



ABFF COMEDY WINGS COMPETITION 2018 COMPETITION AND RULES



WHAT IT IS

The American Black Film Festival (ABFF) Comedy Wings Competition is a national search to identify outstanding comedic talent. Its mission is to provide a platform to expose undiscovered comics, aspiring to careers in film and television, to the industry at large.

ELIGIBILITY

Open only to permanent, legal United States ("U.S.") residents who are physically residing in one (1) of the fifty (50) U.S. or the District of Columbia (excluding Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other U.S. territories), and who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older as of the start of the contest period and of African, Latino, Asian or Native American descent.

HOW TO ENTER

1. In order to enter this competition entrant must record themselves performing a traditional stand-up comedy set as follows:

- 3 to 4 minute video of original comedic material authored by entrant
- Recording must start with entrant stating their Full Name, City and State in which they reside
- Only entrant should appear in the recorded video
- All backgrounds, clothes and any product that appear(s) in the video must be free of trademarked materials (such as logos, artwork, type treatments etc.)

Your video will herein be referred to as your 'Comedy Act.' Comedy Act must be transferred into a .mp4 or .mov file and housed online (via video sharing sites such as vimeo.com or dropbox.com for example). You will need to provide ABFF with a URL directly to your 'Comedy Act' in order to complete your submission.

2. Complete one (1) Official Comedy Wings Competition Submission Form downloadable from abff.com, and submit inclusive of the URL link to your Comedy Act to programming@abffventures.com by the competition deadline of January 15, 2018.

These two (2) items will constitute your valid 'submission/entry.' You may enter only once. By submitting to the Comedy Wings Competition, entrant agrees that his/her submission becomes the sole property of the ABFF and that no correspondence will be acknowledged or entered into.

Failure to comply with this or any other official rule will result in disqualification.

JUDGING, SELECTION & NOTIFICATION OF SEMI-FINALISTS, FINALISTS & WINNER

1. All eligible submissions will be judged by a panel of industry experts, 'The Selection Committee', whose decisions are final on all matters relating to this contest, to determine up to ten (10) semi-finalists, based on the following criteria: performance - 50%, creative material - 50%. In the event of a tie, tied entries will be re-judged in accordance with the criteria listed above.

2. Up to ten (10) semi-finalists will be selected and notified by phone/email by no later than February 15, 2018 and be invited to perform at the ABFF Comedy Wings Semi-Finals, scheduled to take place in LA during March/April, exact dates to be announced. Each semi-finalist will be required to perform a 8-10 minute stand-up comedy routine. The panel of judges will determine four (4) finalists based on the evening's performances.

3. The Four (4) finalists will each receive a trip prize to the 2018 ABFF in Miami (if they reside outside of the City of Miami), FL (Air: one round-trip (1) coach class ticket, Hotel Accommodations: June 13 to June 17 (4 nights) plus ABFF Festival credentials) and the opportunity to perform in the ABFF Comedy Wings Finals, scheduled to take place Friday, June 15, 2018, sponsored by HBO.



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Finalists must possess required travel documents (e.g. valid photo I.D., passport, etc.) prior to departure. Finalists must agree to travel on dates specified by ABFF; dates of departure and return are subject to change. No substitution or transfer of prize permitted. The ABFF reserves the right to substitute prize of equal or greater value.

4. One winner will be determined by the combined vote of 'The Final Jury' and the live audience. Each finalist will be required to perform a 10-12 minute stand-up comedy routine during the Comedy Wings competition finals at the 2018 ABFF.

5. The 2018 Comedy Wings Competition Winner will receive a special opportunity to meet with HBO's Comedy Development department.

GENERAL RULES: Any person that possesses an artist management contract is not eligible to enter the Comedy Wings Competition. By entering the Comedy Wings Competition, all entrants consent to: (a) the use of their original submission, semi-final and final performances as well as their name/likeness and address (city/state only) to be announced in media including but not limited to internet, television, radio, magazines and newspapers for publicity, advertising, consumer voting and promotional purposes unless expressly prohibited by law (b) ABFF/Film Life, Inc., its subsidiaries, sponsors and affiliates, has the right to use/broadcast the submission or portions thereof in advertisement and/or in the promotion of the contest, consumer voting, ABFF or ABFF TV without further compensation, unless prohibited by law. Acceptance of any prize constitutes permission to ABFF and its affiliates to use winner's submission, name and/or likeness for purposes of advertising and trade without further compensation, unless prohibited by law. By accepting prize, finalists and winner agree to hold ABFF, its respective directors, officers, employees, assigns, sponsors and affiliates, harmless against any and all claims and liability arising out of use of the content of his/her submission and prize. Finalists and winner assume all liability for any injury or damage caused, or claimed to be caused, by participation in this competition or use or redemption of any prize. By participating in this competition, entrants agree to be bound by the Comedy Wings Official 2018 Competition Rules and the decisions of the judges. ABFF is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the competition official rules, administration of the contest, announcement of the finalists, broadcast of any submission and related details, announcement of the finalists, winner and any related prizes.