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22ND ANNUAL NAMIC VISION AWARDS NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, NY – March 30, 2016 -- The **National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC)**, has announced the nominees for the **2016 NAMIC Vision Awards** presented in partnership with **NAMIC - Southern California**. Now in its 22nd year, the awards honor original and digital programming content that depicts the lives, spirit and contributions of people of color and best reflects the ethnic and cultural diversity of the viewing audience.

Leading all contenders vying for this year's NAMIC Vision Awards is **HBO** with nine nominations. **BET Networks** and **OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network** garnered eight nominations each with **ESPN** earning seven nods. Overall, 29 networks/distributors generated 83 nominations for NAMIC Vision Awards presented in 18 categories: Animation, Awards & Honors, Children's, Comedy, Daytime, Documentary, Drama, Foreign Language, Lifestyle, News/Informational, Original Movie or Special, Reality, Reality - Social Issues, Sports, Variety/Talk Show, Best Performance – Comedy, Best Performance – Drama and Digital Media – Short Form. Original programs having aired from November 1, 2014 to November 30, 2015 were eligible for consideration.

"At a time when diversity is at the forefront of our consciousness such as the case with the Oscars, NAMIC remains committed to recognizing achievements in ethnically and culturally relevant programming," said **Eglon E. Simons**, president and CEO, NAMIC. "We applaud this year's nominees and encourage them to continue advancing diversity on screen and behind-the-scenes."

HBO's "Bessie" and Lifetime's "Devious Maids" tied for this year's top nominated programs, both earning three nominations. **Queen Latifah** and **Michael Kenneth Williams** received Best Performance – Drama nods for "Bessie." **Dania Ramirez** and **Judy Reyes** garnered Best Performance - Comedy nominations for "Devious Maids." "Bessie" received its third nomination in the Original Movie or Special category. "Devious Maids" was also recognized for Comedy.

Additional nominations for Best Performance - Drama went to **Naturi Naughton** and **Omari Hardwick** for the Starz original series "Power," and **David Oyelowo** for "Nightingale". In addition to "Bessie," programs nominated for Original Movie or Special category include: Nickelodeon's "Halo Awards," BET Networks "The Book of Negroes," National Geographic Channel's "Saints & Strangers" and Lifetime's "With This Ring." The nominees joining Ramirez and Reyes in the Best Performance - Comedy category are: **Frankie J. Alvarez** and **Raúl Castillo** for HBO's "Looking" and **Mindy Kaling** for Universal Television's "The Mindy Project." Original series nominated for Comedy in addition to Lifetime's "Devious Maids" include ABC's "black-ish," BET Networks "Real Husbands of Hollywood," and Universal Television's "Master of None" and "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt."

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ABC dominated the Drama category with nominations for its primetime series, "How To Get Away with Murder," "Scandal" and "Grey's Anatomy." Original series BET Network's "Being Mary Jane" and Cinemax's "The Knick" also garnered nominations.

The NAMIC Vision Awards competition extends eligibility to national broadcast and cable networks; local affiliates; local origination programs from cable operators; and VOD content produced for digital platforms. Entries were judged by a distinguished panel of entertainment industry executives. Judging is focused on overall imagery (creative merit, originality, and presentation quality), sensitivity (the consideration given to cultural nuances), writing (the depiction of issues relevant to people of color) and the quality of acting in the performance categories.

A complete list of 2016 NAMIC Vision Awards nominees follows. For more information, visit www.namic.com or contact Sandra Girado, vice president, Events and Partner Relations, at NAMIC National, 212-594-5985.

2016 NAMIC Vision Awards Nominees

Animation

Doc McStuffins - Disney Junior
Miles From Tomorrowland - Disney Junior
NINA'S WORLD - Sprout
Sanjay & Craig - Nickelodeon
The Legend of Korra - Nickelodeon

Awards & Honors

46th NAACP Image Awards - TV One
BET Honors - BET Networks
Black Girls Rock - BET Networks
Essence Black Women in Hollywood Awards - OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network
Oprah Winfrey Presents: Legends Who Paved The Way - OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network

Best Performance - Comedy

Danía Ramirez, Devious Maids - Lifetime
Frankie J. Alvarez, Looking - HBO
Raúl Castillo, Looking - HBO
Judy Reyes, Devious Maids - Lifetime
Mindy Kaling, The Mindy Project - Universal Television

Best Performance - Drama

Omari Hardwick, Power - Starz
Queen Latifah, Bessie - HBO
Naturi Naughton, Power - Starz
David Oyelowo, Nightingale - HBO
Michael Kenneth Williams, Bessie - HBO

Children's

Dora and Friends - Nickelodeon
Game Shakers - Nickelodeon
Nick News with Linda Ellerbee - Nickelodeon
Talia in the Kitchen - Nickelodeon

