



TONIA MAGRAS

PRODUCER | DIRECTOR | EDITOR | AUTHOR | SCREENPLAY WRITER | MEDIA SPECIALIST

PROFILE

Tonia Magras is Chief Operating Officer of Hull Bay Productions, where she serves in the roles of 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 34 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, 2015.

Tonia has been recognized with 7 Emmy Award nominations and 3 Emmy wins for various documentary and production work.

In January 2020, Tonia launched her podcast, The Power PLAY Show, which has already received 12 awards, including 4 awards of excellence and 10 awards of distinction from The Communicator Awards, as well as Honorable Mention from the Webby Awards. Tonia is also the recipient of a 2023 Davey Award for her work on the podcast and placed as a quarter finalist in the 2023 Scriptation Showcase award for her upcoming film project, "do you remember me?"

The first film from Hull Bay Productions is titled "100 Years, 100 Voices of Faith", chronicled the rise of Cambridge's A bundant Life Church as they celebrated 100 years of service. Hull Bay Productions second film, More Than Our Skin, is the story of five women living with the auto-immune disease, Vitiligo. Production of their third film, "do you remember me?" is set to be released in early 2025.

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.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fitchburg State University

Teaching Assistant | *September 2024 - present*

Assist Professor in the instruction of four courses, including Pre-Production (2 classes); Short Film Development; and Writing The Series.

WGBH Educational Foundation

Freelance Producer | *February 2022 – 2023*

Freelance Event Producer, *The World Channel*

Abundant Life Church | Director of Media & Communications

September 2019 - present

Oversee all media aspects of The Abundant Life Church, including streaming Sunday Morning Worship Services; hiring and training media personnel; designer of online website and giving platform; and manages all online content for alccambridge.org.

The RayTHOMAS Variety Show | Co-Host

September 2021 – August 2022

Co-Host of The PowerNEWS inside The Ray Thomas Variety Show. Duties included: reporting and hosting guests and topic for The PowerNEWS and producing and editing show open each week.

Hull Bay Productions | Chief Operating Officer

January 2015 – present

Oversee all operations of Hull Bay Productions, including hiring of production personnel; managing all accounts receivables and payables. Also serves as Hull Bay's chief content producer and director, including their films, *do you remember me?*, *More Than Our Skin*, and *100 Years, 100 Voices of Faith*, and host of *The PowerPLAY Show*.

WGBH Educational Foundation

October 1990 – May 2015

- Supervising Producer, WGBH News Division, 2010 – 2015
- Director, WGBH News' Greater Boston with Emily Rooney, 1999 – 2010
- Assistant Director/Editor, Local Programming's Greater Boston with Emily Rooney and Beat The Press®, 1997 – 1999
- Associate Producer, Local Programming's Say Brother, 1995 – 1997
- Project Assistant, Special Educational Services, 1992 - 1994

SKILLS

- Award-winning Producer/Director
- Editor, Final Cut Pro | Davinci Resolve
- Graphics Designer, Adobe PhotoShop
- Award-winning Podcast Host
- Writer, Author, Screenwriter
- Intern Coordinator/Mentor
- Project Coordinator
- Professional Networking

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Author Script Awards

- 2024 Best Screenplay, *do you remember me?*

The Telly Awards

- 2024 Gold for Outstanding Documentary - Long Form, *More Than Our Skin*

Davey Awards

- 2023 Silver Award, *More Than Our Skin*

Scriptation Showcase

- 2023 Quarter Finalist, *do you remember me?*

The Communicator Awards | 2021 - 2024

- 4 Awards of Excellence, *The PowerPLAY Show*
- 10 Awards of Distinction, *The PowerPLAY Show*

LaCoy Production Fund Grant

- 2022 Outstanding Achievement in Screenplay Writing, *do you remember me?*

The Anthem Awards

- 2022 Bronze Award for Outstanding Special Projects, *More Than Our Skin*

The Webby Awards

- 2021 Official Honoree, *The PowerPLAY Show*

National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

- 2015 Emmy-award Nominee, Outstanding Achievement in Societal Concerns
- 2014 Emmy-award Nominee, Outstanding Achievement in Documentary
- 2001 Emmy-award Nominee Director, Outstanding Achievement in Live Directing
- 1999 Emmy-award Nominee Director, Outstanding Achievement in Directing-Taped
- 1998 Emmy-award Nominee Producer/Director, Outstanding Children & Youth Special
- 1997 Emmy-award Winning Producer, Outstanding Target Audience Program
- 1996 Emmy-award Winning Producer/Director, Outstanding Children & Youth Special
- 1995 Emmy-award Winning Producer, Outstanding Documentary Program

National Black Programming Consortium

- Outstanding Documentary Honorable Mention,
“Silent Screams: The Plight of Love, Abuse, and Being Black”, 1995

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FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS

2024

Winner, The Impact DOCS Award, *More Than Our Skin*

Honorable Mention, North Carolina Film Festival, *More Than Our Skin*

Official Selection, Lift-Off Global Network Film Festival, *More Than Our Skin*

Official Selection, Toronto International Women Film Festival, *More Than Our Skin*

Official Selection, Roxbury International Film Festival, *More Than Our Skin*

Winner, International Motion Picture Awards Film Festival, *More Than Our Skin*

Finalist, Manhattan Film Festival, *More Than Our Skin*

Official Selection, Essence Film Festival, *More Than Our Skin*

Best Documentary Feature, Los Angeles FilmAwards, *More Than Our Skin*

Official Selection, Red Movie Awards, *More Than Our Skin*

Official Nominee, Best Director, Red Movie Awards, *More Than Our Skin*

Finalist, New York International Film Awards, *More Than Our Skin*

2018

Official Selection, Roxbury International Film Festival, *100 Years, 100 Voices of Faith*

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science | Film and Video

Fitchburg State University

GPA 3.92

Class of '2025