Belinda Johnson and Chritophe Delberg
Position : **Props Buyer**

Production : **Land of Thirst**
Production Co : Veluka Productions
Production manager : Kate Kvalsvig
Producers : Julie Frederikse, Madoda, Ncayiyana
Director : Meg Rickards
Position : **Set Dresser**

Production : **Secret Agent**
Production Co : Eagle Films
Art Director : Lisa Hart
Props Master : Martin van Geems
Position : **Props Buyer**

Production : **uCarmen eKhayelitsha Premier**
Production Co : Spier Films
Line Producer : Niki Hall-Jones
Position : **Props Master**

Production : **Monsieur N**
Production Co : Reeleyes
Producer : Shona Calligun
Position : **Props / Art Dept. Assistant**

TV SERIES

2023

Production : **TMA (The Morning After)**
Production Co : Moonlighting 44 productions
Director : Thiery Cassatu – Karen Jeynes – Cindy Lee
Position : **Production Designer**

2022

Production : **The Power**
Production Co : Film Afrika
Director : Ollie Downey
Position : **Set Dressing Lead Man**

Production : **Raised By Wolves 2 (filming)**
Production Co : Film Afrika
Director : Sunu Gonera
Position : **Directors Art Liasson**

Production	:	REFRAMED: The Many Lives of Marilyn Monroe
Production Co	:	Trilogy
Director	:	Karen McGann
Position	:	Production Designer
Production	:	Vagrant Queen
Production Co	:	Blue Ice
DOP	:	Trevor Caverley
Producer	:	Andrew Strachan
Position	:	Set Dresser and Lead Man
Production	:	Our Girl
Production Co	:	Out Of Africa
DOP	:	Stijn Van Der Veken
Producer	:	Gail McQuillan
Position	:	Set Dresser
Production	:	Black Mirror (Nosedive)
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Line Producer q	:	Angela Phillips
Position	:	Set Dresser
Production	:	The Crown
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
DoP	:	Adriano Goldman
Producer	:	Michael Casey
Set Decorator	:	Sophie Coombes
Position	:	Set Dresser
Production	:	Homeland S4
Production Co	:	Moonlighting Films
International Co	:	Fox 21
DoP	:	David Klein
Director	:	Seith Mann
Set Decorator	:	Andrew McCarthy
Position	:	Set Dresser Lead Man
Production	:	Young Leonardo
Production Co	:	Out of Africa
Production Designer	:	Brian Glazer
Position	:	Set Dresser
Production	:	History Of Britain
Production Co	:	Film Afrika
International Co	:	BBC
Director	:	Nick Green
Position	:	Set Dressing Lead Man

TV SERIES- LOCAL

Production : **HIV 2010**
Production Co : Community Health Media Trust
Position : **Art Director**

Production : **Siyakholwa – “We Believe”**
Production Co : Xcon Films
Position : **Art Director**

Production : **Beat It - Siyayinqoba**
Production Co : Community Health Media Trust
Position : **Art Director / Set Design / Construction**

Production : **Techno Challenge**
Production Co : Atomik Pictures
Position : **Art Director / Set Design**

Production : **Sex, Drugs and HIV**
Production Co : Community Health Media Trust
Position : **Art Director / Set Design / Construction**

Production : **Beat It**
Production Co : Community Health Media Trust
Position : **Art Director / Set Design / Construction**

Production : **Beat It**
Production Co : Idol Pictures
Position : **Art Director / Set Design / Construction**

Production : **Kululeka**
Production Co : Penguin Films
Position : **Props Assistant**

Production : **Fear Factor**
Production Co : Endemol
H.O.D. : Craig Ginsberg
Position : Stunt Woman / Runner

COMMERCIALS

2026

Production : **Jacamo**
Production Co : Monkey Films
Position : Set Decorator

Producer : JC Smuts

2025

Production : **Ford**
Production Co : MR Films
Position : Art Director

2024

Production : **Spekko Rice**
Production Co : Fort Productions
Position : Props Master
Art Director : Sam Lotter Dell

2023

Production : **Eastpak (Built to Resist)**
Production Co : Superkind
Producer : Laura Munro
Position : Art Director

2022

Production : **Aldi**
Production Co : Giant Films
Position : Props Master
Art Director : Neil Swanepoel

