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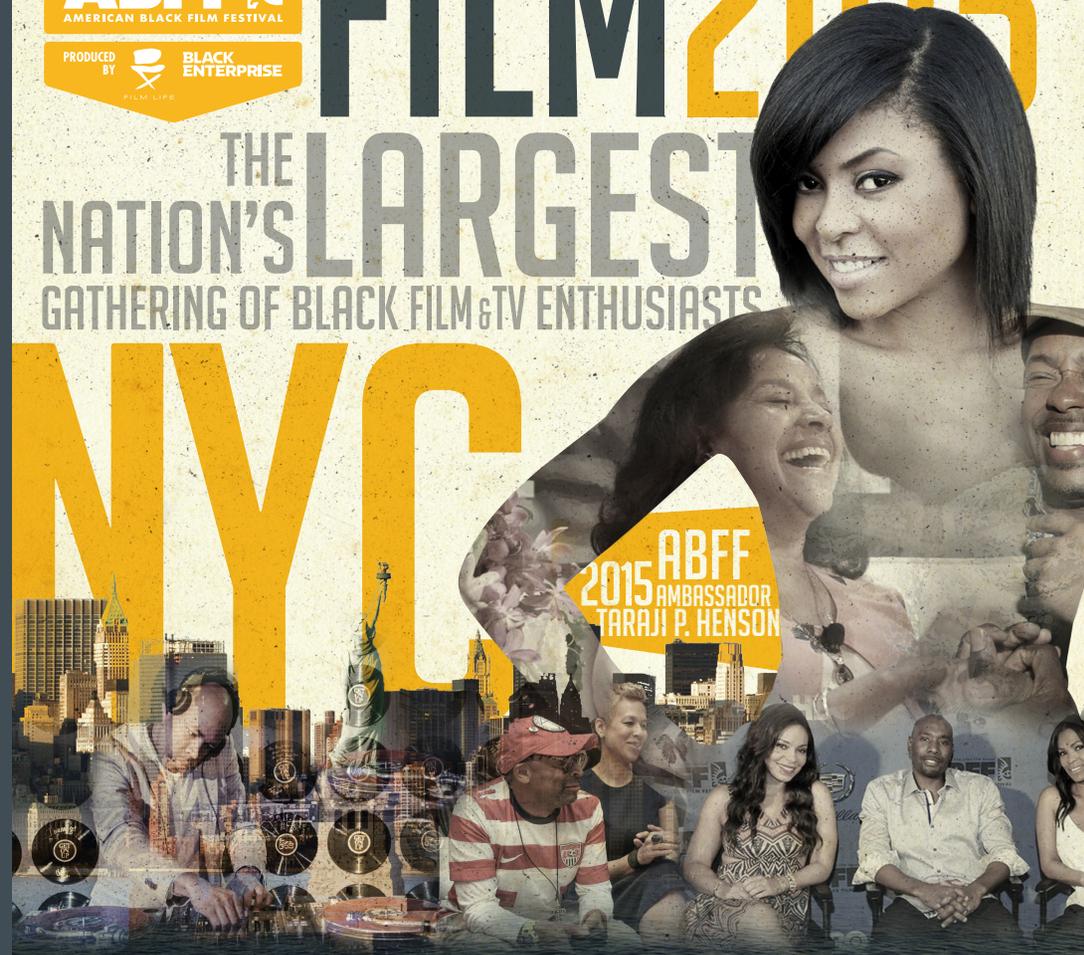
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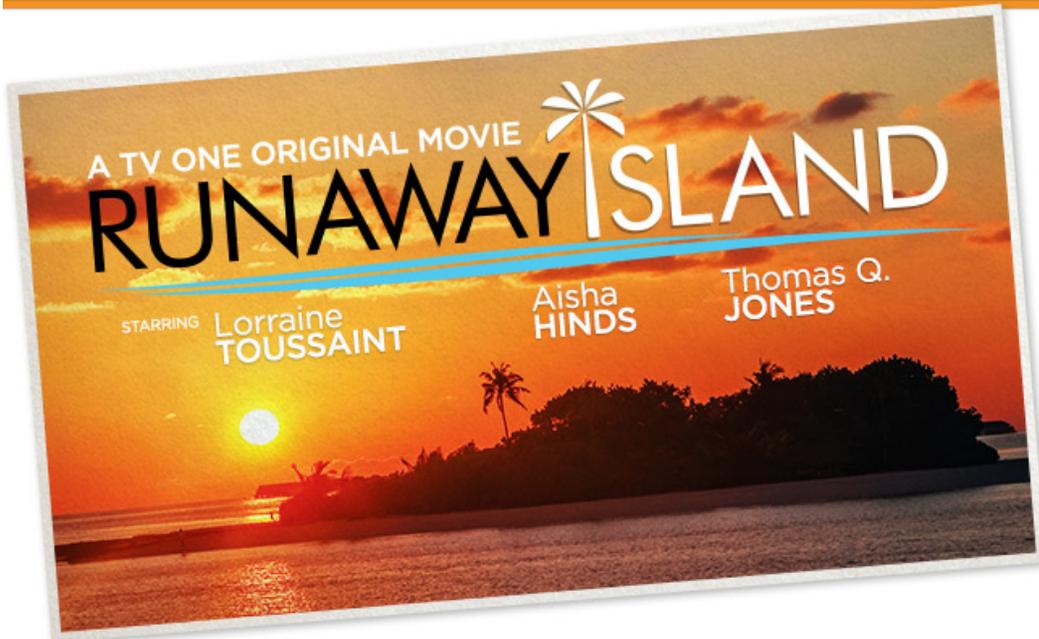
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TWO EVENTS
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

FRI World Premiere Screening **RUNAWAY ISLAND**

2014 ABFF Screenplay Competition Winner

Join
Lorraine Toussaint,
Aisha Hinds, Thomas Q. Jones
and *Director Dianne Houston*
for the screening
Q&A immediately following.

JUNE 12TH
3:20-5:20PM
AMC Empire 25
W. 42ND Street

SAT CELEBRITY SCENE-STEALERS

Join *Terri J. Vaughn, Malinda Williams,*
Essence Atkins, Lamman Rucker,
Keith Robinson and the stars of
RUNAWAY ISLAND
as they perform select scenes
from this year's three
Screenplay Competition Finalists.

JUNE 13TH
1:30-3:30PM
The Hilton Grand Ballroom
East Main Stage



It is my honor to welcome you all back to New York City for the 19th annual American Black Film Festival in one of the world's most exciting destinations, also known for being one of the most diverse. This year, the ABFF has expanded its mission to include television, making it the nation's largest gathering of Black film and television enthusiasts. In addition, our new partnership with Black Enterprise, and its President and CEO, Butch Graves, represents an unprecedented opportunity to take ABFF to new heights, with a multi-media partner that brings the print, television and social media reach to extend both the visibility and cultural impact of this event.

For the last 18 years, the ABFF has maintained a solid foothold as the premier film festival for filmmakers and artists of African descent. It is through the generosity of the corporate sponsors who believe in our mission and each year provide the festival with their support, that we have been able to continue to uphold this platform for diverse storytellers, and to become a go to resource for quality new talent: writers, producers, directors, actors, comedians and television hosts.

My sincerest gratitude to our Founding Sponsor and Premier Sponsor, HBO®, for their ongoing commitment to ABFF, as well as to TV One, Cadillac, Walmart, Comcast NBCUniversal and Prudential, Inc. for their generous contributions. ABFF is a true collaboration, and we could not produce it without the cooperative effort of every last one of our sponsors, industry, media, promotional partners and exhibitors.

Since its inception in 1997, the ABFF has proudly screened over 850 films and provided a platform to exceptionally talented filmmakers by introducing their work to the broader film industry and to those who have a sincere interest in the Black experience and culture reflected in the stories that are expressively imagined on screen.

I would like to especially thank all of the filmmakers, talent competition finalists, film and television enthusiasts who will gather in New York City for the 19th ABFF. We hope that you will experience four amazing action-packed days! Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to the ABFF and Black Enterprise staff – your extraordinary effort to make all things possible is reflected in the continued success of the American Black Film Festival.

Enjoy!

TVOne is proud to be a sponsor of **ABFF**
Please join us to celebrate our exciting new films and their makers.

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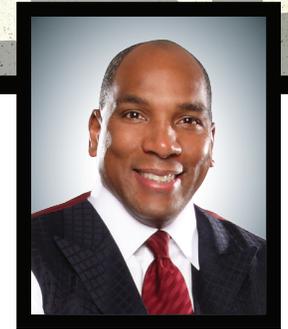
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On behalf of Black Enterprise, and in enthusiastic partnership with Film Life, Inc., it's my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the premiere professional development and networking showcase for African-American filmmakers, artists and industry influencers: the 19th annual American Black Film Festival. We are extremely excited to host the festival in the home city of Black Enterprise, New York City, for the second consecutive year, providing a truly unique forum for the creativity, technology and business that drive innovation in the film industry.

Black Enterprise was proud to be the Premier Media Sponsor of ABFF last year, and we're even more thrilled to return as a partner, with Film Life, in the newly formed ABFF Ventures. I join my business partner and friend Jeff Friday, the founder of ABFF and CEO of Film Life, in expressing gratitude to our sponsors for this year's festival, including HBO®, TV One, Cadillac, Walmart, Comcast NBCUniversal, Prudential, Inc., AMC Theatres, American Airlines, Coors Light, McDonald's, TNT, Fox | HBCU Media Alliance, Macy's, Moët Hennessy, Time Warner Foundation and VH1 among others.

Of course, the secret ingredient that makes ABFF a uniquely amazing event is YOU—a dynamic gathering of leaders, entrepreneurs, executives, professionals, innovators and artists from every corner of the filmmaking world, making this the ultimate networking event for African Americans in the industry, as well as a showcase for great cinema. I urge you to take full advantage of the world premieres, panels, Master Classes, as well as the parties and other events of the next several days. Don't forget to follow and share all the happenings on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook using the hash tag #ABFF. And of course, you'll want to follow coverage of everything ABFF at BlackEnterprise.com.

