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**AMERICAN**  
**BLACK FILM**  
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**MIAMI BEACH**  
**JUNE 12 - 16, 2019**

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## The American Black Film Festival (ABFF)

is an annual event dedicated to showcasing quality film and television content by and about people of African descent. The festival is committed to the belief that black artists and content creators deserve the same opportunities as their mainstream counterparts. ABFF founder Jeff Friday conceived the festival in 1997 as a vehicle to promote diversity in the motion picture industry and strengthen the black filmmaking community through resource sharing, education, artistic collaboration and career development. Today, the ABFF is the preeminent pipeline for black artists, in front of and behind the camera, significantly expanding the range of talent in the entertainment industry at large.

## FOUNDER'S WELCOME

I'm proud and delighted to be standing here today with you at the 23rd Annual American Black Film Festival. It is an honor to continue on this journey with the people and organizations that have demonstrated steadfast support of the ABFF mission over the years. Black film and television content is in high demand across mainstream platforms, requiring quality writers, directors and showrunners who can meet the challenges of the current wave of opportunity. It's an exciting time to be Black and talented in the film and television space, as evidenced by the breadth of innovative and inspiring series from many of the networks, studios and streaming platforms here with us this week. It's thrilling to finally be here at this point in time.

Along with our team and corporate partners, ABFF has worked the past twenty-three years building for this moment in history, fighting to ensure the talent that we knew existed in our community was seen and heard and acknowledged by the right powers that be. Over the years we've worked together to create vehicles to promote the work of Black artists, and bridges to career paths wherever possible. We all can be deeply proud of our accomplishments. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our dedicated sponsors, who often go above and beyond to ensure that support for the ABFF continues, and very special thanks to our Presenting Sponsors HBO (also our Founding Sponsor), the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB), BET Networks, Cadillac and Comcast NBCUniversal.

Celebrate and enjoy this year's events.  
Seize the day!

**Jeff Friday**  
Founder & CEO  
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## BLACK ENTERPRISE WELCOME

On behalf of BLACK ENTERPRISE, and in partnership with Film Life Inc., it is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the 23rd Annual American Black Film Festival, the must-attend professional development and networking showcase for African American filmmakers, artists, and industry influencers.

We are extremely proud to be a part of this unparalleled, unduplicated platform that advances and celebrates the creative genius, technical prowess, and rich storytelling of diverse talent across an array of media. As such, I join my business partner and friend Jeff Friday, the founder of ABFF, in extending great appreciation to our sponsors for their commitment and collaboration in making this uniquely amazing event possible.

Of course, ABFF's secret ingredient is YOU—a dynamic gathering of leaders, entrepreneurs, executives, innovators, artists, and film and television enthusiasts. So over the next several days, I encourage you to take full advantage of the world premieres, panels, master classes, parties, awards ceremonies—and more. Don't forget to follow and share all the activities on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook using the hashtag #ABFF. And you'll want to check out coverage of everything ABFF at [BlackEnterprise.com](https://BlackEnterprise.com).

Remember, there's no cooler place to be than ABFF in Miami...Enjoy!

Best,

**Earl G. Graves Jr.**  
**President & CEO**  
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In our 9th year we continue to celebrate those who are dedicated to showcasing African American culture and stories through film and TV.

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**HBO® WELCOME**

HBO welcomes you to Miami for the 23rd American Black Film Festival! As a founding sponsor, HBO has shared ABFF's mission to elevate the world of black film and to introduce and connect talented newcomers to the industry.

Together we provide support for the powerful voices of black artists, writers, and creatives that serve as exemplary critics of today's most challenging realities. It is through their vibrant imagination, awe-inspiring vision, and passionate work in media and the arts, that we can understand the world we live in and strive for the one to which we aspire. We need these voices to speak out louder than ever before.

As always, we encourage you to participate actively in the festival through networking opportunities, workshops, panels, and competitions. This year, HBO executives from across the company will be present providing "expertise, advice, and support at our "Ask HBO" sessions as well as 'POV' (Point of View), in which creators behind some of HBO's biggest titles host an honest, interactive session about the steps it takes to successfully grow within the industry. We also look forward to hosting a powerful conversation with iconic lawyer and social justice advocate, Bryan Stevenson.



**DENNIS WILLIAMS**

SVP, Corporate Social Responsibility  
& Corporate Affairs  
HBO

Returning for the 22nd year is the HBO® Short Film Award competition where we recognize the next generation of diverse, artistic, and creative talent. From many extraordinary filmmakers competing, five finalists will vie for the Short Film Award and a cash prize of \$10,000. The final round of competition is on June 13, 2019, at the New World Center with a winner chosen during the Best of ABFF ceremony.

The 7th Annual ABFF Comedy Wings Competition Finals will take place on June 14, 2019, at the New World Center. Currently in its 7th consecutive year of HBO sponsorship, this competition discovers and showcases fresh comedic voices. We are thrilled to welcome *BLACK-JSH's* Deon Cole as host this year.

We are pleased to join other members of the newly formed WarnerMedia family as well as our parent company AT&T. Our combined efforts demonstrate an unparalleled commitment to diversity in our industry. We encourage you to check out their equally engaging events this week as well.

Our most heartfelt congratulations are extended to our partners Jeff and Nicole Friday and their incredible staff for their commitment and empowerment of the black film and media community.

Have a great festival!

Sincerely,

**Dennis Williams**  
SVP, Corporate Social Responsibility and Corporate Affairs, HBO

The Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) is excited to partner once again with the 23rd Annual American Black Film Festival (ABFF)!

The American Black Film Festival is highly regarded as the premier film and entertainment conference in the country dedicated to helping elevate persons of color in the industry and is definitely one of Miami's premier events!

It is important that all of Miami is showcased to our visitors and convention delegates. We are excited about the festivities on Miami Beach and super excited about the Community Day of activities scheduled at the Lyric Theater in Historic Overtown, which will be open to all registered festival participants and the general community to attend.

