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

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