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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](http://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](http://www.namic.com) and stay connected to NAMIC on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram.

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