Thanks to all of the visitors attending ABFF in Miami this week!! It is our hope that the hospitality shown while here in the city of Sun, Fun and Culture will exceed your expectations! In addition to the ABFF hashtags of #ABFF2019 and #WeAreABFF, please also tag Miami in your social media post by using #FoundinMiami and #MulticulturalMiami

Yours Truly,

**Connie W. Kinnard**  
Vice President, Multicultural Tourism & Development  
Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau



**CONNIE W. KINNARD**  
VP, Multicultural Tourism & Development  
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## EMBRACE, ENGAGE AND REDISCOVER MIAMI'S MULTICULTURAL JEWELS

The Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau Congratulates  
The American Black Film Festival on its 23rd Anniversary  
June 12 - 16, 2019



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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

### ABFF WELCOME CENTER

Pre-registration pass pick up & box office  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 4

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### ABFF INDUSTRY EXPO

Exhibitors:

- Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau
  - AT&T Dream In Black Exclusive Registration
- Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana Foyer

5:00 PM & 8:30 PM

### SHAFT

Opening night film courtesy of Warner Bros.  
There will be an introduction of the cast at the end of the first screening and start of the second screening  
New World Center Performance Hall

10:45 PM – 1:00 AM

### 23RD ANNUAL ABFF WELCOME RECEPTION

DJ: Goodwill

(Hosted by Hilton In celebration of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
The Bass Contemporary Art Museum

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

### ABFF WELCOME CENTER

Pre-registration pass pick up & box office  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel  
Americana 4

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### ABFF PASSHOLDER LOUNGE

(Sponsored by American Airlines)

1:15 PM & 2:00 PM

Filmmaker Meet and Greet

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Cocktails by Crown Royal

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 4

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### ABFF INDUSTRY EXPO

Exhibitors:

- Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau
  - CAA
- Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana Foyer

11:00 AM – 10:30 PM

### INDIE SCREENINGS

Narrative Features, Documentaries  
& Web Series  
Regal Cinemas 17 & 18

11:00 AM

### THE BLACK GODFATHER

Spotlight Screening

(Courtesy of Netflix)

New World Center, SunTrust Pavilion

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### “ASK HBO” SESSIONS

(Hosted by HBO®)

\*Invite only - RSVP required

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

### “KEEP RISING” KEYNOTE CONVERSATION

(Sponsored by Cadillac)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

12:00 NOON – 1:15 PM

### THE STORY BEHIND THE MUSIC WITH SONGLAND’S ESTER DEAN

(Sponsored by NBCUniversal)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Cowrie 2

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

### RATE MY MOVIE: A CONVERSATION WITH THE LEADERS BEHIND MPAA’S RATINGS

(Sponsored by The Motion Picture Association of America)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 1

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

### CAPITAL ONE SPARK BUSINESS

### “COFFEE TALK” WITH LISARAYE

Capital One Café

2:30 PM

### THE BOBBY DEBARGE STORY

Spotlight Screening

(Courtesy of TV One)

New World Center Performance Hall

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

### NBCUNIVERSAL PANELS:

PANEL 1: THE COME UP: A CONVERSATION WITH THE STARS OF NBC

PANEL 2: BRAVO MEDIA PRESENTS:

FAMILIES & BLACK LOVE

(Sponsored by Comcast NBCUniversal)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### TRUE JUSTICE: A CONVERSATION WITH BRYAN STEVENSON

(Sponsored by HBO)

1 Hotel South Beach, Terra 1 Ballroom

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

### SPOTIFY SEMINAR

(Sponsored by Spotify)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 1

3:45 PM

### BURDEN

Partner Screening

(Courtesy of AIDS Health Foundation)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Cowrie 2

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### ABFF INDUSTRY EXPO

Exhibitors:

- HBO
  - Warner Bros
- Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana Foyer

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

### COCKTAILS, CONVERSATIONS & FINANCIAL FACTS

(Hosted by Prudential Financial)

The Betsy Hotel, Carlton Room

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

### BEYOND THE SPIDER-VERSE: WHAT’S NEXT FOR SONY PICTURES ANIMATION

(Sponsored by Sony Pictures)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

### 22ND ANNUAL HBO SHORT FILM COMPETITION

(Sponsored by HBO®)

New World Center, Performance Hall

9:00 PM

### BEATS

Spotlight Screening.

(Courtesy of Netflix)

New World Center, Performance Hall

9:00 PM

### CLASSIC CINEMA SCREENING: THE INKWELL

Regal Cinema, Theater 17

11:00 PM – 2:00 AM

### LEGENDARY WHITE PARTY

DJ:D-NICE

Nikki Beach Night Club, The Pearl Bar

## FRIDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

### ABFF WELCOME CENTER

Pre-registration pass pick up & box office  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 4

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### ABFF PASSHOLDER LOUNGE

(Sponsored by American Airlines)

1:15 PM & 2:00 PM

Filmmaker Meet and Greet

3:00 PM & 4:00 PM

Cocktails by Crown Royal

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 4

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### ABFF INDUSTRY EXPO

Exhibitors:

- Planned Parenthood Federation of America
- DC Office of Cable, Television, Film, Music & Entertainment

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Foyer

11:00 AM – 10:30 PM

### INDIE SCREENINGS

Narrative Features, Documentaries

& Web Series

Regal Cinemas 17 & 18

11:00 AM

### FIRST WIVES CLUB

Spotlight Screening

(Sponsored by BET)

New World Center, Performance Hall

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### “ASK HBO” SESSIONS

(Hosted by HBO®)

\*Invite only - RSVP required

12 NOON – 1:30 PM

Business of Entertainment Seminar

### SEE YOURSELF IN THE WORK WE DO

(Sponsored by Warner Bros)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 1

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

### CAPITAL ONE SPARK BUSINESS

### “COFFEE TALK” WITH JACOB LATIMORE

Capital One Café

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**“CELEBRITY SCENE STEALERS” TABLE READ**

(Sponsored by TV One)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**“ABOUT WOMEN” PANEL**

(Co-sponsored by Accenture and Hilton)

New World Center, Performance Hall

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**ABFF INDUSTRY EXPO**

Exhibitors:

- Comcast NBCUniversal
- Arrington and Phillips, LLP

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana Foyer

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

**THE DREAM IN BLACK PATH TO POWER PANEL  
FEATURING THE CAST OF POWER**

By invitation - sign-up at the AT&amp;T booth

(Sponsored by AT&amp;T Dream in Black)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 1

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

**EQUIP YOUR PITCH SEMINAR**

(Sponsored by Verizon Media)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Cowrie 2

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

**COCKTAILS, CONVERSATIONS & FINANCIAL FACTS**

(Hosted by Prudential Financial)

The Betsy Hotel, Carlton Room

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**“HOT IN HOLLYWOOD” PANEL**

(Sponsored by American Airlines)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

6:30 PM

**FOR LIFE**

Spotlight Screening

(Courtesy of Sony Pictures)

New World Center, Performance Hall

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**UMC PRESENTS ...I GOT THE HOOK UP 2**

(Sponsored by UMC)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 1

8:00 PM

**OWN PRESENTS THE EPISODIC WORLD  
OF AMBITIONS**

Partner Screening

(Courtesy of OWN)

Regal Cinema, Theater 17

9:45 PM – 11:30 PM

**ABFF COMEDY WINGS COMPETITION****DJ: Goodwill**

(Sponsored by HBO®)

New World Center, Performance Hall

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**ABFF WELCOME CENTER**

Pre-registration pass pick up &amp; box office

Loews Miami Beach Hotel

Americana 4

11:00 AM

**SNOWFALL**

Spotlight Screening

(Courtesy of FX Networks)

