

Opiated: Life Beneath the Eyelids: **Director's Biography**

The director of the film, Dara Taylor, recently received her MFA in Computer Arts (Video Concentration) from the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan. In her time in New York, she has completed an internship at PBS | Thirteen.org, working on the American Masters Series, "Annie Liebovitz", edited and authored DVD's for Untwist Technology, worked as a Junior Flame Artist for Semerad Visual Effects and as a Lab Assistant for the School of Visual Arts. She has also had her video works screened at film festivals, such as ThinkTank and Hell on Reels in New York. Her thesis video, "Opiated: Life Beneath the Eyelids", has been featured as a semi-finalist in the Adobe Design Achievement Award Competition, distributed internationally in the "School of Visual Arts Selected Works 2007" DVD and screened in Baltimore, Washington DC and Denver.

Dara attended the Maryland Institute, College of Art college preparatory program and graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County with a B.A. in Digital Imaging and Arts. Well versed in web technologies, she worked at the Baltimore School of Pharmacy and served as the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) Pilot Program Director and launched a web community for the Department of Defense. Dara is currently working as an Audio Visual Technician and Digital Archivist for the Smithsonian Institution.