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## TARAJI P. HENSON WILL DIRECT JENNIFER HUDSON AND PAULETTA WASHINGTON IN A FILM

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Women filmmakers are on a mission to [tell](#) their stories—their way.

Taraji P. Henson is one actress who is helping to shape the narrative of how to tell stories through film. Henson is busy [crafting](#) a feature film called “*Tell It Like a Woman*,” according to Iervolino & Lady Bacardi Entertainment.

The *Tell It Like a Woman* anthology has seven film segments that will be “directed by a diverse and international group of women filmmakers.” The stories, which will unfold around the globe, have been described as “inspirational and empowering.”

Of the seven segments, Henson will direct the “Pepcy & Kim” portion in the anthology.

According to *Slash Film*, “Pepcy & Kim” is inspired by the true story of **Kim Carter**, who was one of CNN’s Top 10 Heroes in 2015, according to reports. The story was penned by Catherine Hardwicke.

*Variety* identified Carter as a “former addict who has used her story and her nonprofit, the Time for Change Foundation, to help homeless women and children break the cycle and reclaim their lives.” She experienced issues with prostitution, drug abuse, and homelessness before turning the tables on her life and turning things around.

Carter created the [Time for Change Foundation](#), whose mission is to “empower disenfranchised low-income individuals and families by building leadership through evidence-based programs and housing to create self-sufficiency and thriving communities.”

Powerhouse singer and actress Jennifer Hudson has been cast and actress Pauletta Washington, who is married to renowned actor Denzel Washington, is set to play opposite of her.

Per *Variety*, Henson, Hudson and Pauletta Washington [joined](#) the anthology project to bring a portion of it to life through use of their unique voices.

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**TARAJI P. HENSON TO DIRECT  
JENNIFER HUDSON AND PAULETTA  
WASHINGTON IN ‘TELL IT LIKE A  
WOMAN’ ANTHOLOGY PROJECT  
(EXCLUSIVE)**

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“The talents of Taraji, Jennifer and Pauletta are awe-inspiring and on full display in their adaptation of the amazing Kim Carter story,” Andrea Iervolino said, according to *Variety*. “This trio is a marvelous compliment to the spirited filmmakers and talent banding together for this one-of-a-kind film, and their sincerity in delivering a ‘must see’ segment is simply moving. We can’t wait to show this film to the world.”

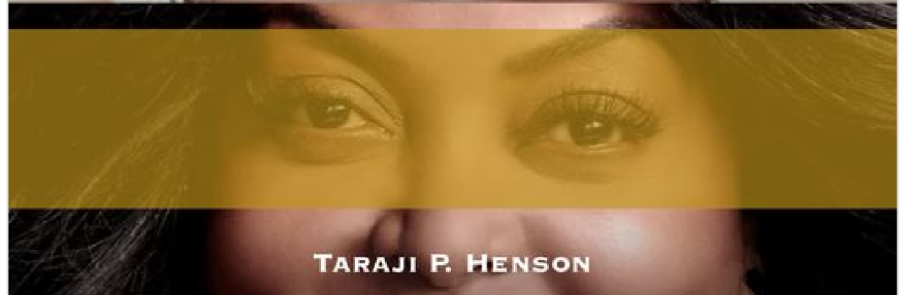
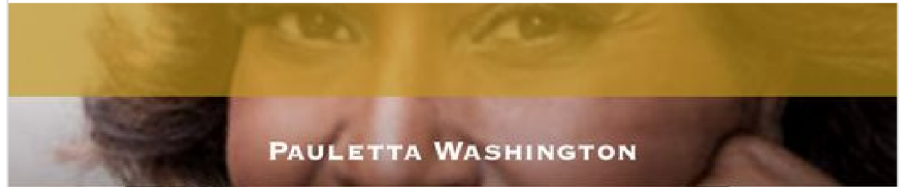
After nearly six years spent producing the film, the addition of the “Pepcy & Kim” marks the final portion of the feature, according to *Variety*. Henson is also a producer.

Slash Film [noted](#) that each segment was shot in either Italy, India, Japan, or the U.S.



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Taraji P. Henson, Academy Award® Winner Jennifer Hudson and Pauletta Washington have joined star-studded anthology project “Tell It Like a Woman” from Iervolino Entertainment and the non-profit film production company for gender equality ‘We Do It Together’.

The title of the segment will be "Pepcy & Kim".

The mission of the project is to engage young people with the right ideas promoting kindness and tolerance.

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