New World Center, Performance Hall

11:00 AM – 10:30 PM

**INDIE SCREENINGS**

Narrative Features, Documentaries &amp; Web Series

Regal Cinemas 17 &amp; 18

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**MY JOURNEY FROM ABFF TO THE CLAWS WRITING  
ROOM: THE CINDERELLA STORY OF 2017 ABFF  
AWARD WINNER DARRIN DORTCH**

(Sponsored by WarnerMedia)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 1

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

**ABFF SOCIAL IMPACT SHOWCASE WITH OMAR  
EPPS— FATHERHOOD: THE FOUNDATION OF THE  
BLACK FAMILY**

Regal Cinema, Theater 18

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM

**ABFF SOUNDLAB; MUSIC + FILM**(Sponsored by Crown Royal, programmed in  
association with Artistry-Curated by Media)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Cowrie 2

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**CAPITAL ONE SPARK BUSINESS****“COFFEE TALK” WITH DISNEY AND PIXAR,  
PRESENTING CREATIVITY, FILMMAKER AND THE  
DISNEY LAUNCHPAD**

Capital One Café

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**“THE ART OF DIRECTING” PANEL**

(Sponsored by Capital One Spark Business)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

12 NOON – 3:00 PM

**ABFF INDUSTRY EXPO:**

Exhibitors:

- Atlanta Mayor's Office of Film and Entertainment
- Fulton Films

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana Foyer

1:45 PM

**LEGACY LIVES ON**

Partner Screening

(Courtesy of Prudential Financial)

Regal Cinema, Theater 18

2:00 PM

**TRUTV'S LAFF MOBB'S LAFF TRACKS**

Spotlight Screening

(Courtesy of WarnerMedia)

New World Center, Performance Hall

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**BET SEMINAR**

(Sponsored by BET)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 1

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

**THE POWER OF DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING**(Sponsored by Facebook programmed in  
association with Daughters of Eve Media)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Cowrie 2

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**HBO POV: CREATORS MIXER**

W Hotel, Studio 1 &amp; 2

5:00 PM

**OWN PRESENTS DAVID MAKES MAN**

Spotlight Screening

(Courtesy of OWN)

New World Center, Performance Hall

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**MASTER CLASS: MAKING THE DEAL –  
KNOWING WHAT MATTERS**

\*Separate ticket required.

(Sponsored by Prudential Financial)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 1

7:45 PM – 9:00 PM

**SEE YOU YESTERDAY**

Clips &amp; Conversation

(Courtesy of Netflix)

New World Center, Performance Hall

8:30 PM

**SHERMAN'S SHOWCASE**

Partner Screening

(Courtesy of IFC)

Regal Cinemas, Theater 17

9:00 PM

Classic Cinema Screening

**BOYZ N THE HOOD**

(TRIBUTE TO JOHN SINGLETON)

Regal Cinemas, Theater 18

9:15 PM – 10:45 PM

**“BEST OF THE ABFF” AWARDS  
PRESENTATION**

(Sponsored by AT&amp;T Dream In Black)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

9:15 PM – 10:45 PM

**“BEST OF THE ABFF” AWARDS  
PRESENTATION OVERFLOW ROOM**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 1

10:45 PM – 1:30 AM

**“BEST OF ABFF” AWARDS AFTER PARTY  
DJ: KISS AND M.O.S.**

(Sponsored by Crown Royal)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel,

Americana 4 &amp; Foyer

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

**MASTER CLASS: PRODUCING FILM  
AND TELEVISION**

\*Separate ticket required.

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Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 1

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**MASTER CLASS: WRITING FOR TELEVISION**

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Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 1

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**ABFF COMMUNITY DAY**

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The Black Archives Historic, Lyric Theater

# 2019 ABFF VENUE GUIDE AND MAP

## FESTIVAL VENUES

- Betsy Hotel** - 1440 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach
- Capital One Café** - 1029 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach
- Loews Hotel** - 1601 Collins Ave, Miami Beach
- Miami Beach Cinematheque** - 1130 Washington Ave., Miami Beach
- New World Center** - 500 17th Street, Miami Beach
- Nikki Beach** - 1 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach
- Regal Cinema** - 1120 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach
- THE BASS Museum** - 2100 Collins Ave., Miami Beach
- The Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater** - 819 NW 2nd Ave., Miami
- W Hotel** - 2201 Collins Ave., Miami Beach
- The 1 Hotel South Beach** - 2341 Collins Ave., Miami Beach

- 1 LOEWS MIAMI BEACH HOTEL**  
1601 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139
- 2 NEW WORLD CENTER**  
500 17th St, Miami Beach, FL 33139
- 3 THE BASS CONTEMPORARY ART MUSEUM**  
2100 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139
- 4 REGAL CINEMAS SOUTH BEACH STADIUM 18**  
1120 Lincoln Rd, Miami Beach, FL 33139
- 5 1 HOTEL SOUTH BEACH**  
2341 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139
- 6 CAPITAL ONE CAFÉ**  
1029 Lincoln Rd, Miami Beach, FL 33139
- 7 BETSY HOTEL**  
1440 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139
- 8 NIKKI BEACH**  
1 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139
- 9 W SOUTH BEACH**  
2201 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139
- 10 THE BLACK ARCHIVES HISTORICAL LYRIC THEATER**  
819 NW 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33136
- 11 MIAMI BEACH CINEMATHEQUE**  
1130 Washington Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139



## RIDE WITH CADILLAC

Thursday, June 13 – Saturday, June 15  
10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Cadillac is providing ABFF passholders\* with an exciting and convenient value-added benefit. Ride With Cadillac is a complimentary shuttle service offering rides to key ABFF festivities in South Beach on a first come, first served basis. To take advantage of this offer, passholders\* may register at [ridewithcadillac.com/abff](http://ridewithcadillac.com/abff). Stay tuned for more details soon.

**Below is the shuttle schedule and hub locations for Ride With Cadillac:**

**Loews Miami Beach Hotel**  
1601 Collins Avenue  
Hub located at the Palm Court

**New World Center**  
500 17th Street  
Hub located on Lincoln Lane

**Regal Cinema**  
1120 Lincoln Road  
Hub located in Alton Road

\* Available to SOBE, deco, industry, talent, sponsor, and press passholders.

