

NADIRA PANKEY

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Skills Summary

Passionate and accomplished screenwriter, director, and film producer renowned for crafting impactful narratives. Creator of "Gerald's Hands," an award-winning film addressing autism, bullying, and domestic violence, acknowledged with the prestigious 2023 Telly Award for Best Social Impact Film.

Education

Norwalk Community College, Norwalk, Connecticut – Dec. 2011

Associate degree in Communication Arts: TV Productions and Media Studies

Member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (GPA 3.98)

Nominated for Women of Promise and Distinction

Experience

Film Highlights:

- "Gerald's Hands" – Feature film - A powerful exploration of autism, bullying, and domestic violence, challenging societal norms and fostering empathy.
- Compelling Screenplay - Crafted a resonant script that captivates audiences, advancing awareness and understanding of critical issues.
- Seamless Direction - Guided production teams and actors to deliver emotionally charged performances, authentically conveying the story's depth.
- Social Impact - "Gerald's Hands" ignited vital conversations, dismantled stigmas, and catalyzed positive change within communities.

Skills and Expertise:

- Screenwriting - Proficient in crafting engaging, thought-provoking scripts that captivate audiences and convey powerful messages.
- Directing - Skillful in guiding actors and production teams to manifest a unified vision while evoking impactful performances.
- Film Production - Adept in all facets of film production, from meticulous pre-production planning to precise post-production editing, ensuring the seamless execution of creative projects.

- Social Impact Filmmaking - Specialized in creating films that transcend entertainment, striving to make a tangible difference in society.

Professional Experience:

- Atlanta Fire & Rescue, Hartfield Jackson Airport, Atlanta, GA (Current)
- Fire Inspector
- Ensured public safety through fire prevention, observations, and daily inspections, demonstrating unwavering commitment to safeguarding lives and property.

Employment

NBCUniversal – Production Assistant

The Steve Wilkos Show – Stamford, Connecticut - 2009

The Jerry Springer Show – Stamford, Connecticut - 2010

The Maury Show – Stamford, Connecticut - 2011

Divorce Court, Atlanta Georgia 2017 - 2018

Hustle & Flow – Atlanta Georgia 2018

BET Hip Hop Awards, Atlanta Georgia - 2019

Awards and Acknowledgements

- **Hapa Awards 2023 Winner**
 - *Best Short Film: "True Freedom"*
This poignant work sheds light on the mental health impacts of abandonment, emphasizing its role in storytelling and societal awareness.
- **2023 Telly Award Winner**
 - *Best Social Impact Film: "Gerald's Hands"*
Recognized for excellence in filmmaking, highlighting the film's profound influence on raising awareness and promoting dialogue around pressing social issues.
- **Austin Film Festival Recognition**
 - *Three-Time 2nd Rounder for Dramatic Screenplays*
Demonstrated storytelling prowess with compelling narratives.
- **"A Rose to Georgia" Screenplay**
 - *Scored 78 by Slated, tying with "Slumdog Millionaire"*
A compelling script raising awareness about abuse in nursing home facilities, showcasing its potential for impactful storytelling.

References rendered upon request.