

20 SAFTA-nominated series and movies to stream online

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The nominees for the 2019 South African Film and Television Awards have just been announced. The majority of nominations went to MultiChoice productions on M-Net, 1Magic, kykNET, Mzansi Magic and Showmax. Here's where to watch the shows and movies with the most nominations online.



The River: 18 nominations

Drama, drama, drama! 1Magic's *The River* is in the running for Best Telenovela. Among other nominations, Moshidi Motshegwa as Malefu and Sindi Dlathu as Lindiwe are both up for Best Actress, while Presley Chweneyagae as Cobra and Hlomla Dandala as Zweli will compete for Best Actor in this drama-packed telenovela.

Stream [The River from the beginning on Showmax](#) and on [DStv Now](#).

Isibaya: 13 nominations

Mzansi Magic's highly popular series is in the running for Most Popular TV Soap/Telenovela and Best Soap as well as Best Actress for Nomzamo Mbatha as Thandeka, and Best Actor for both Pallance Dladla as Jabu and Sdumo Mtshali as Sbu.

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Ring of Lies: 13 nominations

Bare-knuckle boxer Neo leaves rural Limpopo to follow his dream of becoming a champion in Johannesburg but he is thrust straight into a world of secrets, betrayals and lies in this Mzansi Magic drama.

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Lockdown: 8 nominations

Set in a women's prison where power and survival mean everything, Mzansi Magic's *Lockdown* will take you into the lives of the inmates as they battle demons that hold them prisoner in every sense of the word.

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Five Fingers for Marseilles: 7 nominations

Don't miss this brilliant South African gun-slinging western about a member of the infamous Five Fingers gang who returns to the rural town of Marseilles after 20 years.

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Tali's Wedding Diary: 7 nominations

From the creators of SuzelleDIY, this hilarious mockumentary stars Julia Anastasopoulos as Tali, a Joburg princess who moves to Cape Town – and she's getting married! This is the first Showmax Original.

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Isithembiso: 6 nominations

This popular Mzansi Magic youth drama that tells the story of two young people from rural SA trying to make it in the dazzling city of eGoli but all that glitters is not always gold.

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Kanarie: 5 nominations

This critically acclaimed film is a coming-of-age musical war drama set in the mid-1980s. It's a beautiful portrayal of love and freedom set against the oppressive background of apartheid.

[Rent it on DStv Box Office](#) from 15 February

Is'thunzi: 4 nominations

Follow Winnie, Londi, Noxolo and Thishiwe as they pursue their dreams and form a bond that will not only push them over the edge, but also grow them in ways they never could have imagined in this Mzansi Magic favourite.

[Stream Is'thunzi S1-S2 on Showmax.](#)

Suidooster: 4 nominations

Three Cape Town families make their living in the shopping centre Suidooster, in the fictional suburb of Ruitersbosch. This soapie is about a multicultural community and their challenges and triumphs. This kykNET soapie is in the running for Most Popular TV Soap/Telenovela.

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Getroud Met Rugby: 4 nominations

The popular kykNET series-turned-soapie is packed with battles on and off the rugby field. From new babies to new books, everyone is trying to win and some will pay any price to make that happen...

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Hotel: 3 nominations

KykNET's Afrikaans mockumentary about a middle-aged hotel manager, Ferdie Kruger (James Borthwick), struggling to keep the doors of his Mpumalanga hotel open. Also starring the very funny Schalk Bezuidenhout as Danny, the hapless bell-hop.

[Stream *Hotel* S1-S2 on Showmax](#) and [S3 on DStv Now](#).

Elke Skewe Pot: 3 nominations

There is a soulmate out there for everyone. Finding them is the job of these four women and their matchmaking agency in kykNET's hilarious comedy series.

[Stream *Elke Skewe Pot* S1-S2 on Showmax](#).

Meerkat Maantuig: 3 nominations

After the death of her father, Gideonette discovers she is the last remaining family member left to deal with the curse of the Gideon de La Reys in this kykNET film.

[Stream *Meerkat Maantuig* on DStv Now](#).

Fynskrif: 3 nominations

Set in Cape Town, kykNET's *Fynskrif* revolves around the events and staff members of law firm Van Wyk & Partners. There's no courtroom drama though, as the firm focuses on civil, non-criminal matters. But expect heaps of out-of-court drama as the characters' personal lives overflow into the office.

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Knapsekêrels: 2 nominations

This kykNET series is set in Johannesburg and tells the story of four diverse families. The Bekkers, Zimmermans, Davids and Fortuins get to know one another better when a member of each family gets caught in a struggle for survival in the big city.

[Stream *Knapsekêrels* S1 on Showmax](#).

Binnelanders: 2 nominations

This long-running kykNET soap opera set in and around a fictional private hospital in Pretoria follows the trials, trauma and tribulations of the staff and patients.

[Stream *Binnelanders* from the beginning on Showmax](#) and [catch up on DStv Now](#).

Wonderlus: 1 nomination

After a wedding ceremony falls to pieces, a devastated groom unexpectedly discovers the light of his life in this wonderful kykNET film that takes a brave look at love.

[Stream *Wonderlus* on DStv Now](#) and [Showmax](#).

Susters: 1 nomination

Three estranged sisters are reunited after the death of their mother and embark on a road trip through the Karoo. Expect fabulous outfits in this kykNET production as it's been nominated for Best Achievement in Costume Design.

[Stream *Susters* on DStv now.](#)

Parlement Parlement: 1 nomination

The laugh-out-loud chat show features SA's funniest comedians as they debate the matters of the day with a lighter side.

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MultiChoice took an early lead at The South African Film and Television Awards as the most nominated broadcaster overall, with 149 SAFTA nominations.

These included the most nominated shows in all major categories: feature film, TV comedy, TV drama, soap, and telenovela.

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