Nikila (Nikki) Cole - Bio

Nikila (Nikki) Cole has established an international reputation as an award-winning writer, producer, and director. Formerly a critically acclaimed choreographer and theater director, she transitioned into film production and continued circling the globe with her 11-year old daughter Sarah for three years. They created a PBS and Vision TV documentary WANDERINGS: A JOURNEY TO CONNECT, as they explored strange and unusual Jewish communities from Korea to Iceland to India. She was the Series Producer/director of You…Me & the Kids for WTN and also produced audio-visual materials for Vancouver's Pacific Space Centre, the King Abdulaziz Historical Centre in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and was production manager for several English and foreign language Motion Simulator Ride films including MARS and SEATREK for SimEx Inc.

Her other documentaries and dance films include PAUL'S PIECE OF SKY (PBS) about a struggling African American Dance Company and INTIMACIES about Michael Kearns, Hollywood's first openly HIV+ actor. (Bravo, Audience Vote: Best Documentary, Palm Springs Int'l Film Fest).

Now, after an extensive career as a writer/producer/director/story producer of over 15 factual series including THE SHOPPING BAGS, TAKE THIS HOUSE & SELL IT, TILL DEBT DO US PART, FOUR WEDDINGS, STORAGE WARS CANADA, and ICE ROAD TRUCKERS, she's expanded into scripted entertainment with a dramatic BravoFACT short, MY FATHER, JOE adapted from a story by Jack Engelhard (INDECENT PROPOSAL). After winning five international awards including the Special Jury Remi Award at WorldFest Houston, it was well received in the Cannes Marche, broadcast on The Movie Channel and released on iTunes.

She directed the Canadian Screen Awards nominated TESSA and SCOTT about Canada's Olympic ice dancing champions for the W Network, as well the CSA nominated KEEPING CANADA ALIVE, and CANADA'S SMARTEST PERSON for the CBC. She was the showrunner for a CBC pilot. ANYTHING BUT AVERAGE, exploring the real-life stories behind Canada's statistics.

Nikki is currently developing two drama series, two features, and a

documentary. One of the features, *The Bride's Wedding*, recently won Best Screenwriting at the Jogja International Film Festival in Indonesia, and her pilot script for the series *Serpent Queen* won Best TV Pilot Screenplay in the Oaxaca, Mexico International Film Festival.

She is looking forward to meeting potential international collaborators/ producing partners, broadcasters, and distributors and having fruitful, productive and interesting discussions!

REVIEWS

"The show's final performance was captured on film and melded with the HIV-positive actor's own life story to create Intimacies; a powerful piece of cinema verite that charts the emotional landscape of AIDS in far greater detail than anything churned out by Hollywood." - Portland Weekly

"A heroic film"! - LA Times

"May bring a lump to the throat or two. Plus you gotta love the brief inclusion of a bagel bakery for an authentic 1940's Montreal Jewish feel" – Georgia Straight

"A supremely touching film", editor, columnist Nissan Ratzlav-Katz

"A film name to watch for!" - New York Filmmakers

AWARDS

BEST SCREENWRITING, Jogja International Film Festival
The Bride's Wedding, feature screenplay

BEST TV PILOT SCREENPLAY Oaxaca Int'l Film Festival, Screencraft Public Domain Screenplay Competition, Los Angeles
Serpent Queen, series pilot script

BEST FOREIGN FILM, Shamrock Film Festival, Rosemont, Minneapolis
BEST FAMILY FILM: Honolulu Film Awards, Hawaii

SPECIAL JURY REMI AWARD, WorldFEST, Houston
BEST DRAMATIC SHORT: daVinci Film Festival, Oregon
My Father, Joe, Short Drama, Distributor: Shorts International, iTunes. TMN
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"May bring a lump to the throat or two. Plus you gotta love the brief inclusion of a bagel bakery for an authentic 1940's Montreal Jewish feel" – Martin Dunfy, Georgia Straight

BEST SHORT FILM, Cincinnati Film Festival, NYU-SCE
In a Closed Room, Short Drama
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Gemini nominations: BEST PRACTICAL INFORMATION
Agent vs. Agent,
Buy Me!
Shopping Bags,
Debbie Travis: Facelift

Gemini winner: BEST PRACTICAL INFORMATON
Till Debt Do Us Part, Lifestyle series

Leo Award: BEST INFORMATION SERIES
You…Me & the Kids, docu-drama series

BEST DOCUMENTARY – Audience Vote, Palm Springs International Film Festival
Intimacies, Feature Documentary

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of cinema verite that charts the emotional landscape of AIDS in far greater detail than anything churned

"A heroic film"! - LA Times

Leo Award nomination, BEST DOCUMENTARY, Yorkton Golden Sheaf nomination
Wanderings: A Journey to Connect, Feature Documentary

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