Production : **Finn Travel**
Production Co : NNB (Gatehouse)
Position : Art Director
Director : Lars Flemmen

2021

Production : **Two Good Yoghurt**
Production Co : McKenzie Rudolph
Position : Props Assistant
Art Director : Neil Swanepoel

Previous commercial work:

Production : **Lowitz**
Production Co : Atomik Pictures
Position : Props Assistant

Production : **Ferrero Milsh**
Production Co : Orange Films
Position : Standby Props

Production	:	DNA
Production Co	:	Shoot Away
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Karvan
Production Co	:	With Milk
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Campina
Production Co	:	Cyclone Films
Position	:	Set Dresser
Production	:	Leclerc – in production
Production Co	:	Bird Films
Position	:	Set Dresser
Production	:	Polident
Production Co	:	Juice Films
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Yoplait
Production Co	:	Lobster Tree
Producer	:	Allison Levin
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Gamme Vert
Production Co	:	Lobster Tree
Producer	:	Allison Levin
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Guard
Production Co	:	Golden Planes
Producer	:	Santie De Bruyn
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Star Beer
Production Co	:	Red Dot Productions
Producer	:	Brad Logan
Position	:	Art Director

Production	:	Gervais
Production Co	:	Lobster Tree
Producer	:	Juli Lotter
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Orange
Production Co	:	Lobster Tree
Producer	:	Juli Lotter
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Aerial - Ghana
Production Co	:	Fabulous Boomtown Boys
Producer	:	Murray MacDonald
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Feast
Production Co	:	Golden Planes
Producer	:	Santie De Bruyn
Director	:	Etienne de Villiers
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Ideal Milk Ghana
Production Co	:	Fabulous Boomtown Boys
Producer	:	Murray MacDonald
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Safeguard
Production Co	:	Golden Planes
Producer	:	Herman Le Roux
Director	:	Etienne de Villiers
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	LIDL
Production Co	:	Fabulous Boomtown Boys
Producer	:	Murray MacDonald
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Jack Mantis Music Video
Production Co	:	Independant
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Lucozade
Production Co	:	MIA Films
Intl Production Co	:	Maxfilms (Ireland)
Producer	:	Eric Vidart-Loeb
Director	:	Phil Contomichalos
Art Director	:	Riccardo Pugliese

Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Fabulite
Production Co	:	Kiss Films
Position	:	Props Master / Packs
Production	:	Sarita
Production Co	:	Frieze Films
Position	:	Standby Props
Production	:	Village Centre
Production Co	:	Philo Films
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Blue Star
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	VW
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Bifi
Production Co	:	Razorsharp Films
Position	:	Packs
Production	:	Apples
Production Co	:	Golden Planes
Art Director	:	Theo Kleynhans
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Persil
Production Co	:	GateHouse
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Shark Conservation PSA
Production Co	:	Stillking Films
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	BAM
Production Co	:	Passing Trains
Position	:	Art Director

Production	:	T7 - Stills
Production Co	:	Philo Films
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Campina Optiwell
Production Co	:	Navigator Films
Art Director	:	Louise Knepscheld
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	KIABI 8
Production Co	:	MIA Films
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Body on Tap
Production Co	:	Passing Trains
Art Director	:	Theo Kleynhans
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Paulig
Production Co	:	Big Picture Company
Art Director	:	Louise Knepscheld
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Upcider
Production Co	:	Philo Films
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Props Cataloguing
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Quella
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Golden
Production Co	:	Passing Trains
Prod Manager	:	Herman
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Voodoo
Production Co	:	Philo Films
Prod Manager	:	Gian Corona
Position	:	Art Director

Production	:	Vista
Production Co	:	Faith Creations
Art Director	:	Louise Knepscheld
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Vicks
Production Co	:	Rolling Pictures
Art Director	:	Louise Knepscheld
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Woolworths
Production Co	:	Jupiter Drawing Room
Position	:	Sourcing
Production	:	Walls
Production Co	:	The Shooting Gallery
Art Director	:	Louise Knepscheld
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Gosser Beer
Production Co	:	Boom Town
Position	:	Jnr Art Director
Production	:	Save the Children
Production Co	:	Philo Films
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	E.on
Production Co	:	Philo Films
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Svenska Spel
Production Co	:	Philo Films
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Appelsientje
Production Co	:	Razor Sharp Films
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Secrets
Production Co	:	GGM Productions
Art Director	:	Theo Kleynhans
Position	:	Props Master

