

# Fatou N'doye

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## SUMMARY

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Internationally recognised hairstylist, educator, entrepreneur and creative leader with more than 25 years' experience in Afro, curly and textured hair styling, salon ownership, vocational training, competition judging and cultural beauty practice. Founder of Fatou's Hair Architect and Maison Fatou Pty Ltd, with a longstanding commitment to professional excellence, women's skills development and the celebration of African hair, fashion and culture in Australia.

Fatou brings together technical mastery, business leadership, cultural knowledge and teaching expertise to train emerging stylists and promote high standards across the hair and beauty industry.

## EDUCATION

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### **Learning Lab, Surry Hills NSW**

*Certificate in Training and Assessment*

2007

### **TAFE NSW Technical and Further Education Commission**

*Certificate in Hairdressing*

2005

### **TAFE NSW Technical and Further Education Commission**

*Certificate in Hairdressing*

1998

### **TAFE NSW**

*Statement of Attainment in Hairdressing - Commercial Men's Skills, Post Trade*

1997

### **NSW Department of Industrial Relations / Factories Shops and Industries Act**

*Hairdresser's Licence*

1996 and 1997

### **Sedce Primary School, Guil'tapee, Dakar, Senegal**

*French, Home Economics, Performing Arts, Grooming and Presentation.*

Dakar, Senegal

## EXPERIENCE

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### **Founder and Director**

*Maison Fatou Pty Ltd*

Current  
Sydney, NSW

- Established Maison Fatou to deliver specialist training in Afro, curly and textured hair styling, with a focus on practical skills, cultural knowledge and women's economic participation.
- Develops course concepts, training pathways and business models for foundation and advanced styling programs.
- Promotes African fashion, beauty and cultural expression through a contemporary Australian business platform.

### **Founder, Director and Master Hair Architect**

*Fatou's Hair Architect*

1998-2022  
Sydney, NSW

- Built and led a specialist hair styling business recognised for Afro hair, curly hair, braiding, weaving, creative styling and personalised client care.

- Managed day-to-day salon operations, client relationships, staff mentoring, quality standards and business administration.
- Delivered professional styling for individuals, community events, cultural performances, competitions and special occasions.
- Maintained a reputation for warmth, technical skill, creativity and culturally respectful service.

### **Australian President**

2000-Current

*Asia Pacific Hairdresser & Cosmetologist Association, APHCA*

- Represents and promotes professional hairdressing and cosmetology standards in Australia through APHCA networks.
- Supports industry collaboration, international exchange, competition pathways and professional recognition for hair and beauty practitioners.

### **International Competition Judge**

2008-Present

*APHCA Hair Olympics and Make-Up Competition; Asia-Pacific Competitions*

- Appointed as an international judge for major hair and make-up competitions, assessing technical skill, creativity, finish, presentation and industry standards.
- Judging experience includes APHCA international competitions in China and APHCA/CIAM creative image arts events.

### **Hairdressing Teacher**

2005-2010

*TAFE NSW - Petersham TAFE*

*Sydney, NSW*

- Delivered practical hairdressing training to students, supporting skill development, workplace readiness and confidence in professional salon practice.
- Applied vocational training expertise, student mentoring and assessment practice to help learners progress into the hair and beauty industry.

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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Afro, curly and textured hair styling  
 Braiding, weaving and protective styling  
 Salon leadership and business management  
 Vocational education and student mentoring  
 Competition judging and industry standards  
 Client consultation and customer experience  
 Cultural hair knowledge and presentation  
 Creative direction for events, performance and fashion

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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Certificate IV in Training and Assessment - Learning Lab, Surry Hills NSW, 2007  
 Certificate IV in Hairdressing - TAFE NSW Technical and Further Education Commission, 2005  
 Certificate III in Hairdressing - TAFE NSW Technical and Further Education Commission, 1998  
 Statement of Attainment in Hairdressing - Commercial Men's Skills, Post Trade, TAFE NSW, 1997  
 Hairdresser's Licence - NSW Department of Industrial Relations / Factories Shops and Industries Act, 1996 & 1997

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

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- More than 25 years in business as founder and operator of Fatou's Hair Architect in Sydney.
- Founder of Maison Fatou Pty Ltd, a Sydney-based training and cultural enterprise focused on Afro and curly hair styling, braiding, weaving and African fashion.
- Australian President of the Asia Pacific Hairdresser & Cosmetologist Association, APHCA.
- International Judge for APHCA Hair Olympics and Make-Up Competition, with judging experience across major Asia-Pacific hair and make-up competitions.
- TAFE NSW Teacher with experience delivering hairdressing training and supporting students to build practical, industry-ready skills.
- Recognised for excellence in professional hairdressing, including salon, catwalk, bridal and men's styling awards.
- Contributed hairdressing and traditional performance skills to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony.

## AWARDS AND INDUSTRY RECOGNITION

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- 2022 Judge, Asia Pacific Hairdresser & Cosmetologist Association, APHCA.
- 2019 Country Leader, 5th CIAM International Creative Image Arts Hair & Makeup Competition, Macau SAR.
- 2008 Judge, 12th Hair & Make-Up International Competition, China, APHCA.
- 2008 Judge, International Competition at Guangzhou China Hotel, E-MA Academy for the Art of Hair & Beauty / APHCA.
- 2005 TAFE NSW Sydney Institute Hair Spectacular participant and professional industry recognition.
- 2004 Professional Hairdressers Association NSW Salon of the Year / Regional Competition: - 1st Place - Open Men's Catwalk - 2nd Place - Team Event - 3rd Place - Bridal Total Look - 3rd Place - Senior Men's Cutting
- 2000 Sydney Olympic Games Opening Ceremony Certificate of Participation - hairdressing and traditional performance.

## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Additional training in hair and scalp restoration, Indian head stone massage, workplace health and safety, child protection, community care, aged care, hospitality, hygiene and first aid.

## REFEREES

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Written references available on request.