Finally, thank you to both the ABFF and the Black Enterprise staff as they combine their prodigious talents, vision and powers of execution to produce an experience like no other. This year's ABFF will be the first of many great events produced by this team. Hold on to your seats!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Earl G. Graves Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Earl G. Graves Jr.
President & CEO
Black Enterprise



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Dear ABFF Participants:

Welcome to FilmLife’s 19th Annual American Black Film Festival. As the founding and premier sponsor of the ABFF, HBO is very proud to continue celebrating the efforts and talents of black filmmakers.

Our long-standing partnership with the ABFF has allowed us to play an integral role by sharing our vision and creative resources during competitions, workshops, panels, and networking opportunities in support of aspiring actors and filmmakers. Representatives from several HBO divisions will be attending ABFF providing full support including – Film Programming, Documentary, Original Programming, Talent Relations, Marketing, Production, Business Affairs, Human Resources and Corporate Social Responsibility.

At this year’s festival, HBO is sponsoring several key events where attendees can network with the HBO staff, including our 18th Annual HBO® Short Film Award competition, which has served as an unparalleled resource in introducing us to the next generation of artistic and creative talent.

This year, HBO has invited five outstanding filmmakers to vie for the HBO® Short Film Award in a final round of competition, to be held on June 13th at 8:45 p.m. at the AMC Empire 25 Theater. Created to reward and honor the writing and directing talents of diverse filmmakers, the winner of the Short Film Award will be rewarded with \$10,000 and presented during the closing night awards reception.

In addition, we will again host the third annual ABFF Comedy Wings Competition Finals on June 13th at 12:00 pm at the Hilton Grand Ballroom. This competition is part of HBO’s long-standing tradition of discovering and cultivating new comedic talent. We are thrilled to have executives from our Original Programming groups join other industry professionals on the judging panel as we look for fresh comedic voices.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the festival and extend our warmest congratulations to the ABFF and its sponsors on its 19th year of serving, supporting and empowering the black film community. HBO shares in the belief of ABFF’s mission and is committed to the belief that Black artists deserve the same opportunities as their mainstream counterparts. We hope our involvement and support furthers this important work. As always, special thanks to Jeff Friday and his incredible staff for creating an influential forum that gives new talent public and industry recognition.

Sincerely,

Dennis Williams
VP, Corporate Social Responsibility
HBO



Issa Rae photo by: Kat Contreras

Issa's era

Issa Rae, Creator of *Awkward Black Girl* web series

When she didn't see her story being told, Issa Rae realized that she had to speak for herself. So she created, wrote and produced the *The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl* series online. Now with thousands of subscribers and over 20 million views, she's being heard loud and clear. Comcast-NBCUniversal recognizes and honors the independent vision of the **American Black Film Festival**, and innovators like Issa Rae.

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 19th annual American Black Film Festival! Throughout this festival, you'll have the opportunity to experience a wide range of films and television content produced by and about people of African descent. ABFF showcases the remarkable talent and diversity of the entertainment industry through the festival's screenings, talks, master classes, workshops and television & media expo. This year we're excited ABFF has brought their programming back to New York City. The City is a thriving center of media and entertainment and home to innovative storytellers and content creators who are adding new perspectives to the media landscape.

At the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment, we support media in its many forms through the Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting, which facilitates film and TV production throughout the five boroughs, and NYC Media, official TV and radio network and media production entity of the City of New York.

We work with hundreds of films, television shows, and commercial projects that film on location in New York City in a variety of ways. Productions here have access to the "Made in NY" Discount Card, which offers discounts at more than 1,000 local businesses—from dry cleaners to prop houses—and the "Made in NY" Marketing Credit provides free advertising in subways, bus shelters, and on Taxi TV for eligible productions that produce the majority of their project in the City.

We welcome you to take a look at our website - www.nyc.gov/film - and follow us on Twitter - @madeinny - and discover everything New York City has to offer the creative content community.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Lopez
Commissioner
Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment

EVENT SCHEDULE



THURSDAY, JUNE 11

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Hollywood Creative Forum EAST

NY Marriott Marquis

Presented by the Walter Kaitz Foundation

A one-day career forum bringing together diverse creative talent with executives from cable's creative and business community to meet, greet, learn and exchange ideas.

12:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Festival Registration Center

NY Hilton: Rendezvous Trianon

6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

Red Carpet Arrivals

SVA Theatre

7:15 PM

Festival Welcome

SVA Theatre

7:30 PM

DOPE (New York Premiere)

SVA Theatre

Opening Night Film courtesy of Open Road Films Hosted by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) | Appearances by writer/director Rick Famuyiwa & cast members Shameik Moore, Tony Revolori, Kiersey Clemons, Chanel Iman, Blake Anderson and Quincy Brown

10:30 PM – 2:30 AM

Opening Night "Old School Hip Hop" Party

Stage 48

One hour bar hosted by MillersCoors

Music by DJ D-Nice

Performance by Doug E Fresh and more

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Master Class: Writing for Television

HBO Theater

Instructor: Karen Horne, VP, Programming Talent Development & Inclusion NBC Entertainment & Universal Television (*Separate Ticket Required*)

Presented by Time Warner Foundation & the ABFF Foundation

9:00 AM – 12 NOON

NBC TV Hosting Workshop

(Private event for 20 pre-selected candidates)

10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Festival Registration Center

NY Hilton: West Promenade

11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Film Screenings: Narrative, Documentary, Shorts, Spotlight & Web Originals

AMC Empire 25 | Theaters 12, 13

12:15 PM – 2:15 PM

Master Class: Fundamentals of Independent Film Production

HBO Theater

Instructor: Roger Bobb

(*Separate Ticket Required*)

Presented by Time Warner Foundation & the ABFF Foundation

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

A Conversation with Taraji P. Henson

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom East

Presented by American Airlines

Moderated by Gayle King | Get up close and personal with ABFF's 2015 Ambassador, Academy Award nominee actress Taraji P. Henson.

3:20 PM

Runaway Island (World Premiere)

AMC Empire 25 | Theater 12

Courtesy of TV One

Spotlight Screening followed by Talkback with Director Diane Houston, and cast members: Lorraine Toussaint, Aisha Hines and Thomas Jones.

3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Master Class: Actor's Workshop

HBO Theater

Instructor: Tasha Smith

(*Separate Ticket Required*) Presented by Time Warner Foundation & the ABFF Foundation

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Aspire Content Creators Meet & Greet

Private Location

Presented by Aspire

(private sponsor event, by invitation only)

4:10PM- 6:00 PM

In My Father's House (New York Premiere)

AMC Empire 25 | Theater 13

Courtesy of Walmart

Spotlight Screening with Talkback to follow

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

The Men of TNT

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom East

Presented by TNT

An uncensored, all-in conversation with the riveting men starring in TNT's summer of drama: Joe Morton from the spellbinding series Proof, Charles Parnell and Jocko Sims from last summer's epic hit The Last Ship, and Ruben Santiago-Hudson from Edward Burns' 1960s vice drama Public Morals.

Media Partner, Ebony

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Concierge Passholder Reception

Private Location

Hosted by Rhythm One

Bar compliments by Moët Hennessy

6:15 PM

An Unexpected History: The Story of Hennessy and African Americans

AMC Empire 25 | Theater 12

Presented by Moët Hennessy

Spotlight Screening followed by Talkback and Private Reception

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

ABFF "Comedy Wings" Pre-Show Mixer

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom West

Presented by and bar compliments

of Redd's Apple Ale

8:30 PM -10:00 PM

ABFF "Comedy Wings" Competition Finals

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom East

Presented by HBO

A night of big laughs as four finalists perform to see who will win the 2015 title as "funniest new comic."

10:00 PM – 12 MIDNIGHT

ABFF Night Cap Mixer

NY Hilton: Lobby Bar

ABFF Passholders Only | First-come, first-served.

Presented by The Swirl Group

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

9:00 AM – 12 NOON

NBC TV Hosting Workshop

NBC Headquarters

(private event for 20 pre-selected candidates)

10:00 AM -NOON

Crowdfunding Workshop for Filmmakers

Time Warner Media Lab

Hosted by Seed and Spark and presented by the Time Warner Foundation | **Limited Seating ABFF Passholders Only**

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Festival Registration

NY Hilton: West Promenade

EVENT SCHEDULE

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

The Life of a Showrunner

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom East

Presented by Prudential, Inc.

Hear what goes on behind the scenes from the creators, producers and writers of some of the top shows on television. Janine Sherman Barrois (Criminal Minds), Chris Spencer (Real Husbands of Hollywood) and Mara Brock Akil & Salim Akil (Being Mary Jane).

11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Film Screenings: Narrative, Documentary, Short, Spotlight & Web Originals

AMC Empire 25 | Theaters 12, 13

12 NOON – 6:00 PM

American Airlines Passholder Lounge

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom E. Foyer

Presented by American Airlines

An exclusive area for ABFF passholders to network and experience American Airlines' brand of hospitality.

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Television & Media Expo

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom West

A two-day event where networks and broadcasters showcase their programs and diversity initiatives. **Free community event.**

12:30 PM – 6:30 PM

The Concierge Passholder Lounge

Private Location

Presented by Walmart

Influencer Meet & Greet 5:45 pm to 6:15 pm

1:00 PM – 2:45 PM

Up Flips the Script to Series

“Remixing the Development Pipeline”

Private Location

Presented by UPTv

(private sponsor event, by invitation only)

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

TV One Presents Celebrity Scene Stealers

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom East

Presented by TV One

Cast members of TV's Original Movie “Runaway Island” and other celebrities perform scenes from TV One's First Annual Screenplay Competition.

2:15 PM

“ABFF Independent” Season 4

Premiere hosted by David Banner

AMC Empire 25 | Theater 12

Presented by Aspire

Spotlight Screening followed by Talkback

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

“How to Create and Monetize a Successful Web Series”

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom East

Presented by Comcast NBCUniversal

Creators of popular web shows, Issa Rae (The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl), Numa Perrier & Dennis Dortch (Blackandsexy.tv) and Andrea Lewis (Black Actress) share how to take your show to the next level.

