



# NO BE FROM HIA

A family brought together by migration and torn apart by tragedy and secrets.



**CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN VOICES • Wednesday, April 27 • 1:00 - 2:30 pm EST**

Join us for the third event of Contemporary African Voices, a webinar series shining a light on acclaimed sub-Saharan writers. The series aims to amplify African voices and to educate by introducing stories deeply rooted in Africa written by Africans. We come to know a country by reading its writers.

In *No Be From Hia*, the Ayomides and Kombes - Zambian-Nigerian-Jamaican powerhouse families brought together during the post-colonial migration of the 1960's to the UK - are separated by death, divorce, and betrayal. Scattered between London, Lusaka, and Lagos, only the new generation can save this family.



## **Natasha Omokhodion-Kalulu Banda • KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Natasha Omokhodion-Kalulu Banda is a UK-born Zambian of Nigerian and Jamaican heritage who lives in Lusaka. She is passionate about the growing literary scene in Africa and enjoys the power of story-telling. She has been published in the African Women Writers (Afirowri) e-publication anthology *Different Shades of a Feminine Mind*, and featured on AfricanWriter.com for her story "To Hair is Human, To Forgive is Design" (2018). She has been published in *Short Story Day Africa – Hotel Africa* (2019). *No Be From Hia* is her debut novel.

## **BIANCA MARAIS • HOST**

Bianca Marais hosts the popular podcast, 'The Sh\*t No One Tells You About Writing', which is aimed at emerging writers/aspiring authors. She teaches creative writing through the podcast and at the University of Toronto's School of Continuing Studies where she was named the winner of the Excellence in Teaching Award for Creative Writing in 2021. Bianca champions the Own Voices movement in her country of birth, South Africa, where she runs the Eunice Ngogodo Own Voices Initiative to encourage and empower women of colour to tell their own stories.



## **Tina Beier • PUBLISHER**

Tina, COO and co-owner of Rising Action Publishing Co., has ten years of experience in the reference publishing industry as both a copy editor and a project coordinator. She has a B.A. (Hons) in English, a Certificate in Publishing, and a Graduate Certificate in Creative Writing. Rising Action Publishing is an independent publishing house committed to diverse stories. We are passionate about literature and sharing our authors' stories with the world. Our commitment extends to readers, and our carefully curated collection of books includes unputdownable page-turners across many genres, delivering surprise, delight, and emotional resonance.

There is no charge for this event; however, we welcome and appreciate all donations made to the Grandmothers Campaign supporting the Stephen Lewis Foundation. African grandmothers are grappling with the devastating double impact of HIV/AIDS and COVID-19.

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