

## Bio

Cathy Irby Durant

Writer, Producer-Director

Cathy Irby Durant has produced and directed over 200 video and film productions, including over 50, 35mm Film music videos airing on BET and MTV, Entertainment Documentaries, TV Show Series and Commercials.

Durant is the Writer, Producer, Director of Documentaries filmed on R&B Artist Usher, Broadcasting in Shanghai, China for Yue Sai Kan, Three 6 Mafia, Rap Group, Documentary distributed by Sony Entertainment, and History of the Non Commission Officer (NCO) Army Documentary for the US Pentagon. In addition, she is Creator, Writer, Producer-Director of "Through the Eyes of Caddie," Golf Tips Documentary featuring Augusta National Masters' Golf Caddie, Carl Jackson, distributed by MVD.



Music videos and documentaries directed by Cathy Durant stream worldwide on [youtube.com/cathydurant](https://www.youtube.com/cathydurant) with over 1.5 million views. Her work landed a national TV interview on the BET Tonight Show, hosted by Tavis Smiley, in November of 2000, featured as one of the top Female Directors in the US.

At the present time Cathy Durant is Writer, Producer-Director, "I Am That I Am," a Faith Based TV Series. Episode 1 of "I Am That I Am" streaming on Amazon Prime in the US, Germany and Japan, since May 2022. Episode 2 is in post production.

Projects in pre production and development include:

Writer, Producer Director of, "Going Out a Champion," the Coach Joe Ellis a Sports Drama. Durant is attached to Produce and Direct "With This Ring, I Thee Wedd," a Rom Com, and she is attached to Write, Produce, and Direct "Mr. Excitement," the Jackie Wilson Story," Biopic, in the development.

Since September 2023, Cathy Durant is Host of the Cathy Durant Show, Broadcasting weekly on BBS Radio TV on the IHeart Network, streaming Nationwide and in 37 Countries. Featured guest include Entertainment Partners, EVP, John Hadity, Entertainment Attorney, Corky Hal Kessler and Platinum Record Sellers, Creo D and LA Sno former known as the Rap Group Duice.

Show Page: <https://bbsradio.com/cathydurantshow>

Film credits include Executive Producer, Post Production Supervisor of the movie Bar- B- Q, "Featuring Lazy Bone of Bone Thugs and Harmony," a limited theatrical release, distributed by York Entertainment/ Maverick Films, and Post Production Coordinator/Sound FX Supervisor for

“Pay the Price,” released independently on DVD and winner of the New York Film Festival “Best Family Drama” in 2001.

Durant’s most popular music videos she Produced and Directed, include Ying Yang Twins “Whistle While you Twurk,” Miracle, “Bounce” and Methrone “Loving Each Other for Life.” She is also known for Producing and Directing a National TV Commercial for Verizon Wireless featuring R&B singer, Brian McKnight. TV Shows created by Cathy Durant include Gospel Greats music video show airing on weekly on BET’s Gospel Network from 2003-2007.

TV Show Credits also include Green Light Producer for MTV's Tres, “Quiero Mi Baby” Reality TV Show, and Talent Coordinator for Tyler Perry’s blockbuster films, “Why Did I Get Married,” and episodes of Tyler Perry’s “Meet the Browns.”

In 1990 Cathy Irby Durant created Devine Communications Video & Film Production, Inc. based in Atlanta, GA. Before creating Devine Communications, in 1982-1985, she Worked at WALA TV, an NBC Affiliate in Mobile, Alabama as a News Producer, and later created her first TV show for the NBC affiliate, as Producer and Talk Show Host. Her job experience includes dual positions in Mobile, at WALA TV as Creator/Host of "Outreach" and News Director/Public Affairs Director at WBLX FM Radio Station.

Durant says, "Landing powerful positions in the news media early in my career, paved the way for greater opportunities." "Mobile, AL prepared me for everything. As a News Producer, I learned how to write and produce live shows, manage a large crew of reporters, cameramen and technical support." Having multi-skills opened doors at WAGA TV News, FOX, Atlanta, as a news editor. From there to freelancing as a Video Editor for NBC Nightly News, New York, Washington, DC and Atlanta, GA bureaus.

In 1998, Cathy Irby Durant won her first Gold Telly award and Silver Aurora award for writing, producing and directing an environmental spirit video for the US Pentagon for the USAEC. She also served as VP of professional development for Women in Film, Atlanta, GA Chapter in 2000-2001.

After working 10 years in TV news Irby- Durant developed a strong desire to work in entertainment. Ms. Durant says “Producing and directing my first 35mm music video for a popular, Atlanta Rap artist call “Kilo” was the ticket.” Having studied film at Clark Atlanta University provided a natural cross over from video to grand daddy film,” says Cathy Durant.

