

Darla Rae is a California native who grew up in Azusa a suburb of Los Angeles. She has called Denver home for 22 years. She began acting at the age of 8 and made the change from stage to film as an actor in John Carpenter's original "Halloween" as an extra ten years later. Her film education began at CBS studios hanging out and watching 70's variety shows like the Carol Burnett, and Sonny and Cher shows. She is an award-winning filmmaker. In 2006 her first full length feature film "The Goal" received numerous awards nationally and internationally as well as worldwide distribution. It made it to Blockbuster and Comcast, and even now Amazon. Darla never attended film school or college because her family didn't have the means and didn't know how to help her.

Darla has also lent her talents to the award winning medical documentary "Dandy Kids" which she presented and screened before the United States Congress in Washington DC. The film helped change the way in which research dollars were appropriated to help families whose children are affected by Dandy Walker Syndrome.

Darla's 2nd feature film "Spirit of Love, the Mike "Stinger" Glenn story" won Best Inspirational Family Film from The Inspirational Country Music Association Nashville in 2013 beating out Warner Bros and Paramount studio films.

Darla Rae and Film It Productions body of work received Denver's Mayors award of "Excellence in the Arts" for Global Impact in 2013. She enjoys mentoring, helping and teaching others who share an interest in acting, filmmaking and storytelling. While starting her film career as a director and producer Darla held a fulltime position for over 30 years as a Program Manager in Aerospace working for McDonnell Douglas, Lockheed and Nasa on multi million dollar programs including Space Station and the maiden voyage of the Endeavor space shuttle.

Darla is an alumna of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles. She is CEO and founder of Film It Productions and is currently working on an epic WWII love story titled "The French American" in addition several other projects including Courageous Warriors; Beauty from the Ashes documentary and a few narrative features which are at various stages from development to pre-production. Most recently her team completed a short film about homelessness titled Weary Hearts, which hired cast and crew from WIFMCO and other film networking groups.

She is an active founding member of WIFMCO and has served 2 years on the board including Fundraising Co-Chair, raising funds through the Elevation Award Gala and then helping to increase membership by 50% as Membership Co-Chair currently.

Additionally, Darla mentors' young people in various aspects of the filmmaking industry.