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### **24TH ANNUAL NAMIC VISION AWARDS NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED**

**New York, NY – February 22, 2017 --** The **National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC)** has announced nominees for the **2017 NAMIC Vision Awards**. Presented in partnership with **NAMIC – Southern California**, 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.

**HBO** led all networks and distributors vying for this year's awards with 12 nominations. Both **BET Networks** and **ESPN** garnered eight nominations. **History Channel** and **CNN** are also among the top nominated networks, earning five each. Nominations for the 2017 NAMIC Vision Awards were announced as part of the Hollywood Creative Forum 8.0 VIP Reception hosted by **The Walter Kaitz Foundation**. **Amrit Singh**, chief political correspondent, culture editor, and news anchor for REVOLT, **Donnell Turner**, co-star of ABC's "General Hospital" and **Danielle Vega**, co-star of Hulu's original series "East Los High" were on-hand to announce the nominees.

"NAMIC is honored to continue the tradition of honoring original content that defies stereotypes, while telling compelling stories of cultural diversity and life experiences," said **Eglon E. Simons**, president and CEO, NAMIC. "This year's nominees must be applauded for their excellence and commitment to advancing diversity and inclusion on and off screen."

NAMIC Vision Awards are presented in 18 categories: Animation, Awards & Honors, Best Performance – Comedy, Best Performance – Drama, Children's, Comedy, Daytime, Digital Media - Short Form, Documentary, Drama, Foreign Language, Lifestyle, News/Informational, Original Movie or Special, Reality, Reality - Social Issues, Sports, Variety/Talk Show. This year's top nominated programs are "**Roots**," HISTORY's reimagining of the original miniseries and the Starz original comedy, "**Survivor's Remorse**" with four nominations each.

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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 based 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 2017 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, NAMIC National at 212-594-5985.

### **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 over 3,000 professionals belonging to a network of 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. For more information, please visit [www.namic.com](http://www.namic.com) and stay connected to NAMIC on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

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### **2017 NAMIC Vision Awards Nominees**

#### **Animation**

Doc McStuffins - Disney Junior  
Miles from Tomorrowland - Disney Junior  
Sanjay and Craig - Nickelodeon  
Sofia the First - Disney Junior  
The Loud House - Nickelodeon

#### **Awards & Honors**

47th NAACP Image Awards - TV One  
BET Awards 2016 - BET Networks  
Black Girls Rock! - BET Networks  
Dear Mama - VH1  
Hip Hop Honors: All Hail the Queens - VH1  
Trailblazers Honors - Logo

#### **Best Performance – Comedy**

Don Cheadle: House of Lies - Showtime  
Issa Rae: Insecure - HBO  
RonReaco Lee: Survivor's Remorse - Starz  
Teyonah Paris: Survivor's Remorse - Starz  
Tichina Arnold: Survivor's Remorse - Starz

**Best Performance - Drama**

Anika Noni Rose: Roots - HISTORY  
Forest Whitaker: Roots - HISTORY  
Gabrielle Union: Being Mary Jane - BET Networks  
Kerry Washington: Confirmation - HBO  
Malachi Kirby: Roots - HISTORY  
Malik Yoba: Bad Dad Rehab - TV One  
Regé-Jean Page: Roots - HISTORY

**Children's**

All in with Cam Newton - Nickelodeon  
Game Shakers - Nickelodeon  
Nina's World - Sprout  
Sesame Street - HBO  
Stuck in the Middle - Disney Channel

**Comedy**

Ballers - HBO  
black-ish - ABC  
Fluffy Breaks Even - Fuse  
Insecure - HBO  
Survivor's Remorse - Starz

**Daytime**

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

**Digital Media - Short Form**

Change Agents: History in the Making - TV One  
Harlem on My Plate - Powerhouse Productions  
One Heritage, Two Generations: Amelia Morán Ceja and Dalia Ceja - NBC Latino  
This is Birth with Lisa Ling - CNN  
Voices - NBC Asian America

**Documentary**

Eyes on the Prize Then and Now: A WORLD Channel Special - World Channel  
Fault Lines: The Lives of Black Women - Al Jazeera English  
Roots: A New Vision - HISTORY  
Southwest of Salem: The Story of the San Antonio Four - Investigation Discovery  
We Will Rise: Michelle Obama's Mission to Educate Girls Around the World - CNN

**Drama**

Being Mary Jane - BET Networks  
East Los High - Hulu  
Grey's Anatomy - ABC  
How to Get Away With Murder - ABC  
Secret and Lies - ABC

**Foreign Language**

Pancho Villa: Se Busca Vivo o Muerto - Discovery Latin America/US Hispanic  
Texas Trocas - Discovery Networks - Discovery Latin America/US Hispanic

## **Lifestyle**

Ayesha's Homemade - Food Network  
Design + Story - ABS-CBN International  
Patti LaBelle's Holiday Pies - Cooking Channel  
Smollett Eats - Food Network  
Special Projects: Breakthrough Women - CNN  
Spice to Life - ABS-CBN International

## **News/Informational**

Arab and Queer: Lebanese Singer Pushes Boundaries - NBC Out  
BA Election Day Coverage 2016 - ABS-CBN International  
NewsOne Now with Roland Martin - TV One  
Special Projects: Impact Your World - CNN  
Stay Woke: The Black Lives Matter Movement - BET Networks  
The Story of God with Morgan Freeman - National Geographic

## **Original Movie or Special**

All the Way - HBO  
BET Presents Love & Happiness: An Obama Celebration - BET Networks  
Black Girls Rock! - BET Networks  
Rock the Runway - ABS-CBN International  
Special Projects: Amalgam Comics - CNN

## **Reality**

Black Market with Michael K. Williams - VICELAND  
ESPN Features: SC Featured – Chubbtown - ESPN  
ESPN Features: SC Featured – Inky Johnson - ESPN  
ESPN Features: SportsCenter – Mother of Hampton Lacrosse - ESPN  
ESPN Features: Sunday NFL Countdown – Jarrius Robertson - ESPN

## **Reality - Social Issues**

E:60 American - ESPN  
Gaycation with Ellen Page - VICELAND  
Rise Up: A SportsCenter Special - ESPN  
Vice News Tonight - HBO  
Vice: "Viva Cuba Libre" - HBO

## **Sports**

E:60 Mike Evans - ESPN  
ESPN Features: SC Featured – The Meaning of Miyah - ESPN  
Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel - HBO  
Terrance Crawford: My Fight - HBO  
VICE World of Sports - VICELAND

## **Variety/Talk Show**

All Def Comedy - HBO  
Being: Brandy - BET Networks  
Lemonade - HBO  
StarTalk with Neil deGrasse Tyson - National Geographic  
VH1 Live! - VH1

**2017 NAMIC Vision Awards by Network/Distributor**

ABC - 4	Investigation Discovery - 1
ABS-CBN International - 4	Logo - 1
Al Jazeera English - 1	National Geographic - 2
BET Networks - 8	NBC Asian America - 1
CBS - 1	NBC Latino - 1
CNN - 5	NBC Out - 1
Cooking Channel - 1	Nickelodeon - 4
Discovery Latin America/US Hispanic -2	OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network -2
Disney Channel - 2	Powerhouse Productions - 1
Disney Junior - 3	Showtime - 1
ESPN - 8	Sprout - 1
Food Network - 2	Starz - 4
Fuse - 1	TV One - 4
HBO - 12	VH1 - 3
HISTORY - 5	VICELAND - 3
Hulu - 1	World Channel - 1

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