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Day 2- Sept: 13th, 2024 of The 22nd Oakland International Film Festival will feature Dianne Houston's "FREEDOM HAIR" and the short film "THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" - Directed by Alexey Samsonov & Tatiana Veremeenko

Friday, September 13th
6:00 - **THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**
6:20 - **FREEDOM HAIR**

LOCATION - Mills College at Northeastern University
5000 MacArthur Blvd



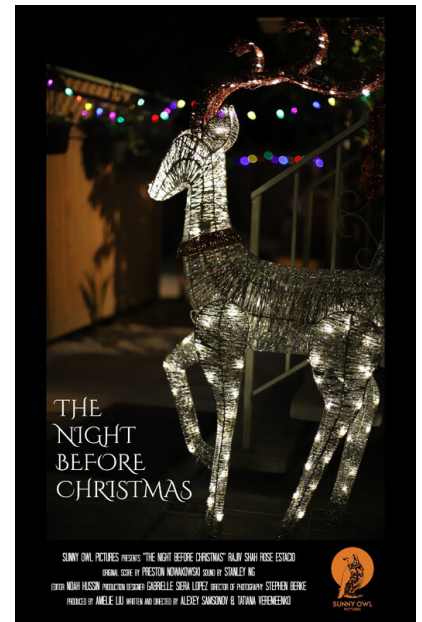
FREEDOM HAIR

Based on the inspiring, true story of Melony Armstrong, a mother who works at a shelter for battered women decides to start a natural hair braiding business to achieve financial independence for herself and others. To do so she must overcome unexpected obstacles imposed by a powerful cartel and the state of Mississippi.



Director of "Freedom Hair"
Dianne Houston

DIANNE HOUSTON is an Oscar nominated writer/director with three decades of credits and accomplishments in television and film. In 1996, Houston transformed Arne Bontemps's classic Harlem Renaissance short story A Summer Tragedy into her Academy Award nominated Short Film Tuesday Morning Ride. This nomination made Houston the first African American female director to be nominated for an Oscar in that or any other directing category.



The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, and Maria and Jose had a lot of Christmas presents to pack. But their race against time didn't stop when they were done. Will the Christmas bring joy to their family?

Directed by

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Tatiana Veremeenko