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Trailer Watch: Nina Menkes's *Brainwashed: Sex-Camera-Power*



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Independent filmmaker [Nina Menkes](#) (*Queen of Diamonds*, *The Bloody Child*, *Phantom Love*) returns with *Brainwashed: Sex-Camera-Power*, a documentary that uses clips from hundreds of films to demonstrate the pervasiveness of the male gaze in the dominant cinematic canon—and the real-world misogyny that Menkes believes these depictions abet. Originally conceived as a presentation that the filmmaker gave at film festivals or as stand-alone talks, the documentary takes images from films like *Vertigo*, *Once Upon a Time...in Hollywood* and *Titane* in order to make its argument. The film also features an array of prominent women and non-binary industry figures speaking to the issue, including [Julie Dash](#), [Penelope Spheeris](#), [Charlyne Yi](#), [Joey Soloway](#), [Catherine Hardwicke](#), [Eliza Hittman](#), and [Rosanna Arquette](#).

Menkes has long been a proponent of women's rights, particularly as they pertain to the male-dominated media landscape. In 2017, she penned an article for *Filmmaker* entitled "[The Visual Language of Oppression: Harvey Wasn't Working in a Vacuum](#)," detailing the widespread abuse that has plagued the entertainment industry well before allegations against Weinstein became the catalyst for the #MeToo movement.

Brainwashed has its world premiere at Sundance earlier this year. It will be released theatrically by Kino Lorber on October 21, with engagements scheduled at [DCTV's New Firehouse Cinema](#) in NYC and [Laemmle](#) in LA, with a national rollout to follow.

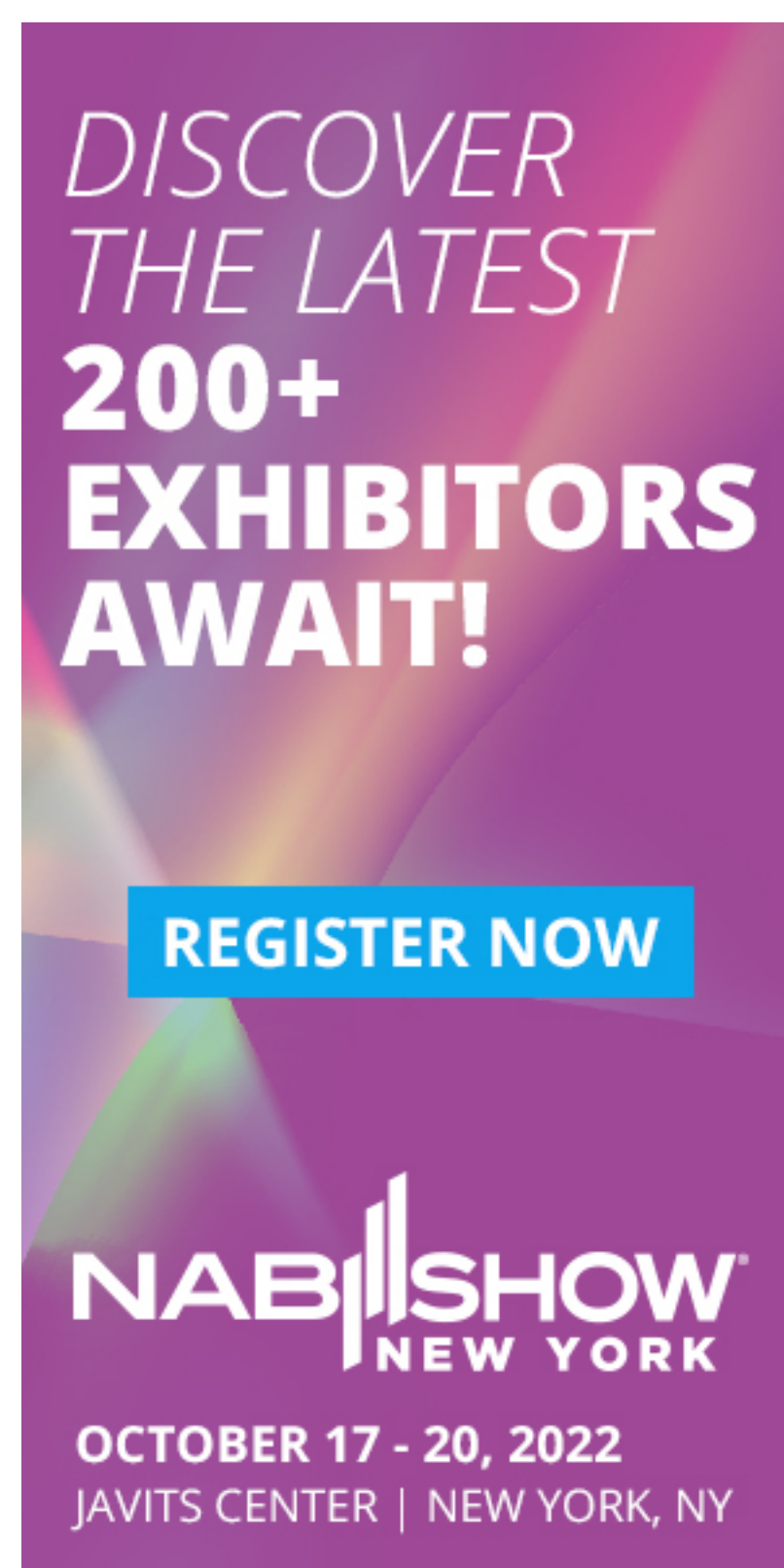


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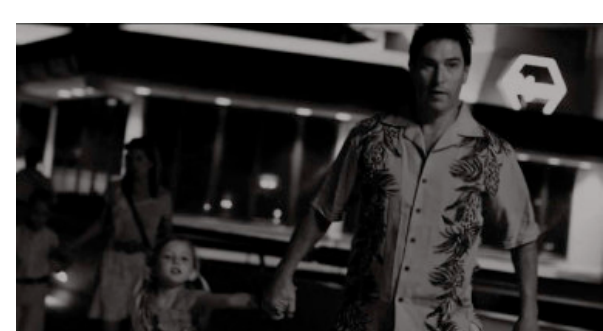
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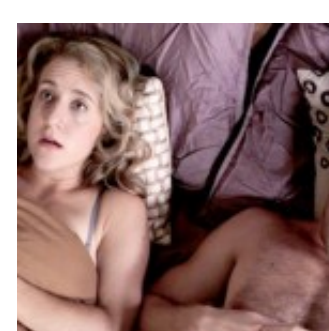
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