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

McDonald's Lovin' Video Contest Premiere Screening

AMC Empire 25

Spotlight screening followed by a Q&A with the three competition finalists

6:30 PM

Boxed In (World Premiere)

AMC Empire 25 | Theatre 12

Directed by Tasha Smith

Out of Competition screening followed by a Q&A

6:45 PM – 8:00 PM

“Hot in Hollywood”

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom East

Presented by Cadillac

Meet some of today's hottest young artists to find out about their unique approaches to success.

Yaya DaCosta (Whitney), Lance Gross (Tempation), Danai Gurira (Walking Dead) and Natauri Naughton (Power)

8:45 PM – 10:45 PM

18th Annual HBO Short Film Competition

AMC Empire 25 | Theaters 12 & 13

Hosted by Bevy Smith | See the work of, and meet five, talented new filmmakers hoping to breakout like ABFF Alumni Ryan Cooger (Creed, Fruitvale Station).

ABFF passholders only

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Festival Registration

NY Hilton: West Promenade

11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Film Screenings: Narrative, Documentary, Short, Spotlight & Web Originals

AMC Empire 25 | Theaters 12, 13

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Empire Talks Back: Inside the Writers Room

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom East

Presented by the FOX | HBCU Media Alliance

Be a part of the conversation! Join the creators that walk the walk, and talk the talk, on the most powerful and groundbreaking show on television.

12 NOON – 6:00 PM

American Airline Passholder Lounge

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom E. Foyer

An exclusive area for ABFF passholders to network and experience American Airlines' brand of hospitality.

12 NOON – 6:00 PM

Television & Media Expo

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom West

A two-day event where networks and broadcasters showcase their programs and diversity initiatives. **Free community event.**

12:30 PM – 6:30 PM

The Concierge Passholder Lounge

Private Location

Presented by Walmart

Influencer Meet & Greet 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Inside Black-ish

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom East

Presented by Macy's

Join writer/creator Kenya Barris and star Tracee Ellis Ross for a candid talk about the first season and what's next for this groundbreaking show. Moderated by Larry Wilmore (The Late Show)

2:00 PM

ABFF Remembers: “Boyz in The Hood”

AMC Empire 25 | Theater 12

Spotlight Screening/Followed by a Q&A with Director John Singleton

Presented by Turner Classic Movies

5:35 PM

DOPE (Encore Screening)

AMC Empire 25 | Theater 13

Courtesy of Open Road Films

8:15 PM – 10:00 PM

“The Best of the ABFF” Awards Ceremony”

NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom East

Presented by Cadillac

A star-studded awards ceremony where the official selection filmmakers and talent contest winners are honored alongside actress Jenifer Lewis, the 2015 ABFF Career Achievement Award recipient. Hosted by Chris Spencer.

10:00 PM – 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Post Awards Reception

NY Hilton: West Promenade

Presented by Walmart

Bar compliments of Moët Hennessy

SCREENING SCHEDULE

- Spotlight Screenings
- Narrative Features
- Documentaries
- HBO Short Film Competition
- Web Originals
- Talent Competitions

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FRIDAY JUNE 12		SATURDAY JUNE 13	
SCREEN 12	SCREEN 13	SCREEN 12	SCREEN 13
11:00AM			11:00AM
12:00PM	AN AMERICAN ASCENT 11:15am 66 min	WHAT LOVE WILL MAKE YOU DO 11:25am 95 min	JOHN OF GOD THE MOVIE 11:20am 86 min
1:00PM			1:00PM
2:00PM			2:00PM
3:00PM			3:00PM
4:00PM		ABFF INDEPENDENT SEASON 4 2:15pm 35 min	THE SIN SEER 2:00pm 109 min
5:00PM			4:00PM
6:00PM		McDONALD'S LOVING VIDEO CONTEST 4:30pm	5:00PM
7:00PM			6:00PM
8:00PM			7:00PM
9:00PM			8:00PM
10:00PM			9:00PM
11:00PM			10:00PM
			11:00PM

SCREENING SCHEDULE

- Spotlight Screenings
- Narrative Features
- Documentaries
- HBO Short Film Competition
- Web Originals
- Talent Competitions

SUNDAY JUNE 12

	SCREEN 12	SCREEN 13
11:00AM		
12:00PM	FRENCH DIRTY 11:20pm 72 min	THE NIGHT BEFORE 12:00pm 88 min
1:00PM		
2:00PM	TCM BOYZ N THE HOOD 2:00pm 108 min	
3:00PM		SUPERMODEL 2:45pm 90 min
4:00PM		
5:00PM		
6:00PM	GIRLFRIENDS' GETAWAY 2 5:30pm 84 min	DOPE ENCORE SCREENING 5:35pm 115 min
7:00PM		
8:00PM		
9:00PM	MARY J BLIGE: THE LONDON SESSIONS 8:10pm	GIRL IS IN TROUBLE 8:45pm 94 min
10:00PM		
11:00PM		



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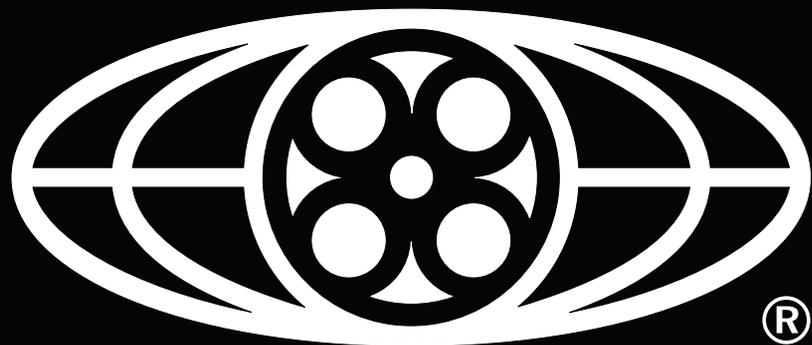


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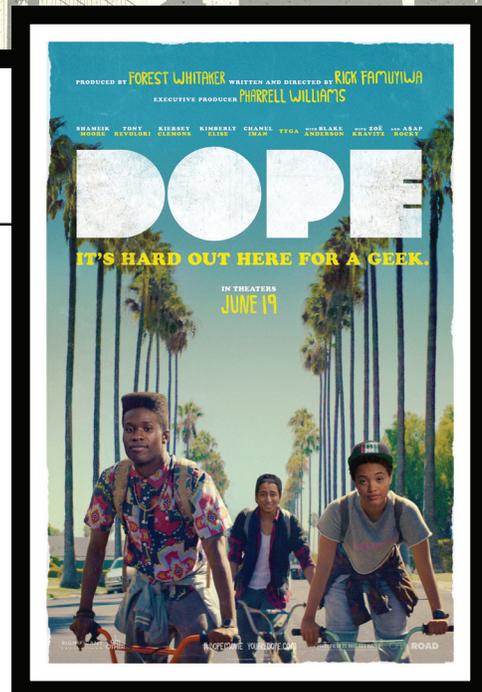
OPENING NIGHT FILM

DOPE

2014 USA 115 MIN HD

Presented by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA)
Courtesy of Open Road Films

Directed by: Rick Famuyiwa
Written by: Rick Famuyiwa
Produced by: Forest Whitaker, Nina Yang Bongiovi
Executive Producers: Pharrell Williams, Michael Y. Chow, Rick Famuyiwa, David Lonner
Co-Exec. Prod: Sean "P. Diddy" Combs
Co-Prods: Mimi Valdes, Caron Veazys



NEW YORK PREMIERE

Cast: Shameik Moore, Tony Revolori, Kiersey Clemons, Blake Anderson, Zoë Kravitz, A\$AP Rocky, Chanel Iman, Quincy Brown

Dope is a coming-of-age comedy/drama for the post hip-hop generation; its main characters are obsessed with '90s hip-hop. Malcolm (Shameik Moore) is warily surviving life in "The Bottoms" in Los Angeles, while juggling college applications, academic interviews and SATs. His dream is to attend Harvard. A chance invitation to an underground party leads him into a gritty adventure filled with offbeat characters and bad choices that could allow him to go from being a geek to being dope to ultimately being himself. Open Road Films will release the film nationwide on June 19, 2015.

Opening Night Screening	SVA THEATRE	6/11	7:30PM
Encore Screening	AMC EMPIRE 25	6/14	5:35PM

SPOTLIGHT SCREENINGS



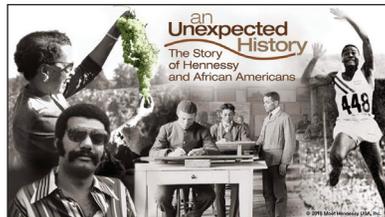
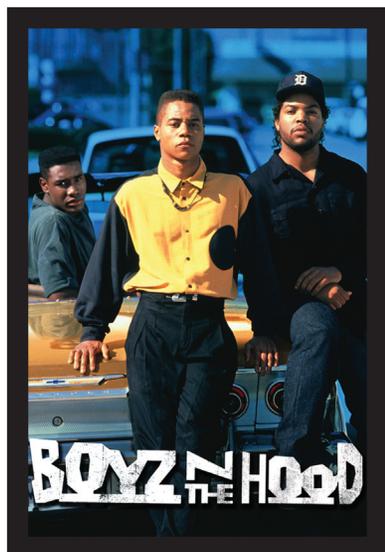
SEASON 4 PREMIERE

ABFF INDEPENDENT

2015 | USA | 35 MIN
Courtesy of ASPIRE

ABFF Independent is a showcase of popular and award-winning films from the American Black Film Festival (ABFF) hosted by hip-hop artist, record producer and actor David Banner.

AMC EMPIRE 25 6/13 2:15 PM



AN UNEXPECTED HISTORY: THE STORY OF HENNESSY AND AFRICAN AMERICANS

2015 | USA | 49 MIN | HD

Courtesy of Hennessy
Moderated by Derek T. Dingle

Directed by: Llewellyn Smith | **Produced by:** Llewellyn Smith, Annie Stopford | **Featuring:** Jason P. Chambers, PhD, Herbert P. Douglas Jr., Noel Hankin, Rhonda McDonald, Rodney Williams

An Unexpected History celebrates Moët Hennessy's hundred-year relationship with African American culture, as well as the role of African Americans in shaping the brand's identity and success. The film recounts Hennessy's historic role in bringing respect and opportunities to Black professionals and consumers, by focusing on the remarkable achievements of two of the brand's most influential Black executives.

