



Melanie Jeffcoat (Producer/Director "OPEN SECRET") was born in Watts, Los Angeles in the 60's and earned her BA in Theatre from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She received her MFA in Acting from the prestigious Professional Actor Training Program at the University of Washington in Seattle. She has worked around the country, playing lead roles at the Utah Shakespearean Festival, Oregon Shakespeare

Festival, South Coast Repertory Theatre and the Seattle Repertory Theatre. She worked in New York on the TV show, "All My Children" and appeared in numerous films. In Los Angeles, Melanie co-founded the critically acclaimed non-profit, Circle X Theatre Co.

www.circlextheatre.org. With Circle X, Melanie served as Associate Artistic Director, Development Director, Producer, and Director and created several roles in World Premiere plays. She is the winner of two Ovation Awards for acting and producing as well as numerous LA based Dramalogue Awards for Acting.

Melanie moved to Birmingham in 2001 and focused primarily on teaching Acting and Film at University of Montevallo and Samford as well as writing and producing film projects. She is the writer, director and producer of the film "Open Secret" which was based on the transcripts of the 1901 Alabama Constitutional Convention and recently won the "Audience Favorite Award" at the 2010 Politics on Film Festival in Washington, DC. Melanie spent a year reading the transcripts, writing the script and filming/editing the project which premiered at the Carver Theatre and has since toured the state. She was recently honored as Citizen Educator of the Year by the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform on behalf of her work on the film. In addition, Melanie is also the Associate Producer on "Man in the Glass: The Dale Brown Story," a sports documentary starring Matthew McConaughey and Shaquille O'Neal, which will be released in 2011.