



ACTOR

SOMKELE IYAMAH IDHALAMA



Professional, talented and humble are the most recurrent words used to describe Somkele... a multi talented actor that effortlessly grabs the attention of her audience every time. Born in Lagos, Nigeria, Somkele grew up the third child of four children. Having a father who was always a lover of music, she easily became the entertainer of the home and fell in love with her first art form, dance. She quickly developed a dependency to express herself artistically through dance and drama. Her parents noticing her unique talents, enrolled her in Grange School, Lagos where she would harness her passion and eventually go on to play the lead role in the annual school recital.

Academically adept, Somkele turned down an opportunity to model under Ford Modeling Agency Canada at the age of 17 to focus on her education. Not giving up, she continued to develop her passion by volunteering in the arts for charity shows [Invisible children and Young Cancer Survivors] in Canada whilst modelling for pay on holiday in Nigeria and getting comfortable in front of the camera with her personal YouTube channel. She has featured in various national campaigns for corporate and fashion brands like Visafone, Harp, Andrea Iyamah amongst others. Graduating in 2011 with a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from McMaster University, Canada she decided to take her passion into her hands utilizing her experience of working in diverse fields.

'Best Friends'. Trudging along, her next few roles in film led her to share the screen with Hollywood's renowned, Danny Glover alongside Nollywood veterans such as Bimbo Akintola, Iretiola Doyle, Rita Dominic, Osas Ighodaro, Richard Mofe Damijo, Gideon Okeke, OC Ukeje amongst many others. She has also shared screen time with Hollywood veteran, Danny Glover in the biopic, *93 DAYS* where she plays one of the surviving doctors who caught Ebola in Nigeria directed by Steve Gukas. In 2016, her roles in *93 Days*, *The Wedding Party* and *The Arbitration* got her the first ever **Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) International Rising Star Selection (Female)** and several other awards. All three films went on to premiere at TIFF that year. Her latest project has her working alongside Hollywood's Eric Roberts in *A Soldier's Story: Return From The Dead*.

A ball of energy and an avid believer in living out your full potential, Somkele is a working machine who can take on various tasks simultaneously. As a lover of sports growing up, she mastered the discipline of leading a physically active lifestyle that has booked her several TV and magazine interviews. When Somkele is not in the news for her movies or healthy lifestyle, she has been recognized for her sense of style. She serves as the Regional Head of the fashion brand, Andrea Iyamah and Co-manager of the make-up brand, Switch Cosmetics.

Of all her involvements, the most important thing to her is family. Being a mother, sister, wife and daughter, she couldn't possibly do all that she does without support. Somkele is honestly living her life the best way she feels how and being honest about it. No matter what she does, she does not do anything she does not believe in.

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Her first ever audition landed her the lead role giving her the confidence to never look back. Her most notable works for TV are in the AMVCA nominated and critically acclaimed series, *'GIDI UP'* by NdaniTv and EbonyLife TV's

PLAYING AGE: 18-35

ACCENTS: Nigerian, Canadian, Southern American, Nigerian Broken English, British

LANGUAGES: English

SKILLS: Urban dance Choreography, Swimming, Moderate-high Intensity Fitness, Singing [Alto]

HEIGHT: 5ft10.5

HAIR: Black

EYES: Brown

BUST: 35"

WAIST: 28"

HIPS: 40.5"

DRESS: 6/8 US / 10UK

SHOES: 11 US / 42 EU / 9 UK

BUILD: Lean Muscle



FILM	YEAR	2019	2017	2017	2016	2016	2016	2015
	TITLE	A Soldier's Story: Return From The Dead	Lara and The Beat	The Wedding Party 2	The Wedding Party	93 Days	The Arbitration	The Department
	ROLE	Zaya	Dara	Yemisi	Yemisi	Dr. Ada Igonoh	Omawunmi	Ireti
	CATEGORY	Lead	Supporting	Supporting	Supporting	Supporting	Supporting	Supporting
	DIRECTOR	Frankie Ogar	Tosin Coker	Niyi Akinmalayan	Kemi Adetiba	Steve Gukas	Niyi AKinmolayan	Remi Vaughn Richards
	COMPANY	Mekdoss Productions Frankie Ogar Films 3PR Ltd.	Biola Alabi Media	ELFIKE Film Collective	ELFIKE Film Collective	Native Film Works BAP Productions Michael Angelo Productions Bolanle Austen-Peters Productions	Inkblot Productions	ELFIKE Film Collective