Production	:	Viva
Production Co	:	Visual Kitchen
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Kas – Anti Odas
Production Co	:	Visual Kitchen
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Lipton
Production Co	:	Philo Films
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Orange Ltd.
Production Co	:	Saatchi & Saatchi
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Bional
Production Co	:	Shooting Gallery
Art Director	:	Martin van Geems
Position	:	Packs
Production	:	KFC
Production Co	:	Boomtown Productions
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Infusion
Production Co	:	GGM International
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Carling
Production Co	:	Boomtown Productions
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	Olmecca Tequila
Production Co	:	Boomtown Productions
Position	:	Art Director
Production	:	BLM08-05
Production Co	:	BLM Productions
Art Director	:	David Scales
Position	:	Props Assistant

Production	:	JC Le Roux
Production Co	:	Collective Energy
Art Director	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Persil
Production Co	:	Shooting Gallery
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Persil (Stills)
Production Co	:	Shooting Gallery
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Black & Decker
Production Co	:	Suburban Films
Line Producer	:	Liza Crick
Art Director	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Robeco
Production Co	:	Razorsharp Films
Line Producer	:	Janine Vasilantonakis
Art Director	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Nokia Yangste (Stills)
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Line Producer	:	Cheryl De Carvalho
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Nokia Idefix (Stills)
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Line Producer	:	Cheryl De Carvalho
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Jet Air
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Line Producer	:	Jackie Nel
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Coke Lite (TVC)
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Line Producer	:	Cheryl De Carvalho
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Coke Lite (Stills)

Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Line Producer	:	Cheryl De Carvalho
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Beat It II
Production Co	:	Idol Pictures
Position	:	Art Director / Set Design / Construction
Production	:	Kingdom Holding Company
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Line Producer	:	Libbi Ball
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Siemens Corporate
Production Co	:	Boom Town
Producer	:	Geraldine Bolton
Position	:	Jnr Art Director
Production	:	Sobranie
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
H.O.D.	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Art Department Assistant
Production	:	Crunchips
Production Co	:	Twin Films
H.O.D.	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Art Department Assistant
Production	:	Rabea Tea
Production Co	:	Shakin the Tree
H.O.D.	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Art Department Assistant
Production	:	Adesso
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
H.O.D.	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Flair
Production Co	:	Shooting Gallery
H.O.D.	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Art Department Assistant
Production	:	Maxbo
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
H.O.D.	:	Richard Cook

Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Prayer
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
H.O.D.	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Art Department Assistant
Production	:	Rabea Tea
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
H.O.D.	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Art Department Assistant
Production	:	Cadbury's
Production Co	:	Gatehouse
Position	:	Props Master
Production	:	Luminous
Production Co	:	Freshwater Films
H.O.D.	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Art Dept. Assistant / Chaperone to Richard Cook
Production	:	C & A Bodyguard
Production Co	:	Freshwater Films
H.O.D.	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Art Dept. Assistant / Chaperone to Richard Cook
Production	:	Colgate
Production Co	:	Reeleyes
H.O.D.	:	Richard Cook
Position	:	Art Dept. Assistant / Chaperone to Richard Cook
Production	:	Persil
Production Co	:	Navigator Films
H.O.D.	:	Sandi Sher
Position	:	Chaperone
Production	:	Dream Travel
Production Co	:	Two Oceans Productions
H.O.D.	:	Terry Chicken
Position	:	Art Dept. Assistant
Production	:	Amena 1
Production Co	:	Moonlighting
Position	:	Art Dept. Assistant
Production	:	GMC
Production Co	:	Cape Direct

H.O.D.	:	Suzanne
Position	:	Chaperone
Production	:	Blue Light
Production Co	:	Monkey Films
H.O.D.	:	Simon Rees
Position	:	Art Dept. Assistant
Production	:	Visa
Production Co	:	Reel Africa
H.O.D.	:	Dimitri
Position	:	Art Dept. Assistant

QUALIFICATIONS

Autocad	Interior Design
Photography	Public Relations
Office Computing	Secretarial

