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WINNERS OF THE 24TH ANNUAL NAMIC VISION AWARDS ANNOUNCED

HBO's Original Shows Win Five Awards Spotlighting Programming Diversity

NEW YORK, NY - April 24, 2017 -- The **National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC)** today announced the winners of the **24th Annual NAMIC Vision Awards**. Presented in partnership with **NAMIC – Southern California**, the awards honor original, multiplatform television programming that reflects the ethnic and cultural diversity of the viewing audience. Presented through an online format, winning programs are now being showcased via the **2017 NAMIC Vision Awards Winners Gallery** at <http://namicvisionawards.com>.

HBO led all networks and distributors with five NAMIC Vision Awards. HBO's original series, **"Insecure"** was this year's Comedy category winner with the show's star, **Issa Rae** awarded Best Performance - Comedy. Rounding out HBO's five wins are awards for the original programs, **"All the Way"** (Original Movie or Special), **"Terrance Crawford: My Fight"** (Sports), and **"Lemonade"** (Variety/Talk Show). Notably, the Variety Talk/Show category resulted in a tie with "Lemonade" sharing top honors with **National Geographic's "Star Talk with Neil deGrasse Tyson."** In addition, **ABC's** primetime series, **"Secrets and Lies,"** also tied with **BET Networks'** original program, **"Being Mary Jane"** for top honors in the Drama category. Best Performance - Drama was awarded to **Anika Noni Rose** for her portrayal of Kizzy in **HISTORY's** reimagining of the miniseries **"Roots."** HISTORY's original documentary, **"Roots: A New Vision,"** featuring interviews with historians, the cast and producers of the miniseries is this year's winner in the Documentary category.

"Congratulations are extended to the winners of the 2017 NAMIC Vision Awards," said **Tisha Harris**, president, NAMIC – Southern California and director, Programming, Z Living. "As our industry's consumer base becomes increasingly diverse, the production of ethnically and culturally relevant content is central to our industry's sustainability. NAMIC – Southern California in collaboration with NAMIC National is pleased to continue our tradition of recognizing achievements in the advancement of multiplatform programming diversity."

A total of 32 nominated networks and distributors competed for programming diversity honors in 18 award categories: Animation, Children's, Comedy, Best Performance - Comedy, Documentary, Drama, Best Performance - Drama, Foreign Language, Lifestyle, News/Informational, Original Movie or Special, Reality, Reality - Social Issues, Sports, Variety/Talk Show, and Digital Media - Short Form. In addition to HBO's five awards, **BET Networks**, **ESPN**, and **HISTORY** each garnered wins in two categories. Networks and distributors garnering wins in a single category include **ABC**, **CBS**, **CNN**, **Discovery Latin America/US Hispanic**, **Disney Junior**, **National Geographic**, **Powerhouse Productions**, **Sprout**, and **VH1**.

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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. 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.

A complete winners list for the 2017 NAMIC Vision Awards follows. For more information or to view the Winners Gallery, visit <http://namicvisionawards.com> or contact Sandra Girado, vice president, Events and Partner Relations, NAMIC at 212-594-5985.

2017 NAMIC Vision Awards - Winners

Animation

Disney Junior – Sofia the First

Awards & Honors

VH1 – Hip Hop Honors: All Hail the Queens

Best Performance - Comedy

HBO – Issa Rae: Insecure

Best Performance - Drama

HISTORY – Anika Noni Rose: Roots

Children's

Sprout – Nina's World

Comedy

HBO – Insecure

Daytime

CBS – The Talk

Digital Media - Short Form

Powerhouse Productions – Harlem on My Plate

Documentary

HISTORY – Roots: A New Vision

Drama (tie)

ABC – Secrets and Lies

BET Networks – Being Mary Jane

Foreign Language

Discovery Latin America / US Hispanic – Pancho Villa: Se Busca Vivo o Muerto

Lifestyle

CNN – Special Projects: Breakthrough Women

News/Informational

BET Networks – Stay Woke: The Black Lives Matter Movement

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Original Movie or Special

HBO – All the Way

Reality

ESPN – SC Featured: Chubbtown

Reality - Social Issues

ESPN – Rise Up: A SportsCenter Special

Sports

HBO – Terrance Crawford: My Fight

Variety/Talk Show (tie)

HBO – Lemonade

National Geographic – StarTalk with Neil deGrasse Tyson

2017 NAMIC Vision Awards - Winners by Network/Distributor

ABC - 1

BET Networks - 2

CBS - 1

CNN -1

Discovery Latin America/US Hispanic - 1

Disney Junior - 1

ESPN - 2

HBO - 5

HISTORY - 2

National Geographic - 1

Powerhouse Productions - 1

Sprout - 1

VH1 - 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 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 and stay connected to NAMIC on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

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