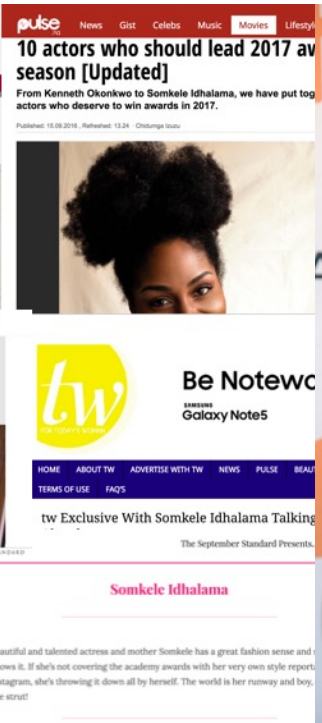
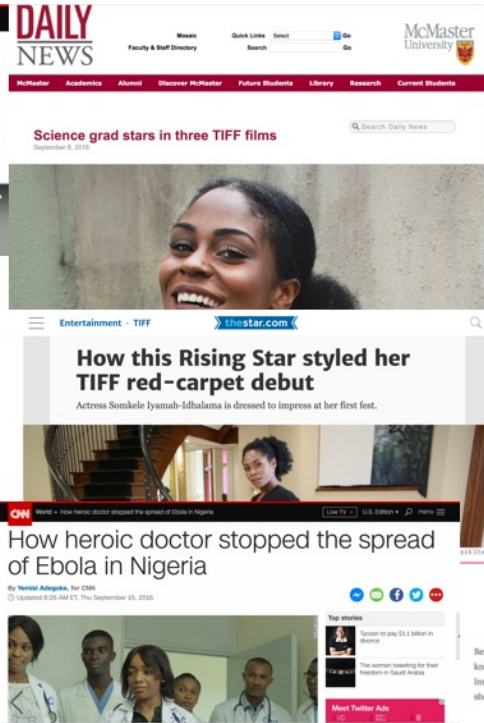
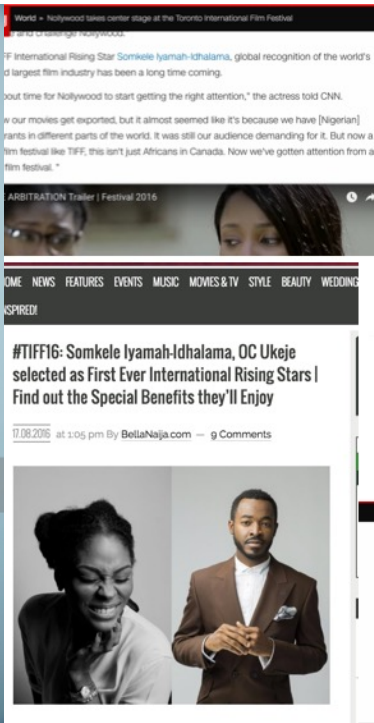
TV SERIES/WEB SERIES	YEAR	2019	2015	2014	2013
	TITLE	The Coroner	Best Friends	Gidi Up S2	Gidi Up S1
	ROLE	Daraja Kamau	Uche	Yvonne	Yvonne
	CATEGORY	Supporting	Lead	Lead	Lead
	DIRECTOR	Adrienne Mitchell	Dickson Dzakpasu	Jadesola Osiberu	Jadesola Osiberu
	COMPANY	Coroner Productions Ontario Inc.	Ebonylife TV	NdaniTV	NdaniTV

AWARDS, NOMINATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

YEAR	RECOGNITION	ORGANISATION/BODY	STATUS
2017	TRAILBLAZER	AMVCA (AFRICA MOVIE VIEWER'S CHOICE AWARDS)	WINNER
2017	BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS <i>(Role: Dr. Ada Igonoh in 93 Days)</i>	AMVCA	NOMINATION
2017	BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS <i>(Role: Dr. Ada Igonoh in 93 Days)</i>	AMAA (AFRICA ACADEMY MOVIE AWARDS)	NOMINATION
2016	RISING STAR	TIFF (TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL)	FIRST FEMALE TIFF INTERNATIONAL RISING STAR
2016	JURY RECOGNITION AWARD <i>(Role: Dr. Ada Igonoh in 93 Days)</i>	AFRIFF (AFRICA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL)	WINNER
2016	BEST ACTRESS OF THE YEAR	ELOY (EXQUISITE LADY OF THE YEAR AWARDS)	WINNER
2016	BEST ACTRESS OF THE YEAR	TFAA (THE FUTURE AFRICA AWARDS)	WINNER
2015	BEST WEB/TV SERIES <i>(NdaniTV's GIDI UP web series)</i>	AMVCA	NOMINATION

ENDORSEMENTS

YEAR	BRAND	CAMPAIGN
2017 - 2018	DSTV AMBASSADOR	DSTV EXPLORA + DSTV COMPACT
2016 - 2017	DSTV AMBASSADOR	DSTV EXPLORA
2017	GENEVIEVE MAGAZINE	SUMMER COVER GIRL
2017	LISA FOLAWIYO	'DAZE OF SUMMER' - JEWEL BY LISA
2012-2014	VISAFONE	BLACKBERRY PROMO



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MOVIE STILLs