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Renée Shafransky

What Lies Beneath

Tuesday, Dec 8 at 7:00pm

Writer/Screenwriter explores the “psycho-logic” of characters.

Every good writer is a psychologist. Hear ideas from a writer/therapist that will help you explore the “psycho-logic” of your characters and tap into the vast reservoir of unconscious material. Developed to help screenwriters, this lecture is useful for all who want to create rich and vivid stories. Clips from various independent and studio films will be used to illustrate.



Renée Shafransky is a psychotherapist, writer and award-winning independent film producer with more than 20 years experience in the film and television industries. She has written screenplays for Columbia, Tri-Star, Universal, and Disney as well as teleplays for HBO and PBS. She has worked on film projects as either writer or producer with directors Harold Ramis, Mike Newell, Jonathan Demme, Michael Lindsay-Hogg and Bette Gordon, among others. A former freelance journalist and film critic for *The Village Voice*, her articles have appeared in *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Harper's Bazaar* and *American Film Magazine* as well as other publications. She received a Directing Grant from the PEW Charitable Trust for her work in the theater. Her films have been selected for numerous film festivals including the Cannes Film Festival (Director's Fortnight); the Toronto Film Festival; The Sundance Film Festival and the Tribeca Film Festival. She has a BA in Cinema from SUNY Binghamton and a MA in Counseling Psychology from the Pacifica Graduate Institute in CA. Shafransky has a therapy practice in New York City and Sag Harbor, NY where she makes her home.

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