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Mehret Mandefro is an Emmy-nominated producer, writer, and serial entrepreneur that champions the creative arts as a path to developing a more just society. 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 scaling media companies and 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. A member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences and the American Television Academy, she is a sought-after speaker with 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 Co-founder and Chair of the Board of the Realness Institute. She is currently Executive Producer of Truth Aid Media and COO of TBTM Studios.