

# Perspective II

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Building A Community

## Black Cowgirl Productions



**Nancy Holley Hughes,**

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Nancy Holley Hughes, an extraordinary award winning writer, teacher and producer who is

proud to call Santa Fe her home, recently received Governor Richardson's New Vision Award for her screenplay "The Resurrection of Honore Page." The film follows the journey of a minister, Honore Page, as she regains her faith and traces the voice of her Lumbee Cherokee grandmother to a ghost town in New Mexico. The next public reading will be on July 28, 2007 at the National Hispanic Cultural Center at 7:00 p.m. The SAG (Screen Actors Guild) actors include: Jean Effron, Liezl Carstens, David House, Cynthia Ruffin, Mateo Ulibarri, Nigel Long Soldier, Gene Grant, Sina Aurelia Pleasant Soul, Charmaine Jackson-John, Donna A. Brazier and others.

Nancy has taken many New Mexicans by surprise with her positive attitude and impressive background in the film industry. She has devoted her professional life to researching and writing the many untold stories that focus on Black women in America and as a teacher, for her high school and college students, she focused on social injustices and women's issues. In 1993, she was a co-producer and organizer for one of the largest global spiritual conferences in Albuquerque. In 1997 she worked in collaboration with other writers for Disney Imagineering on a project called "The California Story." That same year she worked as a writer and consultant for Disney Education where she wrote interactive projects for Whoopi Goldberg. In 2003, Nancy wrote and produced an original screenplay entitled "The Wright Brother's Revenge" to celebrate Orville and Wilbur Wrights one-hundred year anniversary of flight. It was later performed at the Boston Copley Library. She has also performed

her published stories "The Merlee Tales" throughout the country, which also exist on CD.

The gifted Ms. Hughes is the founder of the Women's Theological Center in Boston, Massachusetts. When I asked her why she started her production company she simply said "go to the website [www.blackcowgirl.com](http://www.blackcowgirl.com)." As I reviewed the website I was taken by what I read. Ms. Nancy Holley Hughes mission statement not only answered all my questions but it also clearly reflected on who she presently is and who she unquestionably will become. The statement read:

*"We produce films that celebrate and pay homage to a wide variety of untold stories. The essence of our work is dedicated to creative expressions and artistic freedom. As a producer, artist and storyteller, we encourage experimental and the development of strong character driven stories that display a passion and respect for the enrichment of the human spirit. We are committed to advancing the work of our elders and ancestors who devoted their lives to equality, freedom and fulfillment of a just and unbiased society.*

*Throughout our projects we seek to create and maintain an environment of growth, challenge and unlimited potential. Our relationships reflect a commitment to collegiality, integrity, and the highest regards for ethical conduct in all business matters."*