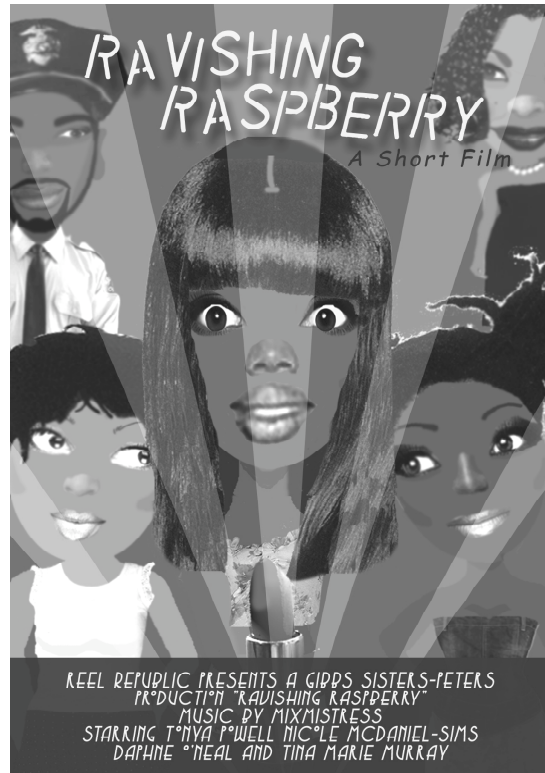


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An ordinary tube of lipstick and a night on the town teaches a materialistic young woman a lesson she may never forget.

REEL REPUBLIC PRESENTS RAVISHING RASPBERRY A FILM BY SHAWNEE AND SHAWNELLE GIBBS  
STARRING TONYA POWELL NICOLE MCDANIEL SIMS DAPHNE O'NEAL AND TINA MARIE MURRAY  
WRITTEN BY SHAWNEE AND SHAWNELLE GIBBS MUSIC MIXMISTRESS

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## Preface

"Ravishing Raspberry," a mixed media animation, takes a glimpse into the life of Nyeshia, a young woman desperate to look her best for a girls-night-out. An empty make-up case and a popular shade of lipstick, "Ravishing Raspberry," leads Nyeshia to make a critical choice that leaves her evening more memorable than she could ever imagine. The story is a commentary on the materialistic mindset shared by many of today's youth and how it is fueled by mass media.



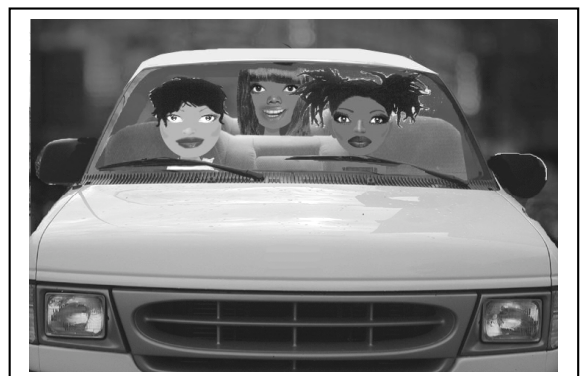
## Synopsis

Nyeshia is an attractive nineteen-year-old woman consumed with acquiring the finer things in life. She spends her days watching music videos and abiding to the lyrics of her favorite hip-hop artist Sexxy Lexxy, whose hottest single unabashedly demands young women to "Make That Cheddar." Like many urban consumers, Nyeshia makes most of her spending decisions based on commercials in between music videos and ads in trendy magazines.

