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NOMINEES FOR 25th ANNUAL NAMIC VISION AWARDS

Winners to be recognized at the Multicultural TV Summit on April, 3 in New York City

WASHINGTON, DC – (February 21, 2018) – The **National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC)** has announced the nominees for their **2018 NAMIC Vision Awards**, presented in partnership with NAMIC-Southern California. Now on its 25th year, the awards recognize original programming that is reflective of the lives, spirit and contributions of people of color that best reflects the ethnic and cultural diversity of the viewing audience.

With an outstanding 15 nominations, **HBO** leads the contenders participating in this year's NAMIC Vision Awards. **ABC** and **Starz** earned seven nominations each, followed by **ESPN** garnering six. Overall, 31 networks/distributors generated 81 nominations for NAMIC Vision Awards presented in 17 categories: Animation, Best Performance – Comedy, Best Performance – Drama, Children's, Comedy, Digital Media – Long Form, Digital Media – Short Form, Documentary, Drama, Foreign Language, Lifestyle, News/Informational, Original Movie or Special, Reality, Reality – Social Issues, Sports, and Variety/Talk Show. Original programs having aired from November 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017 were eligible for consideration.

"For 25 years, NAMIC has been proudly recognizing achievements in multicultural programming," said **Eglon E. Simons**, president and CEO, NAMIC. "We celebrate this year's nominees and encourage their work advancing diversity on screen and behind-the-scenes."

Starz's "Survivor's Remorse" and "Power" tied for this year's top nominated programs, both earning a total of three nominations across three different categories. **Erica Ash**, **Robert Wu**, and **RonReaco Lee** received Best Performance – Comedy nods for "Survivor's Remorse". **Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson** and **Michael Rainey, Jr.** garnered Best Performance – Drama nominations for "Power", which was also recognized for Drama.

Additional nominations for Best Performance – Comedy went to **J.B. Smoove** for the HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm", with Universal Television's **Lena Waithe** from "Master of None" and **Mindy Kaling** from "The Mindy Project" also receiving nominations. The nominees joining Rainey and Jackson in Best Performance – Drama are: **Jennifer Lopez** for Universal Television's "Shades of Blue", **Oprah Winfrey** for HBO's "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks", and **Orlando Jones** for Starz's "American Gods".

In addition to Starz's original series "Power", ABC dominated the Drama category as it garners five out of the six nominations for its primetime series, "Grey's Anatomy", "Scandal", "How To Get Away With Murder", and "Code Black", along with their anthology series "American Crime".

The NAMIC Vision Awards extends eligibility to national, network owned and operated, and affiliates of broadcast networks; national and regional cable networks; local origination programs from cable operators; first-run original program syndicators; 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 2018 NAMIC Vision Awards nominees follows. For more information, visit namic.com/visionawards or contact Sandra Girado, Vice President, Events and Partner Relations, at NAMIC National, 212-594-5985.

2018 NAMIC Vision Awards Nominees:

Animation

Explosion Jones - El Rey Network

Through the Woods - The Fred Rogers Company/Curious World

Best Performance – Comedy

Erica Ash: Survivor's Remorse - Starz

J.B. Smoove: Curb Your Enthusiasm - HBO

Lena Waithe: Master of None - Universal Television/Netflix

Mindy Kaling: The Mindy Project - Universal Television/Hulu

Robert Wu: Survivor's Remorse - Starz

RonReaco Lee: Survivor's Remorse – Starz

Best Performance – Drama

Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson: Power - Starz

Jennifer Lopez: Shades of Blue - Universal Television

Michael Rainey, Jr.: Power - Starz

Oprah Winfrey: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks - HBO

Orlando Jones: American Gods - Starz

Children's

Doc McStuffins - Disney Junior

Elena of Avalor - Disney Junior

Nella the Princess Knight - Nickelodeon

The Magical Wand Chase: A Sesame Street Special - HBO

Top Chef Junior - Universal Kids

Comedy

Ballers - HBO

black-ish - ABC

Insecure - HBO

Marlon - Universal Television/NBC

Master of None - Universal Television/Netflix

The Mayor - ABC

Digital Media – Long Form

McDonald's *People Behind the People* - Comcast Spotlight/TV One

This Is Sex with Lisa Ling - CNN

Deported - NBC Asian America

Digital Media – Short Form

30 for 30 Shorts: 24 Strong - ESPN

Christine's Story: Raising Awareness About Domestic Violence - NBC Asian American

