

## JOHN NJAGA DEMPS

John Njaga Demps began his professional career in the world of music videos. He has over 70 music video credits for artists such as: *NWA*, *Queen Latifah*, *Tupac Shakur*, *After Seven*, and *Snoop Dogg & Dr. Dre*, *Mary Mary*, and *Angie Stone*. He collaborated with directors such as *The Hughes Brothers*, *F. Gary Gray*, and *Ice Cube*. In addition to shooting music videos, Demps has a long list of television movies, documentary films, studio and independent features to his credit. Demps won the award for "*Best Cinematography*" at the 2003 Long Beach International Film Festival for his work on the docu-drama "*Nat Turner: A Troublesome Property*." This marked Demps' second distinguished "*Best Cinematography*" award. His first came in 2001 at the Newport Beach Film Festival for his work on "*The Annihilation of Fish*," a romantic comedy starring *Lynn Redgrave* and *James Earl Jones*, both directed by acclaimed director Charles Burnett.

In 2007 Demps and Burnett filmed "*Namibia: The Struggle for Liberation*" shot on location in Namibia. The two also teamed up for an episode of the highly acclaimed PBS series "*History of the Blues: Warming by the Devils Fire*" produced by Martin Scorsese. Demps has lensed numerous features including "*Clubland*," "*Inkwell*," "*The Show*," "*The Walking Dead*," and "*Fear of A Black Hat*."

Demps filmed "*The Visit*" directed by Jordan Walker-Pearlman and starring Hill Harper, Billy Dee Williams, and Rae Dawn Chong which won the "*Audience Award*" at the Urbanworld Film Festival; "*Best*

*Feature Film*," at the 2000 Method fest and was also nominated for the 2001 Spirit Award for "*Best First Feature*." Demps teamed with

director Walker-Pearlman again on "*Constellation*," the 2005 Audience Award winner at Urbanworld Film Festival.

He has also shot title and transitions sequences for television series such as "*South Central*," "*Moesha*," "*The Parker's*," *Second Time*

*Around* and most recently photographed transition shots for the series "*All of Us*" Executive Produced by Will Smith and Jada

Pinkett-Smith. Demps has recently shot commercials and television shows in Nigeria and has served as Director/DP for a tourism film made for the government of Senegal.