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# 2019 ABFF SCREENING SCHEDULE

DATES	REGAL 17	REGAL 18	NEW WORLD CENTER	LOEWS HOTEL
<b>WEDNESDAY JUNE 12</b>			SHAFT - OPENING NIGHT FILM (105 MINS) (Courtesy of Warner Bros.) <b>5:00 PM</b> <small>THERE WILL BE AN INTRODUCTION OF THE CAST FOLLOWING THIS SCREENING.</small> SHAFT - OPENING NIGHT FILM (105 MINS) (Courtesy of Warner Bros.) <b>8:30 PM</b> <small>THERE WILL BE AN INTRODUCTION OF THE CAST PRIOR TO THIS SCREENING.</small>	
<b>THURSDAY JUNE 13</b>	#TRUTH (105 MINS) <b>11:00 AM</b> ALL IN (105 MINS) <b>1:46 PM</b> HIS, HERS & THE TRUTH (90 MINS) <b>4:30 PM</b> JEZEBEL (88 MINS) <b>6:55 PM</b> THE INKWEIL (112 MINS) CLASSIC CINEMA SCREENING FOLLOWED BY Q&A WITH DIRECTOR MATTY RICH <b>9:00 PM</b>	IF NOT NOW, WHEN? (111 MINS) <b>11:15 AM</b> JUSTINE (106 MINS) <b>2:22 PM</b> LOVE DOT COM (96 MINS) <b>5:09 PM</b> PERFECTLY SINGLE (99 MINS) <b>7:46 PM</b> MUSIC IN MOTION SHOWCASE (60 MINS) <b>10:00 PM</b>	THE BLACK GODFATHER (Courtesy of Netflix) <b>11:00 AM</b> THE BOBBY DEBARGE STORY (Courtesy of TV One) <b>2:30 PM</b> 22 <sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HBO SHORT FILM COMPETITION <b>6:00 PM</b> BEATS (Courtesy of Netflix) <b>9:00 PM</b>	<b>BURDEN</b> (Courtesy of AIDS Health Foundation) <b>3:45 PM - COWRIE 2</b>
<b>FRIDAY JUNE 14</b>	EMERGING DIRECTORS SHOWCASE (GROUP #1) (78 MINS) <b>11:00 AM</b> EMERGING DIRECTORS SHOWCASE (GROUP #2) (76 MINS) <b>1:51 PM</b> SAME DIFFERENCE (88 MINS) <b>4:42 PM</b> OWN PRESENTS THE EPISODIC WORLD OF AMBITIONS <b>8:00 PM</b>	BUCK LUMPING (70 MINS) <b>11:15 AM</b> CHICAGO AT THE CROSSROADS (83 MINS) <b>1:28 PM</b> ONE CHILD LEFT BEHIND (87 MINS) <b>3:57 PM</b> VISION PORTRAITS (78 MINS) <b>6:25 PM</b> STRIVE (82 MINS) <b>8:45 PM</b>	FIRST WIVES CLUB (Courtesy of BET) <b>11:00 AM</b> FOR LIFE (Courtesy of Sony) <b>6:30 PM</b>	

# 2019 ABFF SCREENING SCHEDULE

DATES	REGAL 17	REGAL 18	NEW WORLD CENTER	LYRIC THEATER
<b>SATURDAY JUNE 15</b>	PRINCESS OF THE ROW (85 MINS) <b>11:00 AM</b> WEB SERIES (120 MINS) <b>2:00 PM</b> EMERGING DIRECTORS SHOWCASE (GROUP #3) (79 MINS) <b>5:21 PM</b> SHERMAN SHOWCASE (Courtesy of IFC) <b>8:30 PM</b>	SOCIAL IMPACT SHOWCASE: FATHERHOOD THE FOUNDATION OF THE BLACK FAMILY HOSTED BY OMAR EPPS <b>11:15 AM</b> LEGACY LIVES ON (90 MINS) (Courtesy of Prudential) <b>1:45 PM</b> UNA GREAT MOVIE (102 MINS) <b>4:20 PM</b> THE TAKEOVER (62 MINS) <b>7:03 PM</b> BOYZ N THE HOOD (112 MINS) CLASSIC CINEMA SCREENING JOHN SINGLETON TRIBUTE <b>9:00 PM</b>	SNOWFALL (Courtesy of FX Networks) <b>11:00 AM</b> truTV'S LAFF MOBB'S LAFF TRACKS (Courtesy of WarnerMedia) <b>2:00 PM</b> OWN PRESENTS DAVID MAKES MAN <b>5:00 PM</b> SEE YOU YESTERDAY CLIPS & CONVERSATION (Courtesy of Netflix) <b>7:45 - 9:00 PM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY JUNE 16</b>				<b>COMMUNITY DAY SCREENINGS</b> Conversation with Steven Caple Jr. (Director of <i>Creed II</i> ), Social Impact Showcase: Fatherhood The Foundation of the Black Family, Florida Film House Youth Camp followed by Filmmaker Q&A and Sickle Cell Short Film <b>1:00 - 5:00 PM</b>

**MOVIE  
SCREENING KEY**

NARRATIVE FEATURES IN COMPETITION  
 MUSIC IN MOTION SHOWCASE

SPOTLIGHT / PARTNER SCREENINGS  
 EMERGING DIRECTORS SHOWCASE

DOCUMENTARY FEATURES IN COMPETITION  
 WEB SERIES IN COMPETITION

CLASSIC CINEMA SCREENING  
 \*FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE SCHEDULE  
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### Shaft

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12**

**5:00 PM & 8:30 PM**

**1 hr 45 Min.**

*(Courtesy of Warner Bros)*

*(Cast appearances after 1st screening  
and before 2nd screening)*

**New World Center  
Performance Hall**

**Directed by:** Tim Story

**Written by:** Kenya Barris and  
Alex Barnow

**Cast:** Samuel L. Jackson, Jessie  
T. Usher, Regina Hall, Richard  
Roundtree, and Method Man.

JJ, aka John Shaft Jr. (Usher), may be a cybersecurity expert with a degree from MIT, but to uncover the truth behind his best friend's untimely death, he needs an education only his dad can provide. The legendary locked-and-loaded John Shaft (Jackson) agrees to help his progeny navigate Harlem's heroin-infested underbelly. And while JJ's own FBI analyst's badge may clash with his dad's trademark leather duster, there's no denying family. Besides, Shaft's got an agenda of his own, and a score to settle that's professional and personal.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13



## THE BLACK GODFATHER

THURSDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 11:00 AM  
(Courtesy of Netflix)

*\*Light refreshments will be served  
New World Center – SunTrust Pavilion*

For decades, entertainers, athletes, and political figures have turned to a single man for advice during the most pivotal moments in their lives and careers. The Black Godfather charts the exceptional and unlikely rise of Clarence Avant, a music executive who, until now, has deliberately chosen to remain behind the scenes as he influenced legends such as Bill Withers, Quincy Jones, Muhammad Ali, Hank Aaron, and Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton.

**Talent Appearances:** Reginald Hudlin  
(*Marshal*)

— THE BOBBY —  
**DeBARGE**  
— STORY —

## THE BOBBY DEBARGE STORY

THURSDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 2:30 PM  
(Courtesy of TV One)

Bobby DeBarge, lead singer of the '70s R&B/Funk band Switch, and eldest sibling of the world-famous pop group DeBarge finds his life in peril as he struggles with fame and fortune while coping with the memories of his dysfunctional childhood.

