



Simone Yehuda Screenwriting Bio

Simone Yehuda is a screenwriter whose most recent works are ***The New Eve*** (Sci-Fi Thriller) and ***Jerusalem Road*** (Political Thriller), which was selected as a Semi-finalist in the Stage 32 Happy Writers Feature Contest 2015. Additional screenplays in progress include ***Guess Again*** (Romantic Thriller), ***Matatora!*** (Bio-Pic Thriller), and ***Willing*** (Mystery Thriller). She's grateful for the mentorship of film industry professionals Cynthia Whitcomb, Wendy Hammond, Hal Croasmun, Chris Soth, and the late Michael Goldberg.

Her film experience includes ***Debris*** (Short), Associate Producer, Cuba Pictures/Parallel Film Productions; ***Unspeakable: An Animated Holocaust Documentary***, Adviser, Faculty NY Company; ***Bug*** (Feature), Special Thanks, Lions Gate/Inferno, and ***Naked Angel*** (Feature), Casting, Dancingstar Productions.

Simone is also a playwright, with several productions to her credit, including ***Willing*** (Premiere, Attic Theater, Detroit, 1983; Vortex Theatre Spring Showcase/Off Off Broadway, 1989) and ***The Sign of a Free Man*** (Jewish Ensemble Theatre Spring Showcase, West Bloomfield, MI, 2000). She was co-founder and Artistic Director of the Ann Arbor Repertory Theatre (an Equity company) and Artistic Director of Ann Arbor's Young People's Theater.

An accomplished poet, Simone served as Founding Editor of ***Eclipse Magazine*** and Poetry Editor for ***Bridges Journal***. Her books of poetry include ***Thaw*** (Inwood/Horizon Press, 1974), ***Lifting Water*** (Crowfoot Press, 1979), and ***Pieces of Thunder*** (in process).

Simone received Michigan Council for the Arts Artist Apprenticeship Awards (1982, 1983) and a Michigan Council for the Arts Creative Artist Award (1983). She was also honored with Artist Residencies at the Ragdale Foundation (Lake Forest, IL, 2007) and Djerassi Resident Artists Program (Woodside, CA, 2007), where she was awarded the Erik A. Takulan Memorial Endowed Fellowship (2008).

From 1973-2011, Simone served as Professor of English at Siena Heights University (Adrian, MI).

She has been identified by several names over the course of her career, including Simone Naomi Juda, Simone Juda Press, Simone Press, Simone Naomi Yehuda, and S.Y. Molino.

Simone holds a PhD in Comparative Literature and Creative Writing (playwriting) from the Union Institute and University, a MA in Comparative Literature from Columbia University, and a BA in American Literature from Bennington College.