



SYNOPSIS

Featuring the genre-busting talent of James Nasty and TT the Artist, *The Real Wi-Fi Of Baltimore* offers a punny and nuanced view of Baltimore neighborhoods in a short film edited from iPhone screenshots of Wi-Fi network names. *The Real Wi-Fi Of Baltimore* poses this challenge: Are we connected?

BIOS

James Nasty is a Baltimore-based DJ and club producer. jamesnasty.com

TT the Artist is a Baltimore-based singer, rapper, and producer.

Julia Kim Smith is a Baltimore-based multidisciplinary artist whose work takes on issues of racism, sexism, misrepresentation, and underrepresentation—by any means necessary. juliakimsmith.com

CREDITS

"Are U Connected?" (audio)
Words by James Nasty and Julia Kim Smith
Music by James Nasty
Performed by James Nasty and TT the Artist

The Real Wi-Fi Of Baltimore (video)
Directed and produced by Julia Kim Smith
Production assistant: Elizabeth Smith

PRODUCTION NOTE

"Baltimore is the world. The world is Baltimore."
Your Face In Mine, Jess Row

In the wake of the Freddie Gray uprising, I was traveling around Baltimore, lost and looking for a Wi-Fi connection, and was fascinated by the Wi-Fi network names that came up on my phone. I started taking screenshots which I edited into a short film. Thanks to a Rubys Artist Grant, I was able to remaster the film for projection on the big screen and combine forces with James Nasty and TT the Artist to produce an original soundtrack for the film, "Are U Connected?"—both a question and a challenge.

— Julia Kim Smith, Director

THE REAL WI-FI OF BALTIMORE

Running time: 00:03:00

SCREENER: <https://vimeo.com/juliakimsmith/areuconnected> (password available upon request)

FILM WEBSITE: <http://juliakimsmith.com/projects/the-real-wifi-of-baltimore>

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