

Somhale's wedding band designers on creating the oneof-a-kind rings

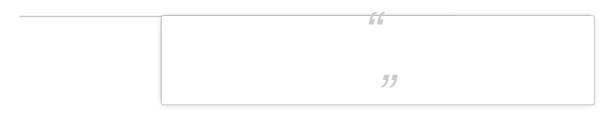
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The second episode of the Showmax Original *Somizi & Mohale: The Union* is now streaming, looking back at the road to the celebrity wedding of the decade.

You could hear the jaws dropping on Twitter when the couple had their wedding band consultation with married couple Kealeboga and Ursula Pule, who brought out diamonds with price tags of up to R2.9m.

The Pules founded their company Nungu Diamonds in 2013 and have been widely praised for Somizi and Mohale's unique wedding bands, not least by Somizi himself, who wrote on <u>Instagram</u>: "We still can't believe how <u>@nungudiamonds</u> were able to bring our vision of our rings to life just as we had imagined them. Not only am I proud of what u (sic) did for us but it's so refreshing to see young black folks owning and taking up space in the mining and diamond industry."

We chatted to the Pules to find out more about how they created the pieces.







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The first step in creating the rings

Instead of only selling pre-designed or wholesale pieces, Nungu Diamonds first invite their clients to get up close and personal with their diamonds.

"We call this the Nungu Diamonds Experience. So Somizi and Mohale came to see us, they got to see and touch the diamonds first, and then from that conversation they decided on the design, which my wife spearheaded," says Kealeboga.







Love weaves us together with all those we relate to, family friend or lover, celebrate true love today. ♥□��♥□ These bands, have eternally woven two hearts, two minds, two souls and will always be an outward symbol of their love for one another. Watch it all unfold on @showmaxonline ♥□���� #SomhaleUnion #NunguDiamonds #Provenance #Substance #Authenticity

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The diamonds represent two lives woven together

Ursula, who designed the wedding bands, gave us detailed information about her process.

"When designing the couple's rings, everything stemmed from their personalities, which were the inspiration for the designs. Mohale and Somizi have two different personalities, although they may be similar in certain ways.

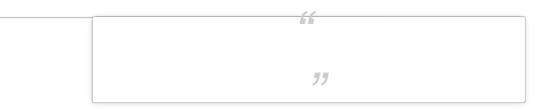
"Mohale was very much involved in the design. He requested a different design and one that was rose gold in colour. I initially showed him something I had created before. He loved it but requested that we take the design a bit further.

"So, when I looked at the design, I thought to myself, when two people get married, their lives interweave, no matter how different they are to each other. And that's what their wedding bands represent.

"Their rings look like woven baskets, and that's because the rings are made up of diamonds in two different shapes – round-cut diamonds and baguette diamonds. Together, they help create that interwoven look, representing two different human beings that have come together," says Ursula.

It took three weeks just to set the diamonds. "What we did is take apart the two-carat diamond idea and designed it in a layout, or pattern, that speaks to the individual. This is a good example of the design taking precedence over the size of the diamond."

"It's not about having the biggest diamond," agrees Kealeboga. "It's what you do with it that matters."







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A post shared by Somizi (@somizi) on Feb 7, 2020 at 2:47pm PST

The engraving shows how Somhale now belong to one another

"We decided to write Mohale on Somizi's ring and vice versa because they now belong to one another.

"The couple got to choose the font of the engraving themselves, which is just one of the ways we offer a bespoke experience to our clients," says Ursula.

When Somizi and Mohale opened the jewellery boxes to see the rings for the first time, Ursula says they were "extremely pleased".

We would be too!







#SomhaleUnion @showmaxonline exclusively- That's the only place you will witness the wedding This is the final piece of the puzzle... the final celebration of our union...it's been an amazing journey, so many events, so many friends, so much family and so much love. Thank you all for joining in via our social media. I'm very happy to announce that in weeks to come, you'll get to see the 4part special of #SomhaleUnion exclusively on @showmaxonline from 24 February ... �� @nungudiamonds u outdid yourselves �� @aust_malema

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Somizi & Mohale: The Union took the crown as the show with the most views ever on its first day on Showmax, bigger than any Hollywood blockbuster show. A new episode drops every Monday, building up to their white wedding as the finale on 16 March 2020.

Watch the hit show exclusively on Showmax here. For more information, visit https://stories.showmax.com/originals/somizi-and-mohale-the-union/.

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