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### Nico Panagio

From Division Captain in the SA Navy, Actor on 7de Laan, MC of Ms. South Africa 2006 to various roles on SABC1 and 3 and presenter of Top Billing Nico has experience by the bucket loads

Nico was born and bred in a beautiful little village known as Pretoria. After matriculation at Pretoria Boys High School, Nico went on to complete his military service in the South African Navy. He was appointed the Captain of his Division and was ranked Able Seaman.

Following 5 years in the corporate industry as manager of a Chemical manufacturing business - Nico decided to return to his childhood love of drama. He joined the Method Actor's Training Centre and soon after graduating, started his drama career. Brief stints on Egoli as well as Generations, preceded what would be the start of a long term contract with the soapie 7de Laan where he played businessman George Kyriakis. He has also performed in various theatre productions around the country.

He soon realised that he had a talent for presenting and started honing his skills as a master of ceremonies. He comperes and guest-speaks for various events ranging from fashion shows and golf days to special occasions and corporate functions. His corporate clients have included amongst others - Landrover, ABSA, Volvo, MTN, SAB, Seeff, SABC and many more. He was the Master of Ceremonies for the Miss South Africa pageant 2006 and performs as MC on a weekly basis.

After 5 very educational and formative years on 'the 7de Laan' he decided to say fare-well to George and join the Top Billing Team as presenter. Apart from the incredibly interesting content and the exotic travel, Top Billing also allows him the freedom to pursue other acting ventures and he has recently completed working on the role of Bruno in SABC 3's Erfsondes. He also plays the role of the Druglord Mr. Big, in the SABC 1 series Zone 14.

Other than his corporate education and his training as actor, Nico completed various courses including Paramedics, Body Guarding and Anti - Terrorism and Advanced Scuba Diving. He has a brown belt in Karate and has trained as a kick boxer as well as Thai boxer (Muay Thai). To keep in shape he likes to get outside, so apart from martial arts he likes swimming, mountain biking, horse-riding and playing golf. He has had the awesome experience of delivering a new born baby, plays the didgeridoo and guitar (for his wife and good friends only!) and is very happily married to actress Christi Panagio.

