



## **2025 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE (External)**

(Updated 5/23/2025 & Subject to Change)

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11**

11:00 am – 8:00 pm

#### **Festival Registration Center**

Miami Beach Convention Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

1:45 – 6:30 pm

#### **Official Selection Screenings**

Miami Beach Convention Center (Screening Room 2)

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

#### **Master Class: Producing Stories for Global Audiences on a Budget**

Presented by New York Film Academy

NYFA Miami - South Beach

(Separate Ticket Required)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

#### **Festival Welcome & 28<sup>th</sup> Annual HBO Short Film Award Showcase**

New World Center (Performance Hall)

10:00 pm – 3:00 am

#### **Opening Night Party**

The Bass Museum

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 12**

9:00 am – 7:00 pm

#### **Festival Registration Center**

Miami Beach Convention Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

9:30 am – 11:30 am

#### **Master Class: Act It Out: Scene Exploration**

Presented by New York Film Academy

NYFA Miami - South Beach

(Separate Ticket Required)

10:15 am – 10:15 pm

#### **Official Selection Screenings**

Miami Beach Convention Center & O Cinema

10:30 am - 11:45 am

**Faith, Culture, and Streaming: Why Faith-Inspired Stories Are Winning on Streaming**

Presented by Amazon MGM Studios

New World Center (Truist Hall)

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

**After the Game: A Conversation with Chris Paul**

New World Center (Performance Hall)

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm

**One of Them Days and the Undeniable Power of Black Audiences in Theaters**

Presented by Sony Pictures Entertainment

New World Center (Truist Hall)

2:00 pm - 3:15 pm

**Sisterhood & Savings: A Conversation with Gabrielle Union**

Presented by Ally Financial

New World Center (Performance Hall)

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

**Black & Unlimited Fatherhood Project Director's Showcase (presented by Walmart)**

Miami Beach Convention Center (Screening Room 1)

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

**Bravo's "Kings Court": Grown Man Business – Love, Life, and the Spotlight**

Presented by Comcast NBCU

New World Center (Performance Hall)

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm

**Beyond the Payout: The Hidden Value of Protection for Entertainment Professionals**

Presented by Northwestern Mutual

New World Center (Truist Hall)

8:15 pm - 9:15 pm

**Propelling Purpose with Dondré Whitfield**

New World Center (Truist Hall)

9:45 pm – 11:45 pm

**Because They're Funny @ ABFF Comedy Show**

Hosted by DC Young Fly

New World Center (Performance Hall)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13**

9:00 am – 7:00 pm

**Festival Registration Center**

Miami Beach Convention Center (2nd Floor)

9:30 am – 11:30 am

**Master Class: Making Choices as a Director**

NYFA Miami - South Beach

(Separate Ticket Required)

10:15 am – 10:00 pm

**Official Selection Screenings**

Miami Beach Convention Center & O Cinema South Beach

10:30 am - 11:45 am

**The Future of StoryTelling: AI and Immersive Technologies in Filmmaking**

New World Center (Truist Hall)

11:30 am - 12:45 pm

**The Remix: Ashanti's New Chapter of Love, Life & Legacy in Peacock's "Nelly & Ashanti: We Belong Together"**

Presented by Comcast NBCU

New World Center (Performance Hall)

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**STARZ: Come Play in Our World**

Presented by STARZ

Miami Beach Convention Center Screening Room #1

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm

**Creating with Care: A Conversation on Mental Wellness & the Creative Journey**

Presented by Warner Bros. Discovery/OWN

New World Center (Truist Hall)

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

**The Longevity Playbook: A Conversation with Blair Underwood**

Presented by AARP

New World Center (Performance Hall)

4:30 pm - 6:15 pm

**Seen & Heard (TBD)**

Presented by Warner Bros. Discovery/HBO

Miami Beach Convention Center Screening Room #1

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Reel & Radiant: A Mixer for Black LGBTQ+ Creatives and Their Allies**

Presented by GLAAD

New World Center (Truist Hall)

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm

**FOREVER w/ Mara Brock Akil**

Presented by Netflix

New World Center (Performance Hall)

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**Old Gray Mare Screening & Talkback**

Presented by Tyler Perry Studios

Miami Beach Convention Center Screening Room #1

8:15 pm - 9:30 pm

**"Scene Stealers" From Guest Star to Co-Star – An Actor's Journey**

Presented by Amazon MGM Studios

New World Center (Truist Hall)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14**

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Festival Registration Center**

Miami Beach Convention Center (2nd Floor)

9:30 am – 11:30 am

**Master Class: The Art of Emotional Writing: Engaging Audiences Scene by Scene**

NYFA Miami - South Beach

Separate Ticket Required

10:00 am – 11:30 am

**“Best of ABFF Awards” Ceremony**

New World Center (Performance Hall)

10:15 am – 10:00 pm

**Official Selection Screenings**

Miami Beach Convention Center & O Cinema South Beach

10:30 am - 11:45 am

**Reel Healing: Using Film to Normalize Mental Wellness in Black Communities**

Presented by NAMI

New World Center (Truist Hall)

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

**Black Opulence: The Intersection of Culture, Class & Capital in Peacock’s “Bel-Air”**

Presented by Comcast NBCU

New World Center (Performance Hall)

1:30 pm - 2:10 pm

**Edge of Daybreak**

Courtesy of A&E Networks

Miami Beach Convention Center Screening Room #1

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

**BOB Talks: A Showcase of Black Owned Brands**

New World Center (Truist Hall)

3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

**Come Together Screening + Talkback**

Courtesy of BLAAC

Miami Beach Convention Center Screening Room #1

5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

**Empowering Diversity Through Storytelling Networking Happy Hour**

Presented by ESPN

New World Center (Truist Hall)

8:15 pm – 9:45 pm

**Remembering *Love Jones*: An Evening with Nia Long & Larenz Tate**

New World Center (Performance Hall)

10:30 pm – 3:00 am

**The Legendary White Party**

M2 Nightclub

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15**

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**City of Miami Community Day Screenings**

The Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater

(Free Public Event)