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**THE RISE OF BIDDY MASON
FROM OWNED TO OWNER**

Limited Narrative
Series for Television

NEVER HEARD OF BIDDY?

The awe-inspiring story of Biddy Mason is one of resilience and triumph over adversity. Born into slavery, Biddy's journey to freedom was grueling but ultimately victorious. From her days as a plantation slave under Robert Smith to her arduous trek of 1,500 miles on foot to Mormon Territory in Utah, we follow the extraordinary tale of Biddy's quest for freedom. After suing for her freedom and claiming it in a Texas court, Biddy went on to become a mother, prominent real estate mogul, and church founder in Los Angeles. As a dedicated midwife, Biddy delivered hundreds of babies, ultimately leading to the creation of the very first Black Daycare. Her philanthropy matched that of even the likes of a Rockefeller, and she was held in high regard by none other than Pio Pico, the Governor of California at the time of its official statehood.



FORMER SLAVE, BIDDY MASON, BUILT ASSETS OF NEARLY 1.1 BILLION DOLLARS IN TODAY'S MARKET.



PILOT EPISODE

SCRIPT AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

In 1889 Los Angeles, a young reporter by the name of Molly Daines is privileged to interview Biddy Mason, a 70-year-old woman with an incredible story to tell. Biddy speaks of her tumultuous past, beginning with her enslavement and subsequent trade to Robert Smith, a wealthy landowner who forced her to bear his children. Compounding her agony, Smith found religion in Mormonism, and uprooted Biddy and her children, leading them on a treacherous 1,500-mile journey to Utah.





FUTURE EPISODES

EP 2 "MARCH TO MORMON TERRITORY"

EP 3 "FIGHT FOR FREEDOM"

EP 4 "MIDWIFERY AMIDST SMALL POX"

EP 5 "BUYING AND BUILDING AN EMPIRE"

EP 6 "RAISING A CHURCH"

EP 7 "LOST CAUSES AND LOS ANGELES"

EP 8 "THE RICHEST MAN IN CA"



OUR VISION FOR THE CAST

BIDDY MASON YOUNG



Coco Jones, Condola Rashad,
Joaquina Kalukango

BIDDY MASON OLD



Margaret Avery, Octavia Spenser,
Tonya Pinkins





OUR VISION FOR THE CAST



ROBERT MASON

Biddy's Grandson



GUS BIRNEY

Molly Danes the Reporter.



REUBEN BLADES

Governor Pio Pico



OUR VISION FOR THE CAST



MATTHEW GRAY GUBLER

Brigham Young



CHRISTEN CHENOWITH

Robert Smith's Wife



RAY MCKINNON

Robert Smith Plantation Owner

COMPARABLE SERIES



WOMEN OF THE MOVEMENT, BRIDGERTON, UNDERGROUND, LOVECRAFT COUNTRY, DICKINSON, THE GILDED AGE

THE TEAM



CARMEN SMITH

Writer & Creator

- Writer: Agnes/The Hill Land Horrors
- Writer & Producer: One For The Road
- Creator & Producer: Antioch



JON RUSSELL CRING

Co-Writer

- Award Winning Director of over 33 films
- Award Winning Screen Writer of over 50 films
- Published Author



NAKIA STEPHENS

Showrunner

- Over 25 creenplays produced to screen
- NAACP Image Award nominee & 2 Tellys
- Showrunner KEYTV NETWORK

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS



DAYO BEVERLY

- Master of Arts in English/Screenwriting and an MBA degree.
- 10 years bridging relationships and Producers seeking funding.
- Moderates yearly panel at the American Film Festival, Miami.



GARY SMITH

- Helped raise over \$300million for 40 feature films
- Spent six years as a Corporate Investment Manager in London
- Built two film companies in the United Kingdom

WHY NOW?

In a world where the voices of marginalized communities are often overshadowed by those in positions of power, it is vital that we illuminate the stories of individuals like Biddy Mason. Despite facing significant adversity, Biddy rose above her circumstances to pave a path of success and prosperity for herself, her family, and future generations. Her remarkable journey serves as a powerful reminder of the strength and resilience of marginalized communities, and the importance of sharing their stories.

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