



2025 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE (External)

(Updated 6/4/2025 & Subject to Change)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

11:00 am – 8:00 pm

Festival Registration Center

Miami Beach Convention Center (2nd 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)

7:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Festival Welcome & 28th Annual HBO Short Film Award Showcase

New World Center (Performance Hall)

10:00 pm – 1:00 am

Opening Night Party

The Bass Museum

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Festival Registration Center

Miami Beach Convention Center (2nd 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)

8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Propelling Purpose with Dondré Whitfield

New World Center (Truist Hall)

9:45 pm – 11:45 pm

Because They're Funny Comedy Night 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

Presented by Warner Bros. Discovery/HBO

Miami Beach Convention Center Screening Room #1

4:45 pm - 5:45 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

Crafting FOREVER: A Conversation on Love, Life, and Legacy with 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

7:45 pm - 9:00 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)

7:30 pm – 8:15 pm

Clicks to Careers: Navigating Social Media Success

New World Center (Truist Hall)

8:30 pm – 9:45 pm

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

New World Center (Performance Hall)

10:00 pm – 3:00 am

The Legendary White Party

M2 Nightclub

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm

***Trouble Man* Screening**

The Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater

(ABFF Community Day: Free Public Event)

4:30 pm – 6:15 pm

Double Feature: *Wednesdays With Gramps* & *The Reject*

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