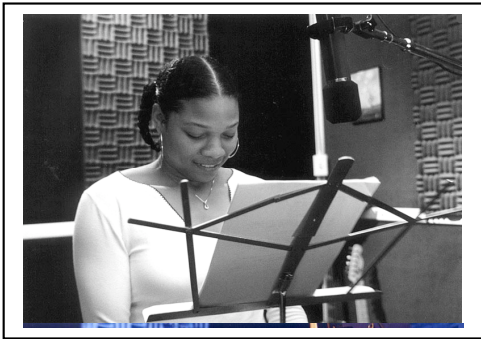
During a routine preparation for a night-out clubbing, Nyeshia discovers that she is completely out of lipstick. Having been enchanted by a television ad for Ravishing Raspberry, a hot new lipstick shade, Nyeshia is determined to acquire the makeup for her own collection--despite the fact that she has no money.

When her friends Deja and Bee arrive to pick her up, Nyeshia refuses to be seen publicly without Ravishing Raspberry. Through a series of misadventures that include flirting with the idea of a despicable shade of lipstick, intentionally breaking the law and verbally assaulting a disgruntled woman in an ally, Nyeshia learns firsthand the pitfalls of materialism.

Ravishing Raspberry is a comedic take on mass media and its affects on young impressionable minds.



## PRINCIPAL CAST

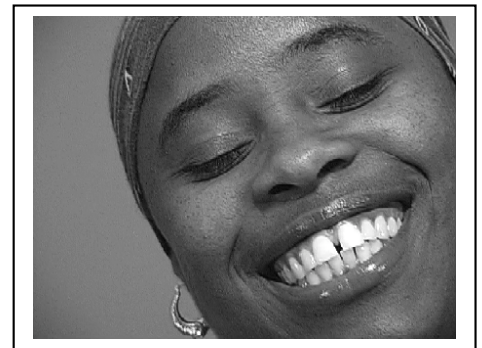


### **Tonya Powell as "Nyesha"**

Tonya began performing improvisational drama with the Black Repertory Theater. After earning a B.A. in psychology from San Francisco State University she decided to pursue an on-camera acting career. Her diverse work includes voice-over, theater, commercials and independent film. A partial list of credits includes: Coca-cola, 3DO video, Levi's Jeans, Digeo, World Savings Bank, WINGS Learning System, Globalstar and Wal-Mart.

### **Nicole Mc Daniel Sims as "Deja"**

Fresh off of her acting debut in "Lipology," Nicole joined forces with Shawnee and Shawnelle Gibbs for a second time in "Ravishing Raspberry." This married mother of a beautiful young daughter loves art, fitness and culture as her diverse background of African-Haitian Dance, Swahili, and Gymnastics shows.