Local, USA: K-Town '92: Reporters - World Channel

My Motto: Veterans Edition - Myx TV

The NBC Latino 20 - NBC Latino

Documentary

30 for 30: Celtics vs Lakers: The Best of Enemies - ESPN

Baltimore Rising - HBO

Indivisible - Fuse

Rock and a Hard Place - HBO

Whitney. "Can I Be Me" - Showtime

The 44th President: In His Own Words - HISTORY

Drama

American Crime - ABC

Code Black - ABC

Grey's Anatomy - ABC

How to Get Away with Murder - ABC

Power - Starz

Scandal - ABC

Foreign Language

Niños en la Frontera - Discovery Latin America/US Hispanic

Pusong Pinoy Sa Amerika: From Deported to Supported - GMA Network

Lifestyle

Flipping Virgins - HGTV

Fluffy's Food Adventure - Fuse

Man Fire Food – Cooking Channel

Patti LaBelle's Place – Cooking Channel

Social Fabric Fuse/Red Bull

Wear I'm From - NBC Asian America

News/Informational

CNN Special Projects: Turning Points - CNN

NewsOne Now - TV One

The Story of Us with Morgan Freeman - National Geographic

VICE News Tonight: Trump Chicago Gangs - HBO

Original Movie or Special

Beaches - Lifetime

Flint - Lifetime

J. Cole: 4 Your Eyez Only - HBO

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks - HBO

The New Edition Story - BET Networks

Reality

Braxton Family Values - WE tv

ESPN Features - Undeclared In-Depth: Serena Williams with Common - ESPN

Last Chance High - VICELAND

Mary Mary - WE tv

Rickey Smiley for Real - TV One

Reality – Social Issues

ESPN Features - SC Featured: Legacy of the '97 Masters - ESPN

RISE - VICELAND

United Shades of America with W. Kamau Bell - CNN

VICE: Black and Blue - HBO

VICE News Tonight: "Nobody Kill Anybody" Baltimore Calls for Weekend Ceasefire - HBO

Sports

E60: Underdog - ESPN

ESPN Features: SC Featured: A League of Her Own - ESPN

Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel - HBO

The Black 14: Wyoming Football 1969 - CBS Sports Networks

VICE World of Sports Rivals - VICELAND

Variety/Talk Show

Desus & Mero - VICELAND

George Lopez: The Wall, Live from Washington, D.C. - HBO

Jerrod Carmichael: 8 - HBO

StarTalk with Neil deGrasse Tyson - National Geographic

Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen - Bravo

2018 NAMIC Vision Awards by Network/Distributor

HISTORY – 1

ABC – 7

Bravo – 1

BET Networks – 1

CBS Sports Network – 1

CNN – 3

Comcast Spotlight – 1

Discovery Latin America/US Hispanic – 1

Disney Junior – 2

El Rey Network – 1

ESPN – 6

Lifetime – 2

Myx TV – 1

NBC Asian America – 3

NBC Latino – 1

National Geographic – 2

Nickelodeon – 1

Showtime – 1

Starz – 7

The Fred Rogers Company – 1

TV One – 2

Universal Kids – 1

Cooking Channel – 2
Fuse Media – 3
GMA Network – 1
HBO – 15
HGTV – 1

Universal Television – 5
VICELAND – 4
WE tv – 2
World Channel – 1

Winners will be recognized on April 3, 2018 as part of The Multicultural TV Summit, an event exploring the business of targeting segments for TV and video. For more information on the Multicultural Summit visit www.multiculturaltvsummit.com.

ABOUT NAMIC

NAMIC (National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications) is the premier organization focusing on cultural diversity, equity, and inclusion in the communications industry. More than 3,500 professionals belong to a network of 18 chapters nationwide. Through initiatives that target leadership development, advocacy and empowerment, NAMIC collaborates with industry partners to grow and nurture a workforce that reflects the cultural richness of the populations served. Please visit www.namic.com for more information about NAMIC and its many opportunities.

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