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Washington Screening of Ten9Eight



The Washington screening of director **Mary Mazzio's** inspirational second film, **Ten9Eight** was held on Monday at the Smithsonian Museum of American Art's Portrait Gallery, followed by a reception at the Hotel Monaco.

The compelling film chronicles high-school age contestants in a year-long competition for young entrepreneurs, sponsored by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship. Mazzio is a Georgetown University law school grad, but after years as a practicing lawyer, in the mid-1990's she felt compelled to do something more positive with her life. "It was time," she said, "so I considered politics, and I considered filmmaking, and filmmaking won out."

In the crowd: **Deputy Secretary of Commerce Dennis Hightower, White House Director of Social Innovation Sonal Shah, Visa Inc. CEO Joe Saunders, Nantucket Nectars founder Tom Scott, Fox News Channel's Greta Van Susteren, entrepreneur and educator Chris Gardner** (the inspiration for the Will Smith film "The Pursuit of Happyness"), **AMC Theaters CEO Gerry Lopez, Winston Bao Lord, and David Sutphen.**

— *Report and photographs by Christina Wilkie*