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It was the interruption heard 'round the world. **Roger Ross Williams**, director of *Music By Prudence* (about a severely disabled singer from Zimbabwe who formed a band), received the achievement of a lifetime — an Oscar. As he stood at the podium to accept his Best Short Documentary award,

Williams got “Kanye’d” by co-producer **Elinor Burkett**. Williams, who came to The Miami Herald Thursday with his star, **Prudence Mabhena**, before a screening at *The Betsy Hotel*, doesn’t hold a grudge. “I have no hard feelings. I just wanted to get my point across about helping the disabled, and couldn’t.” He and Burkett, a former Miami Herald

writer, are no longer in contact (they reached a legal deal removing her from the project but retaining her title).

“I could say something, but I won’t; I’ll take the high road.” Plus, the publicity has been great. “The movie is getting so much attention now,” he said, laughing. “People yell out at me on the streets from their cars, ‘Hey aren’t you the Kanye guy?!’ ”

The film premieres on HBO May 12; watch an interview on the People Page Show at [MiamiHerald.com](http://MiamiHerald.com).

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