**Talent Appearances:** Roshon Fegan  
(*Greenleaf*), Russ Parr (Director), Blue Kimble and Eric Tomosunas (*Producer*)

**Moderator:** Karen Peterkin (Director,  
Scripted Original Programming,  
Original Programming and Production)

## FRIDAY, JUNE 14

**BET**★

## FIRST WIVES CLUB

FRIDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 11:00 AM  
(Courtesy of BET)

For more information about the *First Wives Club* screening, see schedule on ABFF APP or ABFF.com



## FOR LIFE

FRIDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 6:30 PM  
(Courtesy of Sony)

**Panelists:** Isaac Wright (Attorney) and  
Jennifer Turner (SVP, Sony Pictures  
Television)

**Moderator:** TBD

For more information about the *For Life*,  
see schedule on ABFF APP or ABFF.com



## BEATS

THURSDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 9:00 PM  
(Courtesy of Netflix)

In this coming-of-age drama, a reclusive teenage musical prodigy (Khalil Everage) forms an unlikely friendship with a down-on-his-luck high school security guard (Anthony Anderson). United by their mutual love of hip-hop, they try to free each other from the demons of their past and break into the city's music scene. Directed by Chris Robinson (*ATL*, *"The New Edition Story"*), *BEATS* features Everage in his feature film debut and co-stars Uzo Aduba and Emayatzy Corinealdi. *BEATS* is the ultimate ode to Chicago's South Side, and its long history of creating music that forms the city's beating heart.

**Talent Appearances:** Cast and Filmmakers

SATURDAY, JUNE 15



## SNOWFALL

SATURDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 11:00 AM  
(Courtesy of FX Networks)

It's the summer of 1984, and it's season three of *SNOWFALL* - Crack cocaine is spreading like wildfire through South Central Los Angeles. Police are waking up to this growing epidemic, and have sights on budding Kingpin and next door neighbor Franklin Saint (Damson Idris) and his people. As the stakes and losses continue to mount our players truly begin to understand the destructive force they have set in motion, forced to reexamine their own motivations and the cost of continuing forward from here.

**Talent Appearances:** Damson Idris (*Snowfall*), Dave Andron (Producer), Carter Hudson (*Snowfall*), Amin Joseph (*Snowfall*), Angela Lewis (*Snowfall*), Isaiah John (*Snowfall*), and Michael Hyatt (*Snowfall*)

**Moderator:** Lola Ogunnaike



## FATHERHOOD: THE FOUNDATION OF THE BLACK FAMILY

SATURDAY | REGAL 18 | 11:15 AM  
(Social Impact Showcase)

Each year the ABFF will curate a series of screenings and conversations based on cause-related themes relevant to communities of color. This year's topic, *Fatherhood: The Foundation of the Black Family* hosted by Omar Epps, will aim to change the narrative of black fathers by highlighting the importance of their presence and contribution to the black family, the black community, and thereby positively affecting society's view of black fathers' in total. Following the special screenings, Omar Epps will lead a conversation with the directors of the films and experts in the area of family relationships.

## SOCIAL IMPACT SCREENINGS:

**Amelia's Closet**

**Directed by:** Halima Lucas

When pushed to the edge by the bullies in her class, 11-year-old Amelia retaliates by secretly stealing from her classmates and hiding the items in the back of her closet.

**Training Wheels**

**Directed by:** Sanicole

An incredibly gifted little girl uses her telepathic powers to bring her wayward father home.

**Worlds From Home**

**Directed by:** Delmar Washington

After their RV breaks down in the Mojave Desert, a father and his young son experience a series of challenges while rebuilding their relationship, including an encounter with a mysterious creature.

**Hosted by:** Omar Epps (*Traffic*)

**Moderator:** Skye Dennis (*Myra's Angel*)



## truTV'S LAFF MOBB'S LAFF TRACKS

SATURDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 2:00 PM  
(Courtesy of WarnerMedia)

Produced by Def Comedy Jam co-creator Bob Sumner, *Laff Mobb's Laff Tracks* is an inventive television series that flips stand-up comedy on its head. In each new episode of the truTV series, a headliner is joined by a rotating cast of comedians who perform hilarious stand-up routines and each joke is heightened through over-the-top visual recreations. In this exclusive live event for ABFF attendees, our special host Clayton English will be joined by fellow comedians Rita Brent, Brandon Glover, Joyelle Johnson and Ronnie Jordan as they entertain with live stand-up sets mixed with hilarious recreations from the series.

**Hosted by:** Clayton English

**Talent Appearances:** Rita Brent, Brandon Glover, Joyelle Johnson and Ronnie Jordan.



## BOYZ IN THE HOOD

JOHN SINGLETON TRIBUTE SCREENING

SATURDAY | REGAL 18 | 9:00 PM  
*John Singleton Tribute Screening*

ABFF pays tribute to groundbreaking director John Singleton by screening



## OWN PRESENTS DAVID MAKES MAN

SATURDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 5:00 PM  
(Courtesy of OWN)

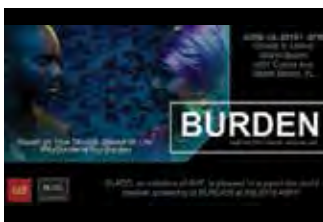
Oprah Winfrey Network presents a full screening of its highly anticipated drama, *David Makes Man* from Oscar winner Tarell Alvin McCraney and executive producers Oprah Winfrey and Michael B. Jordan. *David Makes Man* is a lyrical drama that centers on a 14-year-old prodigy from the projects who is haunted by the death of his closest friend and relied on by his hardworking mother to find a way out of poverty. He must choose between the streets that raised him or the higher education that may offer him a way out. Set in South Florida, the series is inspired by events in McCraney's own life and explores childhood trauma and the power of imagination to survive.

**Talent Appearances:** Tarell Alvin McCraney (*Moonlight*), Akili McDowell (*Criminal Activities*), Phylicia Rashad (*Empire*), Dee Harris-Lawrence (*Unsolved*) and Alana Arenas (*Canal Street*) Tracy Martin

his 1991 Oscar-nominated feature film *Boyz n The Hood*, that helped launch the careers of actors Cuba Gooding Jr., Ice Cube, Nia Long, Morris Chestnut, Angela Bassett, and Laurence Fishburne.

Tre (Cuba Gooding Jr.) is sent to live with his father, Furious Styles (Larry Fishburne), in tough South Central Los Angeles. Although his hard-nosed father instills proper values and respect in him, and his devout girlfriend Brandi (Nia Long) teaches him about faith, Tre's friends Doughboy (Ice Cube) and Ricky (Morris Chestnut) don't have the same kind of support and are drawn into the neighborhood's booming drug and gang culture, with increasingly tragic results.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13



### BURDEN

THURSDAY | LOEWS - COWRIE 2 | 3:45 PM  
(Courtesy of AIDS Health Foundation)

*BURDEN* tells the story of Bennett Lewis (Nic Few) a highly successful and highly educated family man who in spite of his success still has to deal with the perils of being a black man in America. This day-in-the-life story chronicles the various macro and micro-aggressions black men and men of color face on a daily basis in a direct way with a wink of humor. The film also stars Pauletta Washington as Yahweh, the Divine Energy and Asha Kamali Blankinship as Andrea Lewis, Bennett's wife.

