

# ***Leimert Park: The Story of a Village in South Central L. A.***

## **Directors Statement**

I began this project 7 years ago with the intention of creating a documentary that reflected the rhythms and feel of the Leimert Park community, told exclusively through the words and performances of the people and artists living there - a celebratory film that showed a different perspective of South Central Los Angeles.

In the seven years' of filming, a compelling story emerged of the community's efforts to retain its identity, heritage, art and culture. ***Leimert Park*** documents these efforts and the remarkable and inspiring individuals behind the area's cultural movement. It is a universal tale of the struggles and triumphs of artists everywhere and of the power and importance of art and music in our lives.

The intent of this film is to inspire, to raise an awareness of the value of the community artist, and to show the transformative effect of music and art on a community. In keeping with this intention, all the music in the film is performed and written by musicians from Leimert Park.

The film was produced for under \$20,000, and except for nominal amounts paid to professional editors, everyone involved with the film has donated their time. It is my first film. All net proceeds from the distribution are slated to go back to the community to support the arts and culture.

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