

**Mehret Mandefro, MD, PhD**

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Mehret Mandefro champions the creative arts as a path to developing a more just society and is Founder and Principal Investigator of Truth Aid Impact, a research-studio for wellbeing. Mehret's artistic practice is rooted in integrating art and science to tell stories about the barriers to wellbeing people face. She draws on her interdisciplinary training as a physician and anthropologist to create compelling narratives she refers to as "audiovisual medicine." Her body of work as an Emmy-nominated producer, writer, and serial entrepreneur using narrative to shift culture secured her a spot on Variety's list of most impactful women in global entertainment.

Her healing approach informs her film and television shows which span documentary and fiction, and have been featured on multiple outlets, including Netflix, PBS, American Masters, and Amazon Prime. Her most recent film *The Cost of Inheritance* broadcast on PBS and explores how Americans are healing racial divides.

A member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences and the American Television Academy, she is a sought-after speaker and has a widely watched TED talk about the impact of the creative industry on the global economy. Mehret has a BA in Anthropology from Harvard University, an MD from Harvard Medical School, a MSc in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine as a Fulbright Scholar, and a PhD in Cultural Anthropology from Temple University. She was a White House Fellow in the Obama Administration and is Chair of the Board of the Realness Institute.