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WINNERS OF THE 22ND ANNUAL NAMIC VISION AWARDS ANNOUNCED

OWN, BET Networks And HBO Top Programming Diversity Winners

NEW YORK, NY – May 2, 2016 -- The **National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC)** today announced the winners of the **2016 NAMIC Vision Awards**. Presented in partnership with **NAMIC – Southern California**, the awards recognize original, multiplatform television programming that best reflects the diversity of the global viewing audience. Presented through an online format, winning programs are now being showcased online via the **2016 NAMIC Vision Awards Winners Gallery**. <http://namicvisionawards.com>

OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network won a total of four NAMIC Vision Awards to lead all competing networks and distributors. **BET Networks** and **HBO** each garnered three wins. Additionally, **National Geographic** received multiple wins taking top honors in two categories. This year's single category winners include: **ABC News and Rock'n Robin Productions, Al Jazeera America, CNN, Cooking Channel, Discovery Networks Latin America, Disney Junior, ESPN, Lifetime, Music Choice, Nickelodeon, Starz** and **Universal Television**.

Entries were judged by a distinguished panel of entertainment industry executives and content creators. 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. Original programs having aired from November 1, 2014 to November 1, 2015 were qualified for entry. Eligibility to compete for NAMIC Vision Awards is extended to national broadcast and cable networks, local affiliates, local origination programs from cable operators and VOD content produced for digital platforms.

The complete list of **2016 NAMIC Vision Awards** winners is as follows:

ANIMATION

Doc McStuffins - Disney Junior

AWARDS & HONORS (tie)

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

BEST PERFORMANCE - DRAMA

Omari Hardwick, Power - Starz

Queen Latifah, Bessie - HBO

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CHILDREN'S

Talia in the Kitchen - Nickelodeon

COMEDY

Master of None - Universal Television

DAYTIME

Oprah Winfrey Network - SuperSoul Sunday - OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network

DIGITAL MEDIA - SHORT FORM

Wise Words with DJ Khaled - Music Choice

DOCUMENTARY (tie)

Breakthrough "Water Apocalypse" - National Geographic Channel
Fault Lines: Baltimore Rising - Al Jazeera America

DRAMA

Being Mary Jane - BET Networks

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Discovery Latin America/US Hispanic - Mexicánicos

LIFESTYLE

Rev Run's Sunday Suppers - Cooking Channel

NEWS / INFORMATIONAL (tie)

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

ORIGINAL MOVIE OR SPECIAL (tie)

Book of Negroes - BET Networks
Saints & Strangers - National Geographic Channel

REALITY

SC Featured: Life on the Streets - ESPN

REALITY - SOCIAL ISSUES (tie)

This is Life with Lisa Ling - CNN
Vice Special Report: Fixing the System - HBO

SPORTS

Mayweather/Pacquiao: At Last - HBO

VARIETY / TALK SHOW

Oprah Prime - OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network

For more information or to view the **2016 NAMIC Vision Award Winners Gallery**, visit <http://namicvisionawards.com>.

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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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