**Talent Appearances:** Nathan Hale (Director) and Nic Few

**Moderator:** Imara Canady



### THE INKWEIL

THURSDAY | REGAL 17 | 9:00 PM  
Classic Cinema Screening  
(Courtesy of Disney)

Join trailblazing director Matty Rich as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the release of his film *The Inkwell* starring Larenz Tate, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Morris Chestnut, Glynn Thurman, and many others. This film tells the story of a shy, troubled young man who set his house on fire and is sent to Martha's Vineyard where he finds himself in the middle of his political-arguing, party-loving family, and his love torn between two girls.

**Talent Appearances:** Matty Rich (Director)

**Moderator:** Cameron Mitchell

# SHERMAN'S SHOWCASE

WED 10P  
JULY 31



FRIDAY, JUNE 14



OWN PRESENTS THE EPISODIC  
WORLD PREMIERE OF **AMBITIONS**

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 8:00 PM  
(Courtesy of OWN)

Oprah Winfrey Network presents the episodic world premiere screening of its new steamy new drama, *Ambitions*, helmed by Will Packer. The series explores the sexy, deceitful machinations of love, power, and politics in America's hottest urban mecca, Atlanta. *Ambitions* centers on the intense rivalry between formidable legal eagles Stephanie Lancaster (Robin Givens) and Amara Hughes (Essence Atkins), former best friends from college who find themselves adversaries in both their personal and professional lives. *Ambitions* stars a dynamic ensemble cast including Robin Givens (*Riverdale*), Brian White (*Scandal*), Kendrick Cross (*Acrimony*), Brely Evans (*Being Mary Jane*), Erica Page (*Ozark*), Mara Hall (*Grey's Anatomy*), and Essence Atkins (*Marlon*).

**Talent Appearances:** Will Packer, Jamey Giddens, Robin Givens, Essence Atkins, Brian White, and Kendrick Cross



**SHERMAN'S SHOWCASE**

SATURDAY | REGAL 18 | 8:30 PM  
(Courtesy of IFC)

Drawing inspiration from dance/variety shows *Solid Gold*, *Soul Train*, and *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*, each episode of *Sherman's Showcase* hosted by Sherman McDaniels takes viewers through time, using comedy via a fictional musical variety show.

**Talent Appearances:** Bashir Salahuddin (*Glow*) and Diallo Riddle (*Marlon*)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15



**LEGACY LIVES ON**

SATURDAY | REGAL 18 | 1:45 PM  
(Courtesy of Prudential Financial)

*Legacy* tells the story of three black millennial women who, despite historic and present-day barriers, are discovering their path to financial independence. While each woman is in a different stage of her journey, their stories play out against the backdrop of three historic epicenters of the black economic experience in America. These stories will inspire a modern conversation about the importance of standing on the foundation of our past as we create tomorrow's legacy.

**Talent Appearances:** Laz Alonso, Rev. DeForest Soaries, Salene Hitchcock-Gear, Tiffany Aliche, and Mike Muse

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# AMBITIONS

SERIES PREMIERE  
**JUNE 18 10|9c**



FROM EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS  
**OPRAH WINFREY, MICHAEL B. JORDAN**  
AND AN ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING  
WRITER OF *MOONLIGHT*  
**TARELL ALVIN MCCRANEY**

# DAVID MAKES MAN

SERIES PREMIERE  
**AUGUST 14 10|9c**

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 | 6:00 PM | NEW WORLD CENTER



The following films are the 2019 official selections in the HBO® Short Film Competition, now in its 22nd year. Each film in this category will compete for the ABFF's HBO® Short Film Award (prize is \$10,000 for the winner and \$5,000 for each of the finalists). The 22nd Annual HBO Short Film Competition, sponsored by HBO, is on Thursday, June 13, at 6 PM. Hosted by Bevy Smith (*Fashion Queens*), the competition will be held in the New World Center Performance Hall. The winner will be announced during the Best of the ABFF Awards Presentation on Saturday, June 15 at 9 PM

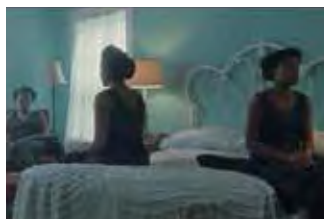


## CAP

THURSDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 6:00 PM  
16 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Marshall Tyler  
**Produced by:** Moira Griffin, Marshall Tyler  
**Cast:** Medina Senghore, Tunde Adebimpe, Dusan Brown

15-year-old Manny Bennett learns the hard way the price of being cool.



## EVELYN X EVELYN

THURSDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 6:00 PM  
13 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Eric Pumphrey  
**Produced by:** Angelo Pullen, Tommy Savas, Luke Baybak, Jenna Johnson, Judy Craig  
**Cast:** Natalie Paul, Jocko Sims, Angel Henson Smith

Grief can be overwhelming for just us to tackle alone.



## FLIGHT

THURSDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 6:00 PM  
13 Min.

**Directed by:** Kia Moses, Adrian McDonald  
**Written by:** Kia Moses  
**Produced by:** Tashara-Lee Johnson  
**Cast:** Rohiem Phillips, Craig Robinson, Jermaine "Zbek" Nelson, Danielo Reid, Akalia Golding, Christopher McKoy

A Jamaican boy sets out on a dream, ten times his size, to fly to the moon, despite his circumstances and father's opposition.



## THE FISHERMAN

THURSDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 6:00 PM  
15 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Zoey Martinson  
**Produced by:** Kofi Owusu Afriyie, Zoey Martinson  
**Cast:** Emmanuel France, Dulo Harris, Grace Acquaye, Patrick Oteng Marmah, Ziggy Neteyson, Kiki-Romi, Elizabeth Nortey

An aging fisherman goes out to sea one day and returns with a talking fish.



## WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY | NEW WORLD CENTER | 6:00 PM  
13 Min.

**Directed by:** Daniel Willis  
**Written by:** Jessica D. Shields  
**Produced by:** Melina Lizette, Mariyam Mahbub  
**Cast:** Mychala Lee, Chene Lawson

Recently homeless and living in a car with her mother, a teenage girl, desperate to rescue a vestige of their former life, commits a reckless act.

The following films are the 2019 official selections in the Narrative Features category. Films in this category are eligible to be nominated for the following Jury Awards: Best Director (presented by Cadillac, prize is \$5,000), Best Narrative Feature (presented by Prudential, prize is \$5,000), Best Actor AT&T Dream in Black, (prize \$2,500), and Best Screenplay (prize is \$2,500). In addition, each film will compete for the ABFF Audience Award (presented by BET, prize is \$10,000). Winners will be presented during the “Best of the ABFF” Awards Presentation on Saturday, June 15, at 9 PM. All films in this section will screen at the Regal Cinemas 18 between June 13 and June 15.