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Comedy

black-ish - ABC
Devious Maids - ABC Studios
Master of None - Universal Television
Real Husbands of Hollywood - BET Networks
Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt - Universal Television

Daytime

Oprah Winfrey Network - SuperSoul Sunday - OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network
The Talk - CBS

Digital Media - Short Form

#BLX - BET Networks
Ángel o Demonio - ESPN
HelloBeautiful *InterludesLIVE!* - Interactive One
The Doll Life - Myx TV
Wise Words with DJ Khaled - Music Choice

Documentary

"AFROPUNK Presents The Triptych" from AfroPoP: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange:
WORLD Channel & The National Black Programming Consortium- WORLD Channel
Breakthrough "Water Apocalypse" - National Geographic Channel
Emmett Till - Al Jazeera America
Fault Lines: Baltimore Rising - Al Jazeera America
Fresh Dressed - CNN

Drama

Being Mary Jane - BET Networks
Grey's Anatomy - ABC
How to Get Away with Murder - ABC
Scandal - ABC
The Knick - Cinemax

Foreign Language

Mexicánicos - Discovery Latin America/US Hispanic
Viernes Futbolero Tiempo Extra - Kaza Azteca America, Inc.

Lifestyle

BBQ Blitz - Food Network
Home Away from Home - GMA Pinoy TV
Rev Run's Sunday Suppers - Cooking Channel
Tia Mowry at Home - Cooking Channel
Taco Trip - Cooking Channel

News/Informational

Katrina: 10 Years After the Storm with Robin Roberts - ABC News and Rock'n Robin
Productions
Katrina 10 Years Later: Through Hell and High Water - BET Networks
Muhammad Ali: The People's Champ - BET Networks
Oprah's Master Class - OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network
Shining a Light: Conversations on Race in America - A&E

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Original Movie or Special

Bessie - HBO
 Book of Negroes - BET Networks
 HALO Awards - Nickelodeon
 Saints & Strangers - National Geographic Channel
 With This Ring - Lifetime

Reality

Raising Whitley - OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network
 Welcome to Sweetie Pie's - OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network
 Project Runway - Lifetime
 SC Featured: Life on the Streets - ESPN
 SC Featured: No Excuses - ESPN

Reality - Social Issues

LHH: "Out In Hip Hop" - VH1
 SC Featured: Her Voice - ESPN
 This is Life with Lisa Ling - CNN
 Vice Special Report: Fixing the System - HBO
 Women of Honor - Lifetime

Sports

Countdown to the Special Olympics World Games with Robin Roberts - ESPN and
 Rock'n Robin Productions
 E:60 Love Is Stronger - ESPN
 E:60 Silent Night Lights - ESPN
 Mayweather/Pacquiao: At Last - HBO
 The Offseason: Kevin Durant - HBO

Variety/Talk Show

Shining a Light: A Concert for Progress on Race in America - A&E
 Oprah Prime - OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network
 Legends: OWN at the Apollo - OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network
 Talk to Al Jazeera Misty Copeland Interviewed by Richelle Carey - Al Jazeera America
 Talk to Al Jazeera Spike Lee Interviewed by Sarah Hoyer - Al Jazeera America

2016 NAMIC Vision Awards by Network/Distributor

A&E - 2	Kaza Azteca America, Inc. - 1
ABC - 5	Lifetime - 5
ABC Studios - 1	Music Choice - 1
Al Jazeera America - 4	Myx TV - 1
BET Networks - 8	National Geographic Channel - 2
CBS - 1	Nickelodeon - 7
Cinemax - 1	OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network - 8
CNN - 2	Sprout - 1
Cooking Channel - 3	Starz - 2
Discovery Networks Latin America - 1	TV One - 1
Disney Junior - 2	Universal Television - 3
ESPN - 7	VH1 - 1
Food Network - 1	WORLD Channel - 1
GMA Pinoy TV - 1	
HBO - 9	
Interactive One - 1	

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ABOUT NAMIC

NAMIC (National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications) is the premier organization focusing on multi-ethnic diversity in the communications industry. Founded in 1980 as a non-profit trade association, today NAMIC comprises 2,700 professionals belonging to a network of 16 chapters nationwide. Through initiatives that focus on education, advocacy and empowerment, NAMIC champions equity and inclusion in the workforce, with special attention given to ensuring that the leadership cadres of our nation's communications industry giants reflect the multi-ethnic richness of the populations they serve. Comcast | NBCUniversal, Time Warner Cable and Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. are NAMIC's Platinum Annual Corporate Sponsors. For more information, please visit www.namic.com and stay connected to NAMIC on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram.

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