

Hila Cage *Coppola*

FILMMAKER · WRITER · DIRECTOR · PRODUCER · AUTHOR · LOS ANGELES

The Talk at Alliance of Women Directors Day

The American International Short Film Festival's official AWD Day program lists ***The Talk* in Block B** at City Club Los Angeles. The festival has not published a film-specific start time.

September 16

2026 · City Club Los Angeles

Official selection · Block B

Official program ↗

BIOGRAPHY

A frame of her own.

Hila Cage Coppola is a Los Angeles filmmaker, writer-director, producer and author whose work pairs emotional intimacy with social consequence. She wrote, directed and produced the 6:04 narrative short *The Talk*, developed through the Valley Antiracism Film Project. Her practice centers listening, inclusive collaboration and stories that trust audiences with complexity. Her work also includes the children's book *BIG Mantras For Growing Chakras* and the essay "Softness Is Strength" in *Dear Younger Me: Letters from Powerful Women*.

THE TALK · 2025 · SHORT DRAMA · 6:04

What begins as a soft, loving monologue slowly reveals the weight of systemic racism, personal loss and the fear every Black parent carries.

WRITER / DIRECTOR	Hila Cage Coppola
PRODUCERS	Hila Cage Coppola · Christina Cannarella
KEY CAST	Kareem Zion · Jazmin Garcia · Spencer McNish
CONTEXT	Valley Antiracism Film Project · Los Angeles Valley College

SELECTED RECOGNITION

Recipient-level record.

Writing — Cactus Award

Worldwide Women's Film Festival · Hila Cage Coppola / *The Talk* · 2026

Best Director

Momòhill Film Fair · Hila Cage Coppola · 2026

Best Director [F]

iDEAL International Film Festival · Hila Cage Coppola · 2026

Best Female Director Short Film

Five Continents International Film Festival · Hila Cage Coppola · 2025

Best Screenplay in Short Film

Bridge Fest · Hila Cage Coppola · 2025

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION · 2026

All-USA Academic Team member

Phi Theta Kappa

All-California Academic First Team

Community College League of California / Phi Theta Kappa

New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar

Phi Theta Kappa / Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

World Impact Scholar

Phi Theta Kappa / Coca-Cola North America

Official: uncaged productions

The Talk · Press record · IMDb

Professional Impact: [LinkedIn](#) · [IMDb](#)

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