### ALL IN

THURSDAY | REGAL 17 | 1:46 PM  
105 Min.

**Directed by:** Ibrahim Yilla

**Written by:** Tressa Azarel Smallwood, Iman Smallwood, Leslie Allen

**Produced by:** Kia Freeman, Gregory Freeman, Tressa Azarel Smallwood, Audrea Topps-Harjo

**Cast:** Niatia “Lil Mama” Kirkland, Elise Neal, Robert Christopher Riley, Lyric Hurd, Lena Anthony, Jim Jones, Traci Braxton

A dysfunctional single mother gets pulled back into a life of crime while trying to make a better future for her three children.



### HIS, HERS & THE TRUTH

THURSDAY | REGAL 17 | 4:30 PM  
90 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Coke Daniels

**Produced by:** Vanzil Burke, Victor Burke, Cristina Davis, Errol Sadler

**Cast:** Brad James, Ashley A. Williams, Terri J. Vaughn, Dorian Wilson, Cocoa Brown

Alan and Tanya have been acquaintances for years, but have yet to become romantically involved — until now.



### IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

THURSDAY | REGAL 18 | 11:15 AM  
111 Min.

**Directed by:** Meagan Good, Tamara Bass

**Writer:** Tamara Bass

**Produced by:** Meagan Good, Tamara Bass, Sway Calloway, LaMyia Good, Datari Turner

**Cast:** Meagan Good, Meagan Holder, Mekia Cox, Tamara Bass, Valarie Pettiford

A story about love, forgiveness, sisterhood and second chances.

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# ABOUT WOMEN PANEL



## JEZEBEL

THURSDAY | REGAL 17 | 6:55 PM

88 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Numa Perrier

**Produced by:** Numa Perrier, Winter Dunn, Dwayne Dugger II

**Cast:** Tiffany Tenille, Numa Perrier, Stephen Barrington, Bobby Field, Brett Gelman

In the last days of her mother's life, 19-year-old Tiffany crashes with five family members in a Las Vegas studio apartment. In order to make ends meet, her older sister, a phone sex operator, introduces her to the world of internet fetish cam girls.



## JUSTINE

THURSDAY | REGAL 18 | 2:22 PM

106 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Stephanie Turner

**Produced by:** Angie Edgar, Louise Shore, Stephanie Turner, Glynn Turman

**Cast:** Glynn Turman, Stephanie Turner, Darby Stanchfield, Josh Stamberg, Cleo King, Bridget Kallal, Ravi Cabot-Conyers

A single mom of two takes a job as a nanny to an 8-year-old girl with spina bifida. At first an unlikely pair, the two end up helping one another overcome personal obstacles.



## LOVE DOT COM – THE SOCIAL EXPERIMENT

THURSDAY | REGAL 18 | 5:09 PM

96 Min.

**Directed by:** Charneice Fox

**Written by:** Charneice Fox, Michelle Sewell

**Produced by:** BK Fulton, Jacquelyn E. Stone, Monty Ross, Michele Lopez, Kimberly C. Gaines, Charneice Fox

**Cast:** Brave Williams, Tobias Truvillion, Kym Whitley, LisaRae McCoy, Charles Malik Whitfield, Wes Felton, Raheem DeVaughn, Christopher Williams

A vegan chef with a broken heart and an exhausted budget finds love face to face but opts for technology to make the final decision.

# A CARING CULTURE WITHOUT BORDERS

African Americans represent 14% of the U.S. population but close to 50% of new HIV diagnosis. – Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

AIDS Healthcare Foundation is proud to support the 23rd Annual American Black Film Festival and present the new iN-Hale Entertainment, LLC Film "Burden".

We applaud ABFF for empowering Black storytellers to share the important stories of our community.

Cutting Edge Medicine and Advocacy  
Regardless of Ability to Pay | [aidshealth.org](http://aidshealth.org)





**PERFECTLY SINGLE**

THURSDAY | REGAL 18 | 7:46 PM

99 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Van Elder

**Produced by:** Van Elder, Jela Okpara

**Cast:** Erica Hubbard, Torrei Hart, Dominique Perry, J. Alphonse Nicholson, Omar Gooding

A quirky and successful optometrist in the twilight of her life turns to her friends for help in finding social fulfillment, but she has ignored one particular place...Within.



**PRINCESS OF THE ROW**

SATURDAY | REGAL 17 | 11:00 AM

85 Min.

**Directed by:** Van Maximilian Carlson

**Written by:** Van Maximilian & A. Shawn Austin

**Produced by:** A. Shawn Austin, Edi Gathegi

**Cast:** Tayler Buck, Edi Gathegi, Ana Ortiz, Jacob Vargas, Martin Sheen

The inspiring tale of a runaway foster child who will stop at nothing to live with the only family she knows: her father... a homeless mentally ill veteran who lives on the streets of LA's Skid Row.



**SAME DIFFERENCE**

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 4:42 PM

88 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Derege Harding

**Produced by:** Datari Turner

**Cast:** Essence Atkins, Terrence Jenkins, Edwina Findley Dickerson, Demetrius Shipp Jr., Melvin Gregg, Ginger Gonzaga, Page Kennedy, Kandi Burruss, Affion Crockett, Lew Temple

As Tonya Keating grapples with the innate knowledge that her death is imminent, she is compelled to let go of the past and reconcile with her estranged twin sister.



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## STRIVE

FRIDAY | REGAL 18 | 8:45 PM

82 Min.

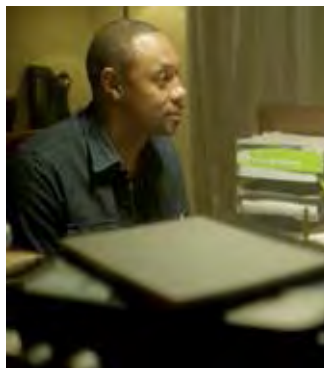
**Directed by:** Robert Rippberger

**Written by:** Piper Dellums, Sha-Risse Smith

**Produced by:** Robert Rippberger, Ace Salvador, Hiroki Kamada, Piper Dellums, Scott M. Rosenfelt, Tobias Deml

**Cast:** Joie Campbell, Ricky Flowers Jr., Chelsea Williams, Danny Glover, Shaylin Becton

A teenager from the projects in Harlem aims to get into Yale, but must push against the world holding her back.



## #TRUTH

THURSDAY | REGAL 17 | 11:00 AM

105 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Charles Murray

**Produced by:** Jackie Stone

**Cast:** Dorian Missick, Simone Missick, Michael Beach, Terrell Tilford, Victoria Platt

After a journalist's cousin commits suicide, he investigates what caused her to take her life and the people he believes are responsible.



