



TONIA MAGRAS

Principal Owner • Executive Producer • Producer • Director • Editor • Author • Project Manager

BIOGRAPHY

Tonia Magras is a principal owner of Hull Bay Productions, where she serves as executive producer, director, and editor. With over thirty-two years of production experience which began at PBS in Boston, she has 7 Emmy Award nominations, and 3 Emmy wins for various documentary and production work.

In 2020, she launched her own podcast, *The PowerPLAY Show*, which now has 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.

Hull Bay Productions was also awarded the 2022 Bronze Winner for Special Projects in the inaugural Anthem Awards for their upcoming film documentary, *More Than Our Skin*.

In 2022, Tonia's first children's book, *Autumn's Adventures: The Little Girl in the Big Chair* was released by Dorrance Publishing.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Abundant Life Church • *Executive Producer of Media & Communications* • 2019 - present

Oversee all media aspects of The Abundant Life Church, including:

- Produce, direct and edit Sunday Services
- Hire, train and manage key media personnel
- Work directly with Senior Pastor and Pastoral team, leaders for various online projects, including: Ron Savage Trio Specials, BLAW Live!, and training platforms
- Design new online website and giving platform
- Manage online content

WGBH • *Freelance Producer* • February 2022 - May 2022

Freelance Producer for the Online Series, *The State Of Race*. Duties included:

- Conceived, field produced, and edited content for two of the episodes for *The State of Race*

The RayTHOMAS Variety Show • *Co-Host* • September 2021 - August 2022

Co-Host of The PowerNEWS inside The Ray Thomas Variety Show. Duties included:

- Conceived and reported on guests and topic for The PowerNEWS
- Produce and Edit show open each week

Hull Bay Productions • *Principal Owner* • 2015 - present

Oversee all operations of Hull Bay Productions, including:

- Hiring of production personnel
- Manage accounts receivable and payable
- Manage all purchasing for Hull Bay Productions

Content Producer/Director for all of Hull Bay Productions creative content, including:

- Producer, Director for upcoming film documentary, *More Than Our Skin*
- Executive Producer and Host of *The PowerPLAY Show*
- Producer, director and editor of the documentary, *100 Years, 100 Voices of Faith*
- Collaborate with Centurion Filmworks and MADLAD Video on various production projects
- Project Manager for all of Hull Bay's clients, including:
- Manager of Client Relations for Hull Bay Productions (see page two for list of clients)
- Oversee contracts, proposals and projects for client

WGBH Educational Foundation • *Various* • October 1990 - May 2015

Held a variety of positions over a 25 year career, beginning with:

- Administrative Assistant, Local Public Relations, 1990 - 1992
- Project Assistant, Special Educational Services, 1992 - 1994
- Production Assistant, Local Programming's Say Brother, 1994 - 1995
- Associate Producer, Local Programming's Say Brother, 1995 - 1997
- Assistant Director/Editor, Local Programming's Greater Boston with Emily Rooney, 1997 - 1999
- Director, WGBH News' Greater Boston with Emily Rooney, 1999 - 2010
- Supervising Producer, WGBH News Division, 2010 - 2015

AWARDS and ACCOLADES

THE ANTHEM AWARDS *Bronze Award for Outstanding Special Projects, 2022*

THE COMMUNICATORS AWARDS *2 awards of Excellence; 6 awards of Distinction, 2020 - 2022*

THE WEBBY AWARDS *Official Honoree, 2021*

ROXBURY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL *100 Years, 100 Voices of Faith, 2018*

ABOVE AND BEYOND VOLUNTEER AWARD • *Abundant Life Church, 2017*

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES

Emmy-award Nominee Producer/Editor, Outstanding Achievement in Societal Concerns, 2015

Emmy-award Nominee Producer/Director, Outstanding Achievement in Documentary, 2014

Emmy-award Nominee Director, Outstanding Achievement in Live Directing, 2001

Emmy-award Nominee Director, Outstanding Achievement in Directing-Taped, 1999

Emmy-award Nominee Producer/Director, Outstanding Children & Youth Special, 1998

Emmy-award Winning Producer, Outstanding Target Audience Program, 1997

Emmy-award Winning Producer/Director, Outstanding Children & Youth Special, 1996

Emmy-award Winning Producer, Outstanding Documentary Program, 1995

NATIONAL BLACK PROGRAMMING CONSORTIUM

Outstanding Documentary Honorable Mention Producer, 1995

See page 2 for list of **Clients and Projects**

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CURRENT PROJECTS:

“do you remember me?” • *Writer, Producer* • 2022 - present

do you remember me? follows Nicky, the protagonist, as she comes face to face with a man from her past who is the source of the trauma she continues to try and manage through the love of her husband Greg. After spending a weekend away with Greg, Nicky is shocked to see a friend request from Dale, the man who coerced Nicky to go back to his apartment where she is subsequently raped by him and three of his football teammates more than 35 years ago.

Nicky continues to cope with the impact of the rape in her life and is now staring at a photo of the man who took a piece of her that night. Nicky asks Dale via a chat box if he remembers her. After responding yes, Nicky follows up with, “do you remember what you and your roommates did to me?”

Although Nicky is finally facing her monster, she feels safe because of the love and understanding of her husband, Greg. Nicky is able to get past this evening, but knows that the trauma will always be there, as will the love, support, and caring of Greg.

“More Than Our Skin” • *Director, Executive Producer* • 2021 - present

More Than Our Skin is a documentary exploring the depths and effects of living with Vitiligo through the stories of five extraordinary women: Valarie, Millicent, Patricia, Alicia, and Katrina. Vitiligo is an auto-immune disease in which the skin loses its pigment cells resulting in discolored patches throughout the body, leaving to experiences of depression, social stigmatization, and isolation. This film tells these story of these women who found strength after the pain; a newfound resilience; and the mission to help others find a way to live life to the fullest.

CLIENTS

MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, 2022

Producer and edited “It’s Worth A Shot” promotional video for the campaign.

MAKE ROOM PODCAST, 2022 - present

Make Room: Black Leaders in the 21st Century is a new podcast launched in 2022 with host Pastor Kenneth M. Young of Calvary Baptist Church in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

CAPP NETWORK, 2021 - present

Community of Apostolic and Prophetic Practice (CAPP) is a New England based apostolic and prophetic network officially founded in 2007 as the alumni and partnership association of PureSpring Institute, which serves as the equipping arm of PureSpring Global Commission. CAPP is spiritually and missionally linked with PureSpring Global Commission.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS, 2021 - present

Home for Christmas is an annual benefit gala what raises money for Cops For Kids with Cancer.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 2020 - present

Edit and upload abbreviated Sunday Worship Service for Haverhill local access station.

AJ SPEARS FUNERAL HOME, 2020 - present

Streaming partner for funerals.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATES, 2019 - present

Financial Education Associates (FEA) was founded in November 2001 by Jacqueline Cooper. The organization’s mission is to provide unbiased information to Massachusetts low and moderate-income residents organizing their finances to achieve larger financial goals. These goals include home purchases, education, entrepreneurship and retirement.

WARDS OF WISDOM ASSOCIATES, 2018 - present

Wards of Wisdom understands that to help meet client challenges and opportunities successfully in a global climate, you must have an arsenal of capabilities and experience available at a moment’s notice. That’s where we come in!

THRIVE AND GROWN, BOSTON, 2018 - present

The mission of Thrive and Grow is to connect and equip Christian business owners in Greater Boston to thrive and grow for the glory of God.

Production reel, writing samples, and professional references available upon request.