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Tonia Magras is a principal owner of Hull Bay Productions, where she serves in the roles of executive producer, content creator, producer, director, and editor. She is a multi-award-winning executive, who takes pride in being a multi-faceted and multi-dimensional creator of projects that range from sports, arts, politics, and popular culture.

Tonia has more than 32 years of production experience, which began at PBS' flagship television station WGBH-TV in Boston and continues with Hull Bay Productions which she and her husband Gregory established in January of 2015.

Tonia has been recognized with 7 Emmy Award nominations and 3 Emmy wins for various documentary and production work. Some highlights of her work includes *In Our Own Words*, a feature on how young people handle the stresses of growing up differently; *The New People*, a documentary on how Haitian immigrants migrated into the working-class city of Somerville, Massachusetts; *Whitey Bulger: The Final Chapter*, a co-production with Emily Rooney chronicling how the infamous Southie gangster was eventually captured after decades on the run and brought to justice; and *A Father's Story*, the grief and newfound purpose a father found after the fatal overdose of his son.

In January 2020, Tonia launched her podcast, *The PowerPLAY Show*, which has already received 8 awards, including 2 awards of excellence and 6 awards of distinction from The Communicator Awards, as well as an Honorable Mention from the Webby Awards.

The first film from Hull Bay Productions is titled "*100 Years, 100 Voices of Faith*", which chronicled the rise of Cambridge's Abundant Life Church as they celebrated 100 years of service. Through 100 interviews of members past and present, along with behind-the-scenes footage, the film wove together the stories of how the church impacted lives and faith from the formally known Apostolic Pentecostal Church to the newly named Abundant Life Church - and what the church's next 100 years plans to offer. The film premiered in the fall of 2017 and was one of the featured documentaries premiere at the prestigious Roxbury International Film Festival in 2018.

Currently, Hull Bay Productions are in development of their second feature-film documentary, *More Than Our Skin*. This documentary explores the depths and effects of living with Vitiligo. Vitiligo is an auto-immune disease in which the skin loses its pigment cells resulting in discolored patches throughout the body. People with the condition not only experience high levels of depression, but also suffer from social stigmatization and isolation. The result, oftentimes,

manifests as shame, avoidance of intimacy, and in far too many cases – suicidal ideation. The film has already garnered a Bronze Award from the Anthem Awards for Outstanding Special Projects.

In 2022, Tonia's first children's book, *Autumn's Adventures: The Little Girl in the Big Chair* was released by Dorrance Publishing. *Autumn's Adventures* follows Autumn as she finds ways to help others and herself while on some very big adventures. The book and coinciding series will highlight Autumn in various stories with lessons on problem-solving, relationship building, and conflict resolution through fun and exciting adventures.

Tonia resides in Central Massachusetts with her husband Gregory, two sons: Javier and Angel, and three rescue dogs: Harley, Peanut and Chassy. Tonia and Gregory are proud parents of a blended family of 8 children: Ashleigh, Khyal, Jamie, Jodie, Joslyn, Angel, Delilia, and Javier and extremely proud grandparents of their beautiful and wonderful, Autumn.