### **Daphne O'Neal as "Bee"**

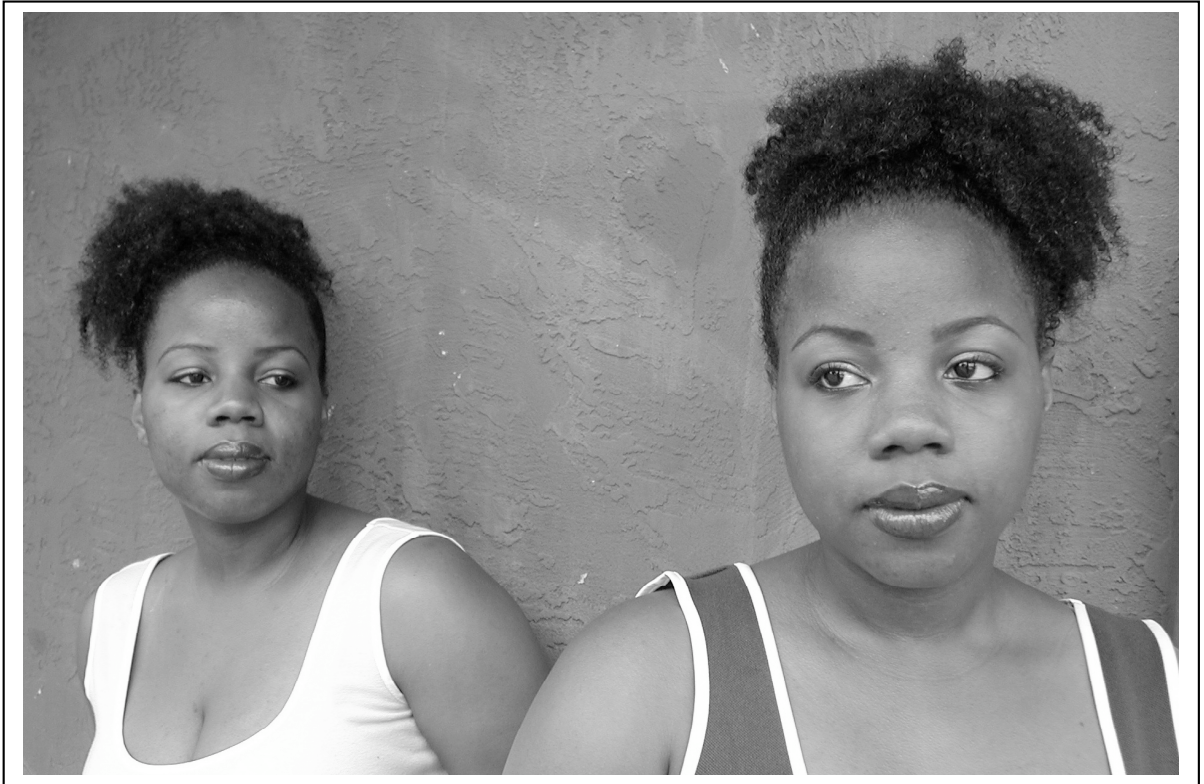
Daphne has worked in theater, commercials and independent film. Her recent work in Robin's Hood screened at this year's Toronto and San Francisco GLBT Film Festivals. Though her performing arts opportunities continue to grow, Daphne is happiest at the piano with Chopin, Beethoven, and Mozart.

### **Tina Marie Murray as "The Woman"**

Tina Marie Murray is an actress/singer/songwriter performing in film, television, radio voiceover, on stage, industrial film and wherever she has a willing audience. Her voiceover work includes character voices in the Steven Spielberg film "Minority Report", tags for GMC Pontiac Vibe and Ford Mustang, Visa International, Wal Mart and much more. Also an accomplished vocalist, this past year Tina released a four song cd of original music .



## The Directors



L to R; Shawnee Gibbs, Shawnelle Gibbs

Award-winning filmmakers Shawnee and Shawnelle Gibbs offer “Ravishing Raspberry,” their second short film and first narrative work. The twin sisters attended San Francisco State University’s School of Cinema and shortly after completed “Lipology” an experimental short which received national exposure on the festival circuit.

The pair have worked as television producers for African Eye, a cable program, taught multi-media to youth across the San Francisco Bay Area and are also visual artists working in several mediums on canvas.

With the goal of expanding the boundaries of Independent filmmaking firmly in mind, Shawnee and Shawnelle Gibbs combine their talents to create unique and thought-provoking experiences for all audiences.

# RAVISHING RASPBERRY

A short animation by Shawnee & Shawnelle Gibbs  
Credits List

Producer

Patricia Peters  
Shawnee Gibbs  
Shawnelle Gibbs

Written, directed & animated by

Shawnee Gibbs  
Shawnelle Gibbs

## Cast

“Nyesha”

Tonya Powell

“Deja”

Nicole McDaniel-Sims

“Bee”

Daphne O’Neal

“The Woman”

Tina Marie Murray

“Ravishing Raspberry Ad”

Susie Butler

“Security Guard”/

Clarence Ray Johnson

“Mr. Attractive”

Jae

“Woman at the door”

Mary Ann Tidwell

“Woman #2”

Jacqueline Butler-  
Drummer

Additional Voices

Susie Butler  
Clarence Ray Johnson  
Mary Ann Tidwell  
Jacqueline Butler-  
Drummer

## Crew

Additional background artists

John Mazyck  
Taji Knight

Recording Engineer

Steven Sena

