MystiQ The Mysterious The Woman behind the mask

"Thank you mommy
for all you have
showed and taught
me. I hope that I can
see the world as you
did and face it as
strong and brave as
you."

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onneke Duvenhage Born 18 March 1981 in Roodepoort South-Africa. Professionally known as MystiQ the Mysterious. She grew up on a farm with her mom, dad and younger brother just outside of bela- bela on Kromdraai.

From a very young age already she loved music and remembers how her mom used to sit with her by her organ, "do, re, me, fa, so, la, ti, do- my mom used to sing while teaching me the basics." playing on hearing only – she developed her own unique style and sense of music – till today she plays on hearing and composes her own songs.

She grew up in a small town called Leeupoort, near Thabazimbi. Farm life was different than growing up in town, and she travelled to school by bus, All members of the family with their own tasks that was to be completed at scheduled times. At age 14 she started High school in Bela-bela Warmbad Highschool. She wrote her matric in 1997 through correspondence, Success college Pretoria, as her parents was unable to afford her schooling and transport to school and back, Her days were incredibly long – having to get up at 4am to catch a bus at 6am in Mabula to be at school at 7:30am – afternoons they got the bus back only at 15hoo to get back home only at about 17hoo, then it was still homework study and chores. So Correspondence was the best way for her to write her matric at the time. She skipped standard 8 and 9 having to do all three years in one – She is proud to say that although her marks was not the best, she was the only one that year to pass her senior certificate and the youngest at age 17.

She then perused life in Germiston Gauteng first as a cashier at Spar and then became A nursery school teacher. "I have always been drawn to kids"



To finalise the project MystiQ did all the art work and animation for the Video and produced the final video through Cosmic Entertainment & Infamous Projects