

SKARKING WEN FILM BY TANYA RAMILTON

Tanya Hamilton is the writer/director of Night Catches Us, starring Anthony Mackie and Kerry Washington, which was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival. The film was a finalist for the 2010 Humanitas Prize and winner of the Fipresci Prize at the Seattle International Film Festival for Best American film. Additionally, in 2010, Night Catches Us was named Best Screenplay by the African-American Film Critics Association and nominated for an Independent Spirit Award in the Best First Feature category. Later it was nominated for several NAACP Image Awards, including Outstanding Actor and Actress, Outstanding Independent Motion Picture, and Outstanding Directing in a Motion Picture. It was also nominated for Breakthrough Director at the 2010 Gotham Awards. A Sundance Institute writing and directing fellow, Hamilton is also a recipient of the coveted Pew Fellowship in the Arts.

HOW ONE MISTAKE CAN CHANGE YOUR PATH

Skylarking is the story of personal will, and how a single mistake can lead to a life seasoned by adversity or one subsumed by regret. Lando Thelwell has been on autopilot for years, eking out a living as radiation technician and other menial jobs, just to survive in New York. Carrying the promise his family imbued within him when they insisted he emigrate to the US, he faces a life, eight years later, that hasn't added up to expectations. He finds himself grappling with a purpose without his family and emotional connection. One day, his life changes, when a loose end he never bothered tying up, entraps him. In a moment, he is returned to his family, his home, and his country, Jamaica, the land his family worked so hard for him to escape. The life and the corruption he once knew is now much worse and he must choose how to confront it as his life is transformed.

Sean Costello - producer - previously produced Stephanie Daley starring Academy Award winners Tilda Swinton, Melissa Leo, and Timothy Hutton which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2006 in the Dramatic Competition and won the Waldo Scott Best Screenplay Award. In addition, Sean produced the film Night Catches Us staring Kerry Washington and Anthony Mackie. The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2010 in the dramatic competition and was nominated for best first feature film at the 2011 Independent Spirit Awards. Sean has received nominations from the Independant Spirit Awards and the NAACP Awards.

Cynthia is currently co-producer of Skylarking. She previously held roles as Vice President, JPMorgan, Senior Policy Advisory for Latin America at the U.S. Treasury, and a Research Analyst for Homeland Security.



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"Director Hamilton tells a complex story with admirable clarity and nuance, power as well as insight. Anthony Mackie is one of the most consistently interesting and surprising movie actors around."

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"MESMERIZING. Mackie and Washington couldn't be better. Tanya Hamilton's first feature is something to cherish. REMEMBER HER NAME. SHE'S A GENUINE FIND."

- Peter Travers, Rolling Stone

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"Night Catches Us: A Casablanca for the Black Power era."

- Andrew O'Hehir, Salon





