

Filmmaker Bio for Catherine Russo January, 2010

Catherine Russo was born in Boston in 1950.

She has an M.A. in communications from Goddard College.

She has been a media activist, teacher and producer for the past 40 years.

Her professional media positions include:

- Founder and Coordinator of Provincetown Community TV, Provincetown, Ma.
- Video producer for The Provincetown Public Library
- Director of Community TV for the towns of Norwood and Westwood, Ma.
- Dorchester Community Schools, Ma., video teacher to inner city teens.
- Video Instructor, The Boston Film and Video Foundation
- Co-director of Telemanita, Morelos, Mexico, a video training and production center

She has credits on many other productions including:

- Director, camera and editor, “Safe Harbor” which tells the story of the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s in Provincetown
- Director, camera and editor, “Abraca O Baco”, the story of a famous fishing schooner in the early 1900s
- Producer, editor, “The Promised Land” a continuing series of weekly public affairs programs produced for Community TV in Provincetown
- Producer, editor, camera “Dreams, Desires and Lunacies”, a documentary of a Latin American Women’s Conference attended by 800 women
- Producer, director, camera and editor, “Enough Crying of Tears”, the story of the Comadres of El Salvador
- Producer, camera, director and editor, “FEDEFAM” documenting the families of the disappeared in 14 countries in Latin America

Awards, festivals and grants

- Women Make Movies has distributed four productions
- PBS bought and screened “Enough Crying of Tears”
- An American Film Institute award of \$10,000
- Productions have won 5 first place festival awards
- Productions have been included in twenty festivals, nationally and internationally

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