

## FIBBY KIORIA



Fibby Kioria is an accomplished producer, with over thirty short films, both fiction and documentary and one web series that are the result of the film labs with filmmakers on the African continent through Maisha Film Lab.

She is the Founder and Creative Director of Mucii Pictures. Mucii Pictures was the project lead and country lead for the DW Akademie Film Development Fund in the Eastern African region, managing a € 227,000 grant from April 2023 to March 2024. [Mucii Pictures](#) , [DW Akademie](#)

Fibby was a co-creator for the inaugural Return to the Source Film Residency in Namibia. Return to the Source aims to teach marginalized communities about history and African cinema, using film and history as a meeting point - [Return to the Source 1 Handbook](#) , [Return to the Source](#)

Fibby is the Vice President and Head of Development at Beware of Time. Working directly with the incredibly talented Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine over a shared vision to champion African storytelling on a global stage, and to that end, actively scouting for compelling projects from across the continent -, [Beware of Time](#) , [Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine Showreel](#)

She is also the Founder and Creative Lead of Mucii Farmhouse –a transformative artist-in-residence space in the Kenyan savanna, founded in 2022. The residency brings together local and international writers, visual artists, and cultural practitioners and researchers for short and long stays. [Mucii Farmhouse](#)

Between August 2012 up until January 31, 2021, she was the Program Director of Maisha Film Lab, a leadership development organization founded by Oscar Nominated filmmaker Mira Nair to empower visionary filmmakers Africa by giving them the tools to tell their own stories through film. [Maisha Film Lab](#)

While at Maisha, she organized an average of eight film labs per annum and directly oversaw the funding and production of all the film lab participants' films across East Africa in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Rwanda as well as Ethiopia and Ghana in West Africa. She line produced the American Masterclass edition on Mira Nair, line produced the Mira Nair & Zippy Kimundu short documentary commissioned by TRIBECA on the portrait of Robert Katende's life 'a fork, a spoon & a KNIGHT'. She also line produced the music video for the song '# 1 Spice' from Disney's 'Queen of Katwe' soundtrack. Fibby is a 'Berlinale Talent Campus' alumni.

In 2018, she co-founded Manyatta Screenings with Hawa Essuman, an online and outdoor short film screenings program in Kenya focusing on content from greater eastern Africa

(Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Réunion, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, Somaliland, Tanzania, and Uganda) showcased in Laikipia East County and Nakuru County. [Manyatta Screenings Film Festival](#) Manyatta Screenings is also a partner on the Cinema Spaces Network, a pilot project based on the principles of sharing expertise, knowledge, and networks in the fields of research, film exhibition, and audience development. This initiative focusses on site-specific, do-able, innovative strategies. [Cinema Spaces Network](#).

She participates in film festival juries around the world including Zanzibar International Film Festival - Ousmane Sembene Jury in 2015, Cyprus International Short Film Festival Head of Jury in 2015, Africa Magic Viewers Choice Awards (AMVCA's) Nigeria 2015, Luxor African Film Festival Egypt (LAFF) - Documentary Jury 2016, Ammarnas Documentary Film Festival 2015, Sweden, Durban International Film Festival (DIFF) - Feature Film Jury 2016, Durban Film Mart (DFM) 2017 Selection Committee for feature film projects, Uganda Film Festival Jury 2017 Durban Film Mart (DFM) 2018 Selection Committee for feature film projects, FESPACO Short Film Section Jury member 2019, , Durban Film Mart (DFM) 2019 Selection Committee for feature film projects, South Africa, Durban International Film Festival Shorts Selection Committee, South Africa, Bioskop Short Film Festival Zimbabwe 2020, Film Africa 2020 Baobab Jury, Kwetu International Animation Festival Tanzania 2021, Durban Film Mart Talents Jury 2021 and Zanzibar International Film Festival 2021 edition. Mobile Film Festival Africa, Morocco 2023, Durban International Film Festival 2025.

She curates films for film festivals with attention to content from the African continent. The festivals that she has curated for in the past include: Ngalabi Short Film Festival, a festival that she co-Founded with Goethe Zentrum Uganda, Maisha African Film Festival - Uganda, Message to Man Film Festival in St. Petersburg - Russia, The International Short Film Festival - Cyprus, European Film Festival - Zimbabwe, European Film Festival - Uganda and Manyatta Screenings - Kenya.

In 2025, she was part selection committees for projects at Hot Docs, Canada - [Hot Docs Blue Ice Fund](#) , Chicken & Egg Films USA - [Chicken & Egg Films](#) and is part of the selection committee at Locarno Open Doors, Switzerland - [Locarno Film Festival Open Doors](#)

She was also on the jury for Generation Africa at STEPS South Africa –selecting projects that speak to Climate Action and Climate change across several seasons of this program between 2019 and 2023. [Social Transformation and Empowerment Projects \(STEPS\)](#)

She was an Associate Producer for the Sembene Across Africa film-screening program - [Sembene Across Africa \(SAA\)](#) across several seasons coordinating all public screenings in East, Central and Southern Africa.

Fibby was also part of the CiniDb team tasked with putting together a new directory for African film professionals by Goethe Munich between 2019 to 2021. The platform was later handed over to Durban Film Mart where it is now hosted - [Film Mart Africa \(DFM\)](#)

She took part in the designing of the 'Future Mentors Program' by Durban Film Mart –co creating with fifteen other visionary filmmakers from the African Continent a mentor's guide for upcoming mentors of African descent. - [Future Mentors \(DFM\)](#)

Fibby is also a co founder of African Film Festival Platform - a much-needed space for African Film Festivals, Curators, Programmers, Scholars of African Cinema and African Filmmakers -

[African Film Festivals Platform](#)

She most recently was the lead facilitator for the Durban International Film Festival Residency held during the 2025 DIFF edition - [Durban International Film Festival \(DIFF\)](#). Link to the [DIFF Film Festival Residency Handbook 2025](#).

Fibby has been a board member of Goethe Zentrum, Uganda, Ladima Foundation- [Ladima Foundation](#), Nigeria and currently sits on the board of IAm Nativ, Uganda - [IAm Nativ](#)

She resides in Laikipia East County, Kenya.