AMC EMPIRE 25 6/12 6:15 PM

BOYZ N THE HOOD + Q&A WITH DIRECTOR JOHN SINGLETON TO FOLLOW

1991 | USA | 108 MIN | 35mm

Courtesy of Turner Classic Movies (TCM)
Moderated by Reggie Ponder

Directed by: John Singleton | **Written by:** John Singleton
Produced by: Steve Nicolaidis | **Cast:** Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr., Laurence Fishburne, Morris Chestnut, Nia Long, Angela Bassett, Regina King

John Singleton's classic saga of a group of childhood friends growing up in a Los Angeles ghetto.

AMC EMPIRE 25 6/14 2:00 PM



WORLD PREMIERE

BOXED IN + Q&A WITH ACTRESS AND NOW DIRECTOR TASHA SMITH TO FOLLOW

2014 | USA | 30 MIN | HD

Moderated by Caroline Clarke

Directed by: Tasha Smith | **Written by:** Tasha Smith | **Produced by:** Tasha Smith, Kim Ogletree
Cast: Walter Fauntleroy, Antonique Smith, Tyra Ferrell

A Black man in NYC struggles with bipolar disorder, while his girlfriend and mother learn to deal with the pain of his manic episodes and struggle for mental survival.

AMC EMPIRE 25 6/13 6:30 PM



NEW YORK PREMIERE

IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE

2015 | USA | 93 MIN | HD

Courtesy of Walmart

Inspired by nostalgia and a romantic idea of family legacy, hip-hop artist and songwriter Che "Rhymefest" Smith decides to purchase his childhood home on Chicago's South Side and raise his new family in the same house where he grew up. He quickly discovers that his estranged father is a homeless alcoholic living only blocks away, and hesitantly sets out to reconnect with the man who abandoned him over twenty years ago. Soon Che finds that fatherhood is more complicated than his idealized version allowed him to believe.

Principle Subjects: Che "Rhymefest" Smith, Brian Tillman, Donnie Smith

AMC EMPIRE 25 6/12 4:10 PM



WORLD PREMIERE

RUNAWAY ISLAND + Q&A WITH THE DIRECTOR AND CAST TO FOLLOW

2015 | USA | 85 MIN Estimated | HD

Courtesy of TV One

Directed by: Dianne Houston | **Written by:** Christopher Brandt | **Produced by:** Gingi Rochelle & Allison Wilmarth | **Cast:** Lorraine Toussaint (Orange Is the New Black), Thomas Q. Jones (Being Mary Jane), Aisha Hinds (Star Trek Into Darkness), Leon Thomas (Victorious), A. Russell Andrews (Grey's Anatomy, House of Payne), Erica Tazel (Justified), Melanie Liburd (CSI, Stalker).

A pastor, an aging widow, and a socialite with cold feet visit a luxurious Gullah Sea Island resort to be rejuvenated by its holistic setting.

AMC EMPIRE 25 6/12 3:20 PM

NARRATIVE FEATURES

Select narrative feature films compete for jury awards for **Best Director** presented by Cadillac, **Best Screenplay** presented by Time Warner Foundation, **Best Actor** presented by Aspire, **Best Film** presented by Prudential, Inc. and the **Best of the ABFF Audience Award**, presented by VH1. *Winners will be announced at "The Best of the ABFF" awards ceremony, Sunday, June 14.*



NEW YORK PREMIERE

FRENCH DIRTY

2015 | USA | 72min | HD

Directed by: Wade Allain-Marcus, Jesse Allain-Marcus | **Written by:** Peter K. Hagen, Wade Allain-Marcus | **Produced by:** Jason Wolf, Mel Jones | **Cast:** Wade Allain-Marcus, Melina Lizette, Arjun Gupta

After committing the carnal sin of sleeping with his best friend's girlfriend, Vincent must deal with the consequences of his betrayal and hope that his bond with his brother-from-another-mother can withstand the blow.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **SUN 6/14** **11:20 AM**



WORLD PREMIERE

GIRLFRIENDS' GETAWAY 2

FEATURED ALUMNI SCREENING

2015 | USA | 84min | HD

Directed by: Roger M. Bobb | **Written by:** Cas Sigers-Beedles | **Produced by:** Roger M. Bobb, Angi Bones, Cas Sigers, Terri J. Vaughn | **Cast:** Garcelle Beauvais, Terri J. Vaughn, Essence Atkins, Malinda Williams, Stephen Bishop, Khalil Kane

Four girlfriends travel to Puerto Rico for a destination wedding and chaos ensues when the low-key wedding turns into a disaster.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **FRI 6/12** **4:10 PM**



NORTH AMERICA PREMIERE

JOHN OF GOD THE MOVIE

2014 | Democratic Republic of Congo | 86min | HD

Directed by: Selé M'Poko | **Written by:** Selé M'Poko | **Produced by:** Selé M'Poko, Alessia Michielan, Jo D. Jonz, Woody T. Richman, Pamela Lubell | **Cast:** Jo D. Jonz, Jean Shaka Tshipamba, Moïse Ilunga

John of God is the world's greatest musician... in his own mind.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **SAT 6/13** **11:20 AM**



KNUCKLEHEAD

2015 | USA | 81min | HD

Directed by: Ben Bowman | **Written by:** Bryan Abrams, Ben Bowman | **Produced by:** Gbenga Akinngbge, Ben Bowman | **Executive Producers:** Jonathan Gray, Debra Azemar | **Cast:** Gbenga Akinngbge, Alfre Woodard, Amari Cheatom, Justin Myrick, Nikiya Mathis, Carla Duren

Convinced prescription drugs will fix his mind, a mentally disabled man leaves Brooklyn for the first time to find the one doctor who he believes can cure him.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **FRI 6/12** **6:50 PM**



NEW YORK PREMIERE

LAST NIGHT

2014 | USA | 93min | HD

Directed by: Harold Jackson III | **Written by:** Harold Jackson III | **Produced by:** Harold Jackson III, Hope Taylor, Prince Levy Jr., Laticia Durham | **Cast:** Judi Blair, Danny Gavigan, Benton Greene, Nedra McClyde, Nikkole Salter

A woman's last night alone before settling down is sidetracked by a chance meeting with an attractive stranger.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **FRI 6/12** **12:30 PM**



WORLD PREMIERE

SUPERMODEL

FEATURED ALUMNI SCREENING

2015 | USA | 95min | HD

Directed by: Shawn Baker | **Written by:** Shawn Baker, Datari Turner | **Produced by:** Datari Turner | **Cast:** Tyson Beckford, Sessilee Lopez, Datari Turner, Roger Guenveur Smith, Fat Joe, Toccara Jones, Angela Simmons, Marc John Jefferies, Tatyana Ali, Nichole Galicia, Melissa De Sousa, Don Benjamin, Cassandra Freeman, Tobias Truvillion, Julito McCullum, Adam Senn

A young girl from the Brooklyn housing projects goes from the subway to the runway, becoming one of the most sought after models in the fashion industry. But in the high stakes world of fashion and beauty, things aren't always as pretty and glamorous as they seem.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **SUN 6/14** **2:45 PM**

NARRATIVE FEATURES



NEW YORK PREMIERE

THE GIRL IS IN TROUBLE

FEATURED ALUMNI SCREENING
2015 | USA | 94min | 35mm

Directed by: Julius Onah | **Written by:** Mayuran Tiruchelvam, Julius Onah | **Produced by:** Dana Offenbach, Ryan Silbert, Robert Profusek, Jen Gatien | **Cast:** Columbus Short, Wilmer Valderrama, Alicja Bachelda, Jesse Spencer

A Lower East Side bartender becomes entangled in a murder mystery involving a desperate woman, a missing drug dealer and the scion of a powerful investment firm.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **SUN 6/14** **8:45 PM**



WORLD PREMIERE

THE NIGHT BEFORE

2015 | USA | 86min | HD

Directed by: Kenny Young | **Written by:** Kenny Young | **Produced by:** Phil James, Lisa D. Washington, Kim Hardin | **Executive Producers:** Angela White, Felicia James | **Cast:** Colin Egglesfield, David Faustino, Fred Willard, Anna Hutchinson, Brian White, Gary Owen

A "ladies man" must face his own fear of commitment while hosting his best friend's bachelor party.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **SUN 6/14** **12:00 PM**



WORLD PREMIERE

THE SIN SEER

2015 | USA | 119min | HD

Directed by: Paul D. Hannah | **Written by:** Paul D. Hannah | **Produced by:** Paul D. Hannah, Angela White, Isaiah Washington | **Cast:** Lisa Arrindell Anderson, Isaiah Washington, Salli Richardson-Whitfield, C. Thomas Howell, Michael Ironside, Richard Brooks

A woman becomes trapped in a murderous web of deception and uses her gift of discernment to discover the truth.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **SAT 6/13** **2:00 PM**



WORLD PREMIERE

WHAT LOVE WILL MAKE YOU DO

2015 | USA | 95min | HD

Directed by: Lisa Haynes | **Written by:** Lisa Haynes | **Produced by:** Lisa Haynes, Andre Congo, Justin Bones, Darrin Dewitt Henson, Brad James, Ty Johnston, Victoria Rowell | **Cast:** Darrin Dewitt Henson, Judi Blair, Victoria Rowell, Darryl Booker, Sir Brodie, Carl Anthony Payne II, Brad James

An attorney from a prestigious law firm falls in love with a beautiful woman of his dreams, but later discovers her father is seeking revenge against him over a court case gone terribly wrong.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **SAT 6/13** **11:25 PM**

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DOCUMENTARIES

The following films (**ALTHEA, AN AMERICAN ASCENT** and **NAT KING COLE – AFRAID OF THE DARK**) compete for the **Best Documentary award** presented by BET Networks. One winner will be announced during “**The Best of the ABFF**” awards ceremony, **Sunday, June 14.**



ALTHEA

2014 | USA | 77 MIN | HD

Directed by: Rex Miller | **Produced by:** Nancy Buirski, Elisabeth Haviland James, Rex Miller | **Executive Producers:** John Amos, Billie Jean King, William Ackman | **Principal Subject(s):** Billie Jean King, Nick Bollettieri, David Dinkins, Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe

Althea Gibson, a truant from the rough streets of Harlem, emerged as a most unlikely queen of the highly segregated tennis world of the 1950s.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **FRI 6/12** **1:35 PM**



NEW YORK PREMIERE

AN AMERICAN ASCENT

2015 | USA | 64 MIN | HD

Directed by: Andy Adkins, George Potter | **Written by:** Andy Adkins, James Mills | **Produced by:** George Potter, Andy Adkins | **Principal Subject(s):** Stephen Shobe, Erica Wynn, Tyrhee Moore, Scott Briscoe, Billy Long, Rosemary Saal, Ryan Mitchell, Stephen DeBerry, Adina Scott, James Kagambi, Robby Rechord, Madhu Chikkaraju, Aaron Devine, Jon Krakauer, Conrad Anker

An American Ascent documents the first African American expedition to tackle North America's highest mountain, Denali, while shedding light on the complex relationship many African Americans have with the outdoors.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **FRI 6/12** **11:15 AM**



NEW YORK PREMIERE

NAT KING COLE – AFRAID OF THE DARK

2014 | UNITED KINGDOM | 94 MIN | HD

Directed by: Jon Brewer | **Produced by:** Jon Brewer | **Principal Subject(s):** Maria Cole, Natalie Cole, Tony Bennett, Harry Belafonte, Johnny Mathis and more...

A poignant authorized feature documentary on the life and legacy of Nat King Cole.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **FRI 6/12** **8:35 PM**

FEATURED DOCUMENTARY



NEW YORK PREMIERE

MARY J. BLIGE: THE LONDON SESSIONS

2014 | United Kingdom | 45min | HD

Directed by: Sam Wrench | **Produced by:** Ore Okonedo, Targa Sahyoun, Jaha Johnson, Q. Nicole Jackson | **Executive Producers:** Mary J. Blige Isaacs, Kendu Isaacs, Steve Barnett | **Cast:** Steve Barnett, Mary J. Blige, Sam Smith

Join Mary J. Blige in London, where over ten days she will record her 13th studio album. Featuring a behind-the-scenes look at her work sessions with some of Britain's hottest recording artists, including Sam Smith, Disclosure, Emeli Sandé, Naughty Boy, and Sam Romans.

AMC EMPIRE 25 **SUN 6/14** **8:10 PM**

HBO® SHORT FILMS

Saturday, June 13, 8:45 pm

AMC EMPIRE 25

The following five films compete for the **Best Short Film Award**, presented by HBO®. A **\$10,000 grand prize** will be awarded to one winner during **"The Best of the ABFF"** awards ceremony, **Sunday, June 14**.



NEW YORK PREMIERE

BLACK CARD

2015 | USA | 14min | HD

Directed by: Pete Chatmon | **Written by:** Tony Patrick | **Produced by:** Christina DeHaven, Tony Patrick, Dorian Missick, Dylan Verrechia, ELEW | **Executive Producer:** Pete Chatmon | **Cast:** Dorian Missick, Simone Missick, Hisham Tawfiq, Stephen Hill, Erika Myers, Malikha Mallette, April Matthis, Valence Thomas

In a culture requiring an ID card and commitment to the code, an African American couple is about to find out just how far the boundaries can be pushed...



NEW YORK PREMIERE

CHAINING DAY

2014 | USA | 11min | HD

Directed by: Dominic Haxton | **Written by:** Chris Bailey | **Produced by:** Chris Bailey | **Cast:** Dusan Brown, Shawn Kenneth

A young boy commits an accidental murder, which causes a stir in the community and forces him to choose between his loyalty to the gang he belongs to OR saving what's left of his innocence by turning himself into the police.



WORLD PREMIERE

FIRST DATE, LAST DATE

2015 | USA | 7min | HD

Directed by: Derege Harding | **Written by:** E.V. Anderson | **Produced by:** Derege Harding | **Cast:** Andrea Bordeaux, Daniel Hall

Soul mates Sara and Michael carry on their first date as the world comes to an end.



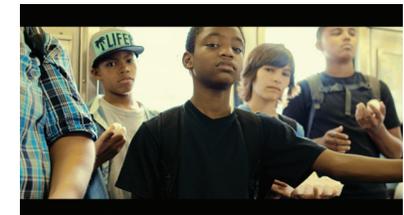
WORLD PREMIERE

JOY

2015 | USA | 15min | HD

Directed by: Solomon Onita Jr. | **Written by:** Solomon Onita Jr. | **Produced by:** Elsie Dortelus, Terrence J. Grant, Solomon Onita Jr. | **Cast:** Sope Aluko, Bayo Akinfemi, Hannah Tarver, Georgina E. Okon, Brooke-Monaé Westbrook

A Nigerian middle-aged woman living in America struggles to convince her traditionalist husband not to circumcise their ten-year-old daughter.



WORLD PREMIERE

STANHOPE

2015 | USA | 18min | HD

Directed by: Solvan Naim | **Written by:** Solvan Naim | **Produced by:** Solvan Naim, Akshay Bhansali | **Cast:** Malik Lockett, Johnnie Mae, Rob Morgan, Nedra McClyde, Simeon Buresch

Stanhope is a drama about a teenage inner-city kid from Brooklyn who gets caught up in a web of violence as a paid assassin.

HBO's prestigious award, which has been part of the ABFF's competitive film program since it was established in 1998, will once again honor the writing and directing talents of emerging Black filmmakers. A special screening will showcase the five films shown here for the final round of competition. A **\$10,000 grand prize** will be awarded to one winner during **"The Best of the ABFF"** awards ceremony on closing night.

Join us Saturday, June 13, 8:45 pm at the AMC Empire 25.

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WEB ORIGINALS

The 2015 Web Originals section features episodes from ten Web Series. Each Web Series will compete for the **Best Web Original award**, presented by **Comcast Xfinity**.

ABFF WEB ORIGINALS – GROUP I | FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 9:25 PM | AMC EMPIRE 25



WORLD PREMIERE

JOSH

2014 | USA | 15:35 MIN | HD

Directed by: Edson Jean, Nick Katz | **Written by:** *Episode-1* Joshua Jean-Baptiste; *Episode-2* Mimi Davila, Marckenson Charles, Maria Corina Ramirez; *Episode-3* Joshua Jean-Baptiste, Mimi Davila, Maria Corina Ramirez | **Produced by:** Edson Jean, Nick Katz, Barry Katz | **Cast:** Joshua Jean Baptiste, Edson Jean, Shira Abergel, Marckenson Charles

Anaive, chaste acting student (Josh) seeks guidance from his immoral problematic roommate in hopes to become a leading man.



NEW YORK PREMIERE

ESCORTS

2015 | USA | 21:37 MIN | HD

Directed by: Dave Patten | **Written by:** Dave Patten, Josh West | **Produced by:** Dave Patten, Alexx Ray, Chris Bauer | **Executive Producer:** David Ricks | **Cast:** Dave Patten, David Ricks, Alexx Ray, Richard Amezcua

Pragmatic hipster Jay Miller's successful small business of selling sex to his collegiate peers becomes infinitely more difficult when one of his employees dies while "working."



ACKEE & SALT FISH

2015 | UNITED KINGDOM | 16:21 MIN | HD

Directed by: Cecile Emeke | **Written by:** Cecile Emeke | **Produced by:** Cecile Emeke, Abraham Popoola | **Cast:** Michelle Tiwo, Vanessa Babirye

Everyday moments are never mundane with these two hilarious best friends in Ackee & Saltfish.



WORLD PREMIERE

ALL ABOUT THE MCKENZIES

2014 UNITED KINGDOM 20:51 MIN HD

Directed by: Samuel Benta | **Written by:** Samuel Benta | **Produced by:** Samuel Benta | **Cast:** Samuel Benta, Jason Pennycooke, Ria Horsford, Frankie Clarence, Destinee Tombling, Sheldon Nicolls, Fenella James

All about comedy, all about drama, it's All About The McKenzies.



NEW YORK PREMIERE

BLACK ACTRESS SERIES – SEASON TWO

2015 USA 23:34 MIN HD

Directed by: William Alexander Runnels | **Written by:** *Episode-1* Andrea Lewis; *Episode-2* Andrea Lewis, Austin Hall; *Episode-3* Andrea Lewis | **Produced by:** Andrea Lewis, Brian Walker, Tatyana Ali, Essence Atkins, Brad Kaaya, Carol Desousa | **Cast:** Andrea Lewis, Allison Edwards-Crewe, Rob Vincent

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WEB ORIGINALS

ABFF WEB ORIGINALS – GROUP II | SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 5:15 PM | AMC EMPIRE 25



NEW YORK PREMIERE

DOWNTOWN GIRLS

2014 | USA | 17:35 MIN | HD

Directed by: Emebeit Beyene & Chandra Russell | **Written by:** Jessica Lamour | **Produced by:** Jacques Lamour, Emebeit Beyene, Crystal Boyd, Chandra Russell | **Cast:** Emebeit Beyene, Crystal Boyd, Chivonne Michelle, Chandra Russell

To raise money to launch their own business, four girls turn their Lower East Side apartment into a lucrative nightclub.



WORLD PREMIERE

DOCKET 32357

2014 | USA | 24:11 MIN | HD

Directed by: Randy Wilkins | **Written by:** Eljon Wardally | **Produced by:** Jessica Karen Brown, Juan Caceres | **Cast:** Tara Gadowski, Ashley Denise Robinson

A successful businesswoman and a grieving housewife struggle to overcome loneliness in the face of a shared tragedy.



NEW YORK PREMIERE

THE INCREDIBLE LIFE OF DARRELL

2015 | USA | 14:31 MIN | HD

Directed by: Darrell Lake | **Written by:** Darrell Lake | **Produced by:** Darrell Lake | **Cast:** Darrell Lake, Tru Collins, Joy Regullano, Larry Karman, Justin Bryant Rapp, Pete George

The spectacularly mundane adventures of an incredible average Joe in small town Wakooki, Arizona.



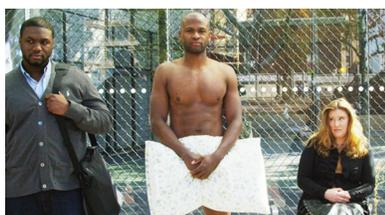
NEW YORK PREMIERE

AMERICAN KOKO

2015 | USA | 24 MIN | HD

Directed by: Diarra Kilpatrick & Miles Orion Feld | **Written by:** Diarra Kilpatrick | **Produced by:** Anna Micayla Feld | **Cast:** Diarra Kilpatrick, Terrence Colby Clemons, Miles Orion Feld, Elaine Kao, Cedric Sanders

Employees of the “Everyone’s a Little Racist (EAR) Agency” do their best to tackle every race problem that comes through their door, but for lead agent Akosua Miller, the biggest case of all may be her own...



WORLD PREMIERE

Q'S ONE NIGHT STANDS

2014 | USA | 17 MIN | HD

Directed by: Terrence L. Moore | **Written by:** Terrence L. Moore | **Produced by:** Michael Galvan | **Executive Producers:** Terrence L. Moore, Jenny Cadenillas, Uana Cocoloni | **Cast:** Kee Seymore, Susana Victoria Perez, Joshua Windley, Kajuana Shuford, Dominic Marcus, Gayle Samuels

A comedy about a guy so fed up with traditional dating he commits to having only one-night stands.



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ABFF TALENT COMPETITIONS

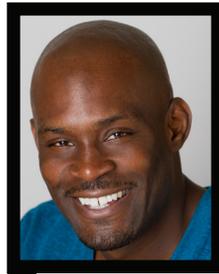


COMEDY WINGS COMPETITION | Presented by **HBO**
FRIDAY, JUNE 12 8:30 PM | NY Hilton: Grand Ballroom East

Four finalists perform live to see who will win the 2015 title as “funniest new comic” and get the opportunity to meet with HBO talent development executives.



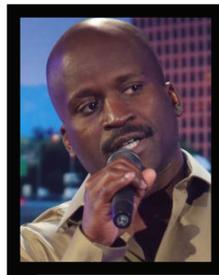
Chastity Washington | Milwaukee, WI
Chastity’s career has spanned over twenty years. Highlights include BET Comic View, HBO Def Comedy Jam, 50 Hot Women in Stand Up, AfterEllen.com, History Channel, How the States Got There, Shape, and Montreal Just For Laughs Festival. Chastity is a NBC Diversity Finalist.



Kareem Green | Brooklyn, NY
As a three-time champion on Showtime at the Apollo, Kareem is a multi-faceted entertainer and comedian whose talents include Stand-up, Improv, Acting and Writing. Kareem’s relatable comedic style has earned him television appearances on BET Comic View, TV One’s Bill Bellamy’s “Who’s Got Jokes,” Comedy Central’s “Russell Simmons presents the Ruckus” and Gotham Live.



Dino Vigo | New York, NY
Dino is a skilled writer and performer, and remains remarkably grounded in his approach to his craft. “I just want to be one of the ones to preserve comedy in its truest form - to have people say he did it the way it was to be done!” Seeing him on stage it is doubtful anyone could argue this point.



Mike Merrill | Pasadena, CA
Mike Merrill has performed internationally, as well as multiple clubs throughout the US. He has performed in the World Series of Comedy, Stand Up For Diversity and was voted best of the fest at the 2014 SLO Fest. A comedy sketch he wrote and performed in was featured on Just For Laughs.



MCDONALD’S LOVIN’ VIDEO COMPETITION
WORLD PREMIERE SCREENING

i’m lovin’ it SATURDAY, JUNE 13 4:30 PM | AMC Empire 25

Three filmmakers show us in 90 sec to 2 min. what “Lovin” means to them. Join us for this inspiring showcase of talent, sponsored by McDonald’s, with Q&A session to follow featuring director Malcolm D. Lee (The Best Man, The Best Man Holiday). All three finalists also attend a **“Mentor Luncheon”** with Malcolm D. Lee during the course of ABFF, and one winner will receive a film equipment prize package valued at **\$2,500** to be announced at **“The Best of the ABFF”** awards ceremony, **June 14.**



WORLD PREMIERE

DADDY MAN
2015 | USA

Filmmaker: Travis Dent

Ivy Butler a.k.a. “Daddy Man” swoops into the lives of children with his message of inspiration and love.



WORLD PREMIERE

PUPPY LOVE
2015 | USA

Filmmaker: Richard T. Fields

A young girl missing her mother finds a taste of happiness through a new friend.



WORLD PREMIERE

THIS, THAT & THE OTHER
2015 | USA

Filmmaker: Brian Shackelford

A typical day in the life of Theolodius Thedford is filled with this, that, and the other...and he is still loving it.

ABFF TALENT COMPETITIONS



NBCUniversal has partnered once again with the American Black Film Festival to find the next fresh face for daytime television. Close to **1,000 entries** have been whittled down to six talented finalists who

will audition live for NBC executives at the festival. One male and one female winner will be announced at **“The Best of the ABFF”** awards ceremony, **June 14**. **NBC executives will select one winner to audition for a walk-on role on *Days of Our Lives* in Los Angeles.**



AJ LUSBY

AJ Lusby was born in Plattsburgh and attended Savannah State University. After moving to Los Angeles he found success booking both a Carfax & Jack in the Box commercial. He is currently studying at the Jeremiah Comey Film Acting Studio.

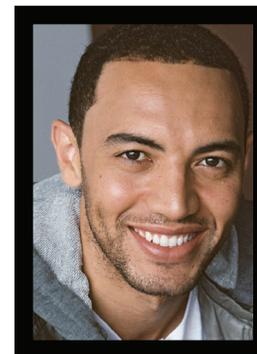
ASHA KAMALI

Asha studied at Howard University. She has starred in national commercials, television, independent films, theater and hosted red carpets for Soultrain.com, and BET.com. She is the co-creator, writer, producer and actress of “Milk and Honey” executive produced by Idris Elba and Brown Paper Dolls. She is also the co-founder of Howardwood, a non-profit that provides educational programming & support to Howard University students.



ALYSIA LIVINGSTON

Alysia Livingston was awarded the prestigious Baker Duncan scholarship at Trinity University. She has been seen in several award winning short films, a national Sprite commercial, plus numerous plays and musical theatre productions. In 2014, she launched Go Storyteller, an online funding campaign benefitting the Young Storytellers Foundation. Alysia continues her studies with Diana Castle at The Imagined Life Studio.



MIKE MILLER

Mike Miller is an actor from San Clemente, CA. Following a five-year stint on Wall Street he pursued a career as an actor full-time. His television credits include “Grey’s Anatomy” and “Criminal Minds” and most recently starred in the new web series “Diary of an Insecure Boyfriend.” Mike studies at Baron Brown Studio in Santa Monica, CA and the Groundlings.



AMELIA WORKMAN

Amelia has performed new work in over a dozen countries--most notably when invited to perform at The Sydney Opera House by Lou Reed and Laurie Anderson. She has appeared in several films and an episode of “The Carrie Diaries”. For more information, pictures, press or news on upcoming project please feel free to visit ameliaworkman.com

RAHMELL PEEBLES

Rahmell Peebles was raised in Ossining, NY. He majored in philosophy, but chose to pursue acting, and has featured in numerous independent short and feature films, performed on stage in New York, Atlanta, GA, and Oxford, England. Currently Rahmell teaches acting part time to at risk students and kids of color of all ages.



ABFF TALENT COMPETITIONS



SCREENPLAY COMPETITION

TV One presents the winner of the **1st Annual TV One ABFF Screenplay Competition**. The top three finalists were rewarded with an all-expense-paid trip to attend the 19th Annual American Black Film Festival. **The three selected finalists are:**

Screenplay
Muted
Finalist
Brandi Payne

Screenplay
Deadbeat Dad Rehab
Finalist
Kiki McKnight

Screenplay
Sex, Politics, Race and Religion
Finalist
Chad Quinn



TV HOSTING WORKSHOP Sponsored By NBCUniversal

NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment in partnership with the American Black Film Festival are producing a TV hosting workshop to cultivate & discover exceptional on-camera host talent. Taught by premiere host instructor, Marki Costello, this two day workshop is targeted for intermediate and advanced level hosts who want to sharpen their hosting skills and techniques!

Selected participants are:

Regina Coles	Doice John	Anthez Willaims	Latoira Pierce
Daryn Carp	Marlene Alvarez	Calibe Thompson	Jonise Boyd
Timothy Parker	Francois Nicolas	Brandhyze Stanley	Dayvee Sutton
Fawn Stone	Nick Creegan	Vanessa Bontea	Marcus Walter
Robin Kurian	Erica Lasan	Simone Amelia	Yonathan Elias



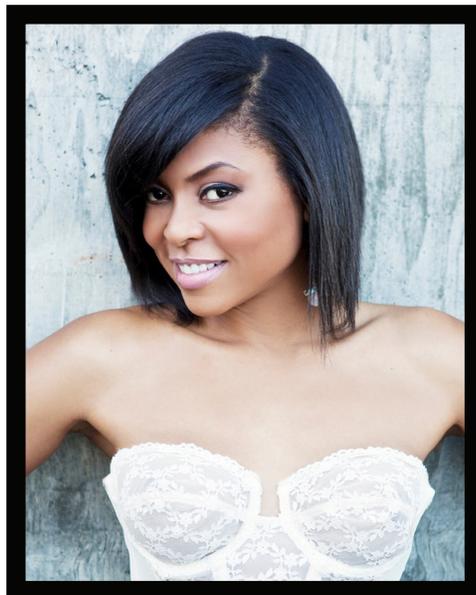
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2015 ABFF AMBASSADOR

A CONVERSATION WITH TARAJI P. HENSON

Presented by American Airlines
Moderated by Gayle King

Friday, June 12 | 1:30 pm

Don't miss this in-depth interview with Oscar nominated actress Taraji P. Henson (Empire, No Good Deed, Think Like A Man, The Karate Kid, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Hustle & Flow, Baby Boy). A look back at seventeen years in Hollywood, and the latest role she has so masterfully embodied to create one of television's most talked about characters of all time...

Empire's Cookie Lyon.

American Airlines 

THE MEN OF TNT

Presented by TNT

Moderated by Aliya S. King, Entertainment Editor, EBONY

Friday, June 12 | 4:15 pm



An uncensored, all-in conversation with the riveting men starring in TNT's summer of drama: Joe Morton from the spellbinding series Proof, Charles Parnell and Jocko Sims from last summer's epic hit The Last Ship, and Ruben Santiago-Hudson from Edward Burns' 1960s vice drama Public Morals.

THE LIFE OF A SHOW RUNNER

Presented by Prudential Financial Services

Moderated by Alfred A. Edmond, SVP Executive Editor at Large, BLACK ENTERPRISE

Saturday, June 13 | 11:00 am  Prudential

Becoming a Television showrunner is no easy feat! Join Janine Sherman-Barrois (Criminal Minds, ER, Third Watch), Mara Brock Akil (Being Mary Jane, The Game, Girlfriends), Salim Akil (Being Mary Jane, The Game) and Chris Spencer (Real Husbands of Hollywood) to learn about the duties it entails, career strategies taken to become one, the parameters of creative control and freedom it affords, and what running a writers room looks like. For straight fans of these shows – meet the minds behind some of your favorite characters and learn about the hard work that goes into keeping you entertained on a weekly basis.

HOW TO MAKE AND MONETIZE A SUCCESSFUL WEB SERIES

Presented by Comcast Xfinity

Moderated by Keesha Boyd, Executive Director of Multicultural Consumer Services, Comcast

Saturday, June 13 | 4:15 pm

With millennials (14-24) and older millennials (24-30) consuming 56% and 47% of their content online respectively, the Internet has become a hotbed for independent filmmakers and new media creators. Join Web sensation Issa Rae (creator of The Adventures of an Awkward Black Girl and more), along with creators of BlackandSexy. tv, Numa Perrier and Dennis Dortch, and show creator Andrea Lewis (Black Actress) for a discussion on writing and producing for the Web, and how to ultimately build a revenue stream within this new landscape.

TV ONE PRESENTS CELEBRITY SCENE STEALERS

Presented by TV One

Saturday, June 13 | 1:30 pm



Cast members of TV's Original Movie "Runaway Island" and other celebrities perform scenes from TV One's First Annual Screenplay Competition.

HOT IN HOLLYWOOD....

Presented by Cadillac

Moderated by Natasha Eubanks, Founder of theybf.com

Saturday, June 13 | 6:45 pm



Some of the industry's hottest artists share their personal stories, secrets to success and lessons learned along the way.

EMPIRE TALKS BACK: INSIDE THE WRITERS ROOM

Presented by the FOX | HBCU Media Alliance

Sunday, June 14 | 11:00 am



Be a part of the conversation! Join the creators that walk the walk, and talk the talk, on the most powerful and recently groundbreaking show on television.

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

MASTER CLASS IN WRITING FOR TELEVISION

Friday, June 12 | 9:00 am

HBO Theatre

A great class for anyone interested in becoming a staff writer in the television industry. Instructed by Karen Horne, Vice President of Programming, Talent Development & Inclusion NBC Entertainment & Universal Television.

Presented by Time Warner Foundation & the ABFF Foundation

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MASTER CLASS ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF PRODUCING

Friday, June 12 | 12:15 pm

HBO Theatre

Learn the fundamentals of independent film production from Roger Bobb. (*The Rickey Smiley Show, Why Did I Get Married I & II*)

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TASHA SMITH'S ACTORS WORKSHOP

Friday, June 12 | 3:30 pm

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Sharpen your skills with acting lessons from this pro.

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NBCUNIVERSAL TV HOSTING WORKSHOP

Friday, June 12 & Saturday June 13 | 9:00 am

NBC Headquarters

A two-day workshop opportunity for intermediate and advanced level hosts to work on technique with premiere host instructor Marki Costello.

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CROWDFUNDING WORKSHOP FOR FILMMAKERS

Saturday, June 13 | 10:00am

Time Warner Medialab

Learn how to create an effective crowdfunding action plan for your film project – and how you turn that into an audience building opportunity that can last the length of your career.

Hosted by Seed&Spark. | Presented by Time Warner Foundation & the ABFF Foundation

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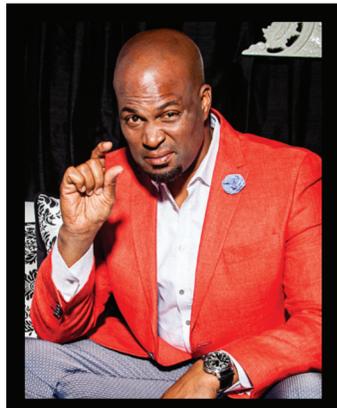
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THE BEST OF THE ABFF AWARDS CEREMONY

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 8:15 PM

NY HILTON, GRAND BALLROOM EAST



HOSTED BY CHRIS SPENCER

ABFF's Official Selection film and talent contest award winners will be announced, and the festival pays tribute to actress **Jenifer Lewis**, the **2015 ABFF Career Achievement Award** recipient.

AWARDS

2015 GRAND JURY AWARD BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE

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2015 STAR PROJECT—BEST FEMALE

presented by NBCUniversal

2015 BEST OF THE ABFF AUDIENCE AWARD

presented by VH1

JENIFER LEWIS Jenifer Lewis is one of Hollywood's most familiar faces, with more than 300 appearances in film and television. Her latest movie, *The Wedding Ringer*, marks the fourth time she has starred alongside Kevin Hart. Known as the "Black Mother of Hollywood," Jenifer currently appears in the role of "Ruby" on the hit ABC show *Black-ish*.

Recently, Jenifer appeared in *Think Like A Man*, *Think Like A Man Too* and *Baggage Claim*. Her legendary performances include Tina Turner's mother in *What's Love Got to Do With It* and as the mother of Whitney Houston's character in *The Preacher's Wife*. She portrayed the distraught mother, "Candace," opposite Matt Damon in Clint Eastwood's *Hereafter* and for director Tyler Perry, Jenifer created unforgettable characters in *Madea's Family Reunion* and *Meet the Browns*. In the movie *Castaway*, Jenifer portrayed Tom Hanks' boss.

Jenifer's unique voice is adored by Disney fans worldwide as "Flo" in *Cars* and *Cars 2* and as "Mama Odie" in *The Princess and the Frog*. Her TV appearances range from "Aunt Helen" on *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* to guest star roles on *Friends*, *Boston Legal* and *Girlfriends*. For six seasons, Jenifer portrayed "Lana Hawkins" on Lifetime's hit series *Strong Medicine*.

Jenifer has appeared in four Broadway shows, most recently in *Hairspray*. She co-starred opposite Meryl Streep in the Shakespeare in the Park production of Brecht's *Mother Courage and Her Children*. In 2014, Jenifer performed to an electrifying standing ovation at Carnegie Hall singing with the New York Pops orchestra. She won a 2013 Bistro Award for her show titled *Black Don't Crack at 54 Below* cabaret in NYC and early in her career, toured briefly as a "Harlette" with Bette Midler.

Jenifer advocates on behalf of young people, mental health and HIV/AIDS issues. Last year the Human Rights Campaign recognized Jenifer with its Ally for Equality Award. Born and raised in Kinloch, Missouri, Jenifer holds a bachelor's degree in theater arts from Webster University in St. Louis, which granted her an honorary doctorate in May 2015. Fans can follow Jenifer on Twitter (@JeniferLewis) and Facebook (Jenifer Lewis For Real.)



CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

TV & MEDIA EXPO



Free public event with registration on Eventbrite | ABFFTV & Media Expo.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13 & SUNDAY, JUNE 14 | 12 NOON – 6:00 PM DAILY
NY HILTON: GRAND BALLROOM WEST**



Be sure to visit the Comcast-NBCUniversal booth to recharge your devices in between your festival activities at the Hilton. **Check out the latest from the Comcast-NBCUniversal family including a sneak peak of Universal Pictures summer release *Straight Outta Compton*. Plus, see exclusive content courtesy of XFINITY CelebrateBlackTV.com.** Comcast-NBCUniversal is shaping the future at the intersection of media

NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment Diversity and USA's Characters Unite present the "I Won't Stand For..." movement at ABFF. Each of us, whoever we are, wherever we live, can do something to fight intolerance and hate. All we have to do is say, simply, I won't stand for it! It is about sending a message to the world that no one should stand idly by in the face of racism, bullying, religious intolerance, sexism, homophobia, ableism, or any other form of discrimination. The PSA campaign features top musicians, movie and television stars, athletes, political leaders and people from across the country, from all walks of life, sending the message that they won't stand idly by in the face of hate & discrimination. Join this movement by taking your customizable photo at our booth and spreading the word by sharing it via the social media of your choice.

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Swing by TV One's Media Expo Booth for snapshots and autographs from the cast members of the network's original movies *Runaway Island* and *Girlfriends' Getaway 2*. Visit with *Runaway Island*'s Aisha Hinds (*Star Trek Into Darkness*) and Thomas Q. Jones (*Being Mary Jane*) on Saturday, June 13 (12:15-1:00 p.m. ET), and meet Essence Atkins (*Are We There Yet?*), Garcelle Beauvais (*White House Down*), Terri J. Vaughn (*Daddy's Little Girls*) and Malinda Williams (*Soul Food*) from *Girlfriends' Getaway 2* on Sunday, June 14 (12:15-1:00 p.m.). Throughout the weekend (12-6 p.m.), feel free to also stop in and spin TV One's prize wheel for a chance to win network swag or walk away with one of two grand prize opportunities each day: a TV One Bling Set (TV One Bling T-Shirt, an iPad Mini, Bling Case, Fitbit, and Tory Burch Fitbit accessory bracelet) or a TV One Digital Kit (Barnes & Noble Nook, Beats by Dr. Dre Headphones and TV One Swag).



Please stop by our booth at the Expo. On Sat June 13, 2:30p-5:30p, CNN Correspondent Jason Carroll will be at our booth. We would like for attendees to come meet and talk with him. Turner Broadcasting creates and programs branded news; entertainment; animation and young adult; and sports media environments on television and other platforms for consumers around the world. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Turner is a Time Warner Company. www.turner.com.



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Stop by the FOX | HBCU Media Alliance booth to learn more about the 21st Century Fox entertainment businesses, across divisions – television, film, digital and sports, including Fox Broadcasting Company's hit series *EMPIRE* – and our partnership with Historically Black Colleges and Universities to engage and advance generations of executive and creative talent from the global HBCU community. **Sign-up for membership with the FOX | HBCU Media Alliance at our booth to claim your exclusive members-only gift.**

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Join Black Enterprise at our Booth to win amazing prizes, including 2 free registrations packages to the Annual BE Golf and Tennis Challenge, Labor Day Weekend in West Palm Beach, Florida and multiple magazine giveaways on the spot on Saturday and Sunday. Learn about internship opportunities with BE TV Shows: *Our World With Black Enterprise* & *Women of Power TV Show*. Additionally, attendees will receive 3 month trial subscription for *Black Enterprise Magazine* and discounted registration rate for the Annual Golf & Tennis Challenge.



Our booth will feature giveaways and attendees will be able to meet the CBS Executives. Aspiring writers, directors, actors, and college students are encouraged to stop by the booth to discuss breaking into the industry, and how to get an internship with CBS. The mission of CBS Entertainment Diversity is to ensure that our media content portrays an accurate representation of the world we live in. We work to ensure that the diversity of our audience is reflected by CBS talent both in front of and behind the camera. Our diversity initiatives include CBS on Tour, the CBS Diversity Sketch Comedy Showcase, CBS Diversity Writers Mentoring Program and the CBS Directors Initiative. **Follow us on twitter at @CBSEntDiversity and @TSmithAnoai.**

TV & MEDIA EXPO



For two seasons, Prudential has partnered with Harlem's Fashion Row, which promotes diverse talent in the fashion industry and provides business opportunities to people of color. **On Saturday, June 13th at 12:30pm the Prudential booth will transform into an intimate salon allowing guests to listen in on an insiders' discussion about Fashion and Film, featuring acclaimed actress Tasha Smith and renowned designer Byron Lars.** The conversation will be moderated by the CEO of Harlem's Fashion Row, Brandice Daniel. HFR will show looks from the Summer 2015 collection of many of these trailblazers. In a set inspired by the return of '70s glam, the Prudential Wealth + Legacy Lounge at the expo will feature an edgy, cool and an eclectic mix of elements to depict luxury -- a bold backdrop, director's chairs with blue pillows and throw and blue shag rug. The "Face of America" video will play on a monitor and a series of movie posters featuring Prudential will be created and prominently displayed to spotlight the brand. Film festival attendees will be invited to sit back and relax while snacking on flavored gourmet popcorn from PRU's Popcorn Bar + snapping selfies featuring social media paddles with quotable quotes from modern day African American movie + television characters, bringing Prudential, movies + television together in a very modern, relevant way.



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PRE-REGISTRATION PICK-UP (PASSES & TICKETS)

Thursday, June 11	New York Hilton Midtown (Rendezvous Trianon)	12:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Friday, June 12	New York Hilton Midtown (West Promenade)	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Saturday, June 13	New York Hilton Midtown (West Promenade)	10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
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FESTIVAL PASSES

Marquee Pass – Sold Out
Gotham Pass – \$445
Club Pass – Sold Out
Concierge Pass – \$1,345
Day Pass: Friday – \$150
Day Pass: Saturday – \$150
Day Pass: Sunday – \$150

MASTER CLASSES

Writing for Television \$95
Friday, June 12, 9:00 am

The Fundamentals of Producing, led by Roger Bobb \$95
Friday, June 12, 12:15 pm

Tasha Smith's Actors Workshop Sold Out
Friday, June 12, 3:30 pm

EVENT TICKETS

Opening Night
“Old School Hip Hop” Party \$75
Thursday, June 11, 10:00 PM

A Conversation with
Taraji P. Henson \$30
Friday, June 12, 1:30 PM

The Men of TNT \$30
Friday, June 12, 4:15 PM

3rd Annual “Comedy Wings”
Competition Finals \$50
Friday, June 12, 8:30 PM

The Life of a Showrunner \$30
Saturday, June 13, 11:00 AM

TV One Presents Celebrity
Scene Stealers \$30
Saturday, June 13, 1:30 PM

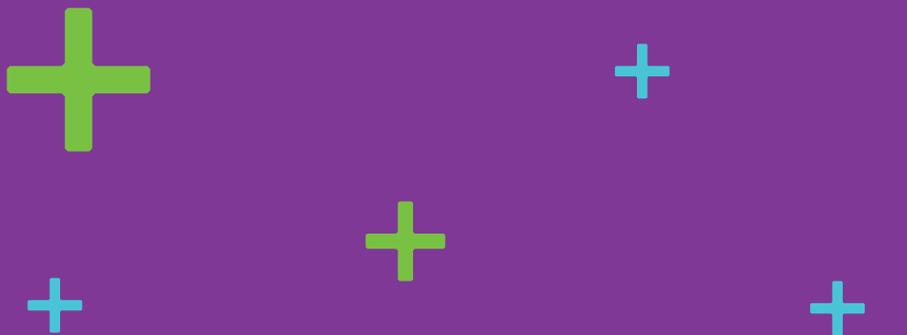
How to Create and Monetize
a Successful Web Series \$30
Saturday, June 13, 4:15 PM

Hot in Hollywood \$30
Saturday, June 13, 6:45 PM

EMPIRE Talks Back:
Inside the Writers Room \$30
Sunday, June 14, 11:00 AM

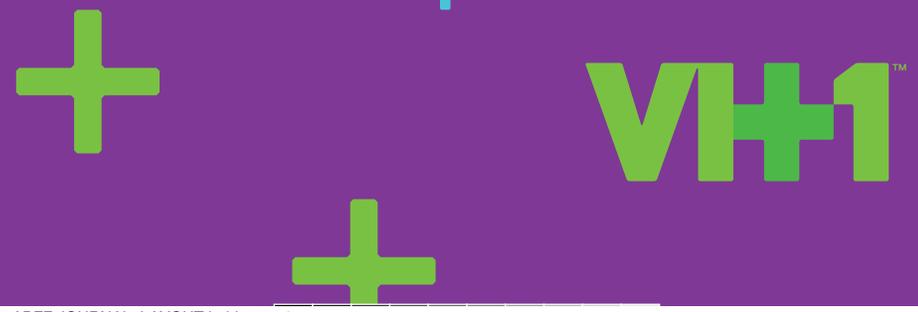
Inside Black-ish \$30
Sunday, June 14, 1:30 PM

“The Best of the ABFF”
Awards Show &
Post-Reception \$75
Sunday, June 14, 8:15 PM



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NY Hilton Midtown 1	Time Warner Medialab 4
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AMC Empire 25 Theatre 2	SVA Theatre 5
234 West 42nd Street Friday 6/12—ABFF Film Screenings Saturday 6/13—ABFF Film Screenings Sunday 6/14—ABFF Film Screenings	333 West 23rd Street Thursday 6/11—Opening Night Movie
HBO Theatre 3	Stage 48 6
1100 Avenue of the Americas (at 42nd Street) Friday 6/12—ABFF Master Classes	605 West 48th Street Thursday 6/11—Opening Night Party
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	32nd St. and Seventh Ave



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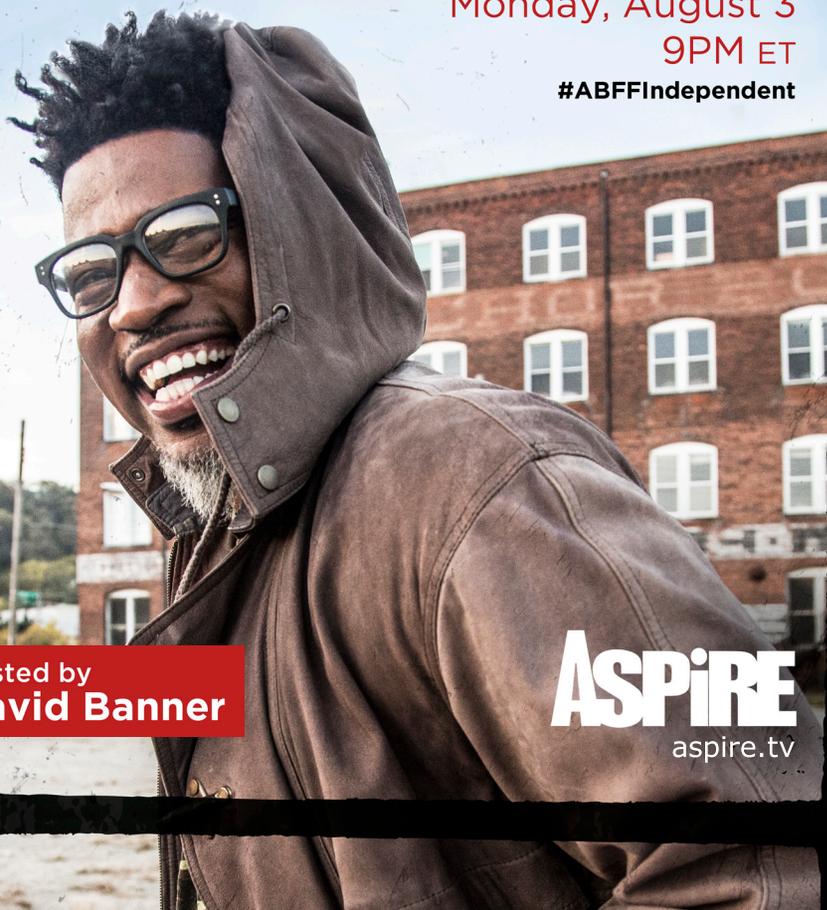
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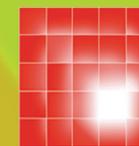
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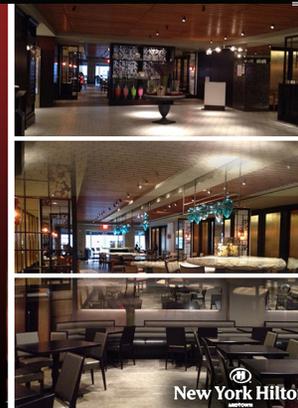
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