



Maria P. Jones

Maria received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Film Production from Howard University in 1988, she also holds a Masters degree in Counseling Studies from Capella University.

Since her undergraduate days at Howard, she has nobly served as an **arts educator and producer**, engaging and empowering hundreds of youth over the years in video and television production, theater, and creative writing.

Maria was awarded the top DC Screenwriting Award from the DC Office of Motion Picture and Television Development for her screenplay: “**Missing Pieces**”. She has worked as a **producer** on various video projects with Just Us Productions; she lends her production management skills to Chronicle Vision, LLC. a DMV based video production company. Maria recently **produced and directed** a staged reading performance of her **original one-act play “Roi and Mary”** to a sold out audience at Joe’s Movement Emporium.

In addition to her creative endeavors and projects, Maria has actively served the Washington, DC community for over 25 years, **volunteering** in various capacities, including: **President** of Parents of Design & Production for the Duke Ellington School of the Arts; **Board Member** for Empower, DC, **Founding Director** for Just Us Rites of Passage Program. She currently serves as **Secretary & Founding Member** of The Capstone Group, a non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting students, youth and community members in the DMV.

She has served as **Program Manager** for the Capstone MBSYEP Program since 2019, overseeing grant funded arts education experiences for DC adolescents.

She has produced several short videos in honor of various Capstone Award winners. These videos can be seen on youtube: <https://youtu.be/nDQbugAepzo>

In addition to her volunteer commitments and production work, Maria thoroughly enjoys working as a **Library Associate** with DC Public Library, where she **creates and implements** instructive and fun programming for children, teens and adults.

