

# DEADRIA FARMER-PAELLMANN – BIO/FILMOGRAPHY

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## BIO

Deadria Farmer-Paellmann is a Brooklyn-born legal strategist, adjunct law professor, and human rights activist who pioneered the use of film to advance reparatory justice campaigns. As Executive Director of the Restitution Study Group, she led the first major corporate slavery reparations lawsuits, exposed Aetna's slave policies, and helped secure a \$5 million scholarship commitment from JPMorgan Chase. Her legal advocacy extends to Benin Bronze restitution, including a high-profile lawsuit against the Smithsonian. Her films—such as 'Dry Bones' and the Cannes-screened '3X Freedom'—illuminate the transatlantic slave trade's legacy, and she created the Benin Kingdom Museum Bronze-Making Fellowship to revive ancestral arts for future generations.

**SELECT FILMOGRAPHY: IMDB:** <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2583650/>

### 1. Cousins: The DNA Test

- Creator, Producer (In Development)
- Docuseries

### 2. 3X Freedom Anthology: <https://www.pavillonafriques.com/?pgid=m9mh3pvo-58f0f21d-fde7-46c0-86e2-f599fa6460ee>

- Creator, Writer, Executive Producer, 2024–2025, 42 mins
- Documentary Anthology | Premiered at Cannes Film Festival – Pavillon Afriques (2025)

### 3. Sister Nun – Crime Fighter

- Co-Writer/Executive Producer, 2024, 10 mins
- Thriller, Narrative

### 4. Dry Bones: Corporate Complicity in Slavery

- Writer/Co-Executive Producer, 2024, 15 mins
- History, Documentary

### 5. Justice Pilgrimage

- Producer, Narrator, 2023–Present
- Documentary Series

## **6. They Belong To All of Us: The Benin Bronze Slave Trade Story**

- Writer/Executive Producer, 2022, 15 mins
- History, Documentary

## **7. Black AF: Voodoo Queen**

- Co-Executive Producer/Producer, 2019, 20 mins
- New Orleans Culture, Documentary

## **8. Black AF: Black Indians**

- Co-Executive Producer/Producer, 2018, 20 mins
- New Orleans Culture, Documentary

## **9. Black AF: Second Lines**

- Co-Executive Producer/Producer, 2017, 20 mins
- New Orleans Culture, Documentary

## **10. Willa Mae: The Church Lady Vampire Slayer**

- Producer, 2009
- Short Film, Satirical Fantasy

## **11. Untold Legacy**

- Actor/Self, 2008, 19 mins
- History, Documentary

## **MEDIA COVERAGE & PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

- Presented '3X Freedom' at the 2025 Cannes Film Festival – Pavillon Afriques.
- Featured guest on NPR's 'The Kingdom Behind the Glass' podcast.
- Profiled by BBC News: 'The Woman Who Took on Big Companies with Links to Slavery'.
- Interviewed by The Art Newspaper on legal campaigns for Benin Bronzes.
- Subject of news coverage in The New York Post and Black Wall Street Times.
- Presented at the UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent (2024 Side Event).