## UNA GREAT MOVIE

SATURDAY | REGAL 18 | 4:20 PM

102 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Jennifer Sharp

**Produced by:** Jennifer Sharp, Matthew Morgan

**Cast:** JoNell Kennedy, Numa Perrier, Jose Casasús, Jake Olson

A beautiful diverse movie about a black American in Mexico, slowly becomes a romantic comedy with an all-white cast.

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(presented by ABFF, prize is \$2,500).



### BUCKJUMPING

FRIDAY | REGAL 18 | 11:15 AM

70 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Lily Keber

**Produced by:** Lily Keber, Stephen Rose

**Principal Subject(s):** Mia X, Mannie Fresh, Ausetua AmorAmenkum, Nicholas Payton, DJ Jubilee

Buckjumping follows six dancing communities as they demonstrate ownership of the streets of New Orleans, commemorate their dead, forge community and find spiritual transcendence.



### CHICAGO AT THE CROSSROAD

FRIDAY | REGAL 18 | 1:28 PM

83 Min.

**Directed by:** Brian Schodorf

**Written by:** Brian Schodorf, Afrika Porter

**Produced by:** Malik Yusef, Afrika Porter, Nathan Weber, Brian Schodorf, Burundi Partlow, Randy Crumpton, Malachi Gross

**Principal Subject(s):** Malik Yusef, Leonard GLC Harris, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Father Michael Pfleger, Arne Duncan

Where did Chicago go wrong? Chicago at the Crossroad tells the story of a city caught in the after-math of a policy of mass displacement shaded by a long history of segregation.

Winners will be presented during the “Best of the ABFF” Awards Presentation  
on Saturday, June 15, at 9 PM



### THE TAKEOVER: THE REVOLUTION OF THE BLACK EXPERIENCE AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY | REGAL 18 | 7:03 PM

62 Min.

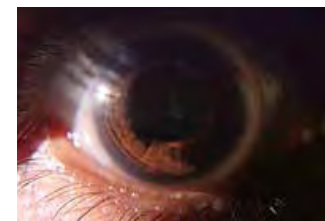
**Directed by:** Eric D. Seals

**Written by:** Donnie Seals Jr.

**Produced by:** Brittany Applegate

**Principal Subject(s):** Daphne Maxwell Reid, Kathryn Ogletree, Clovis Semmes, Michael Wilbon, Harry Lennix

In 1968, more than 100 black Northwestern University students took over the school's Bursar's Office for 38 hours to demand equal rights.



### VISION PORTRAITS

FRIDAY | REGAL 18 | 6:25PM

78 mins

**Directed & Written by:** Rodney Evans

**Produced by:** Rodney Evans, Rob Wunder

**Principal Subject(s):** Rodney Evans, John Dugdale, Kayla Hamilton, Ryan Knighton

A documentary that chronicles the creative paths of blind and visually impaired artists, including a photographer, dancer, writer and the film's director.



### ONE CHILD LEFT BEHIND: THE UNTOLD ATLANTA CHEATING SCANDAL

FRIDAY | REGAL 18 | 3:57 PM

87 mins

**Directed & Written by:** Jodi Gomes

**Produced by:** Jodi Gomes, Anthony McEmore, Ladawn Jones, Marsha Hallager

**Cast:** Dana Evans, Tamara Cotman, Christopher Waller, Diane Ravitch, Lamar Waldron

In 2009, 1176 Atlanta teachers were investigated for test cheating; 35 were indicted, 12 went to trial and 11 were found guilty on RICO charges. The guilty, serving 30-year sentences, finally break their silence in this tell-all film.

The following are the 2019 official selections in the Web Series category. Each film will compete for the Jury Award Best Web Series (prize is \$2,500), presented by Verizon Media. Winners will be presented during the "Best of the ABFF" Awards Presentation on Saturday, June 15, at 9 PM

All films in this section will be screened at the Regal Cinemas, on Saturday June 15, at 2:00 PM (Theater 17).



### BLACK GIRLS GUIDE TO FERTILITY

SATURDAY | REGAL 17 | 2:00 PM  
20 Min.

**Directed by:** Crystle Roberson  
**Written by:** Sonhara Eastman  
**Produced by:** Sonhara Eastman, Ronald Eastman II, Carmen K. Jones  
**Cast:** Raney Branch, Monyetta Shaw, Ali Amin Carter, Cindy Jefferson, Nicky Buggs, Jamir Vega

Ava is a 37-year-old romance novelist who faded into obscurity after finding love, and now finds herself on the rise again after self-publishing a diary detailing her fertility woes.

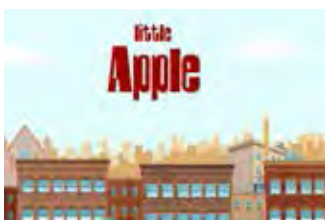


### KING ESTER

SATURDAY | REGAL 17 | 2:00 PM  
20 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Dui Jarrod  
**Produced by:** Angelica Ross, Caralene Robinson, Ryan Robertson, Jon Mallow  
**Cast:** DeJaye Joseph, Angelica Ross, Janet Hubert, Dane Edidi, Martin L. Bradford, Lindsey G. Smith, LJ Scott, Roland Lane, Omar Washington

A bold-living trans woman must decide whether to stay or leave New Orleans as Hurricane Katrina approaches.



### LITTLE APPLE

SATURDAY | REGAL 17 | 2:00 PM  
14 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Riley S. Wilson  
**Produced by:** Riley S. Wilson, Lisa Cortes, Okema T. Moore, Angel Lenise  
**Cast:** Apple Montague, Milan Williams, Charlene Montague, Gabrielle Eitienne

For Apple, a 9-year-old Harlem girl, a new school year brings new enemies, new special abilities and a new neighborhood in the midst of natural and supernatural conflict.



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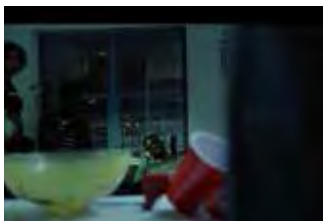
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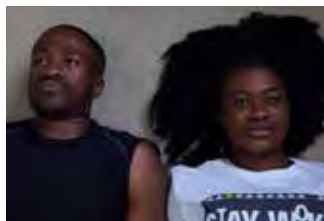
SATURDAY | REGAL 17 | 2:00 PM  
20 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Alexander Etseyatse

**Produced by:** Ebony Lewis, Lily Johnson

**Cast:** Alexander Etseyatse, Dwinsley Homere, Keithen Hergott, Murray Adams, Brian Hibbler and Jenelle Simone

A mentally unstable young man struggles to win his old life back.



### PLATONIC

SATURDAY | REGAL 17 | 2:00 PM  
13 Min.

**Directed by:** Winter Dunn

**Written by:** Moni Oyedepo

**Produced by:** Arielle Noel, Moni