

DIANA (6:53 minutes)
Directed & Produced by Project: Think Different.
Winner of the Empowerment Award
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About the Film

We were approached by MTV to help create a documentary special about young people affected by HIV. What we quickly learned is that in 2006, very few young people were even educated about HIV.

Diana is a young woman living with HIV. A mother of two, powerful advocate and activist, sister, friend and fighter for people's rights, Diana's story is one of many in a world where HIV has been a reality for nearly three decades. Diana and her sister Kathy are incredible young women living with a disease that has wracked the common consciousness for over 25 years now. This film is an inspirational look at the reality of HIV today. Diana has also been prominently featured in MTV's Think HIV: This Is Me, sharing her story with a nation-wide audience.

Filmmaker Bios

Melissa Krodman, Producer and Director

Melissa is a producer and artist living in Washington, D.C. By day, she is the Associate Producer for Discovery Channel Global Education Partnership (DCGEP). Through DCGEP, she is currently involved with the production of an environmental series for the developing world and a feature-length dramatic film about HIV for Africa. By night, she is a writer, dancer and budding performance artist. She recently created and produced "The Mother Flower," a collection of original music, films and performance pieces by women exploring womanhood, sexuality and self-discovery. *Diana* was produced while she was a Program Manager for Project: Think Different in Boston, Massachusetts.

Brynmore Williams, Producer and Director

Brynmore has been soothing lounges and distorting dance-floors in Boston for almost ten years with his intricate blend of dub, experimental treats and lazy-boy beats. The prominent Boston underground newspaper, Weekly Dig, says "Brynmore represents everything that is right about DJ culture" and The Boston Phoenix magazine Stuff@Night notes, "Brynmore...blurs the lines between genres and styles...and constructs a story with his records."

Patrick White

Patrick is the Director of Development for JWM Productions in Maryland. Some of his proudest achievements include surviving a direct fecal hit from a Marabou stork (the largest scavenging bird in Africa), landing a 150-pound tarpon on a fly rod, avoiding maturity for 29

years, and creating Fatback – the best soul and funk dance party ever to rock our nation's capital.

Cara Lisa Powers

Cara holds her BA in Screen Studies with a focus in Urban Development/Social Change from Clark University and is currently a candidate for her MA in Transformative Media Arts and Ethnomusicology from Goddard College. Currently, she is the Media Education Organizer at Project: Think Different and the Founder of By Any Media Necessary.

Project: Think Different

Project: Think Different is a nonprofit media organization established in March 2002. Their mission is to create a renaissance in music, film and video media education that increases engagement in civic dialogue and action among disenfranchised communities to ensure equity and fairness. Our programs provide education, incentives and access to socially conscious and socially responsible messages in the media arts while also providing content and forums that inspire and enroll the broader public in action for change. Project: Think Different uses the media arts as an organizing tool to reach disenfranchised young people and enable them to "think differently" and think big about their ability to create positive change in their lives, communities and society at large. The organization believes that effective problem-solving begins at the local level with people who identify a common concern and understand that they have the power to bring about lasting change. By educating and empowering everyday people to create compelling solution-oriented messages in music, film and video, Project: Think Different is shifting the current media landscape while increasing public awareness of community issues and the perspectives and priorities of many disadvantaged and underserved populations.

Take Action

The International Women's Health Coalition (<http://www.iwhc.org/getinvolved/index.cfm>)
Do you envision a world where women are free from discrimination, sexual coercion, and violence? Then join the Coalition in its actions to make health information and services accessible to all!

Advocates for Youth (<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org>)
Make informed and responsible decisions about your reproductive and sexual health! Research the issues, and take action to live with knowledge and not in fear.

National HIV Test Resources (<http://www.hivtest.org>)
Now you know - so go get tested! Find national listings of free HIV testing sites and background information on the disease.

Youth Aids (http://projects.psi.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ForStudents_nr)
See how media, pop culture, music, theatre and sports can stop the spread of HIV/AIDS! Find out about resources offered by Youth Aids - an international education and HIV prevention program.

For extended information about *Diana* as well as about the rest of the films from the eighth annual Media That Matters Film Festival, visit www.mediathatmattersfest.org or contact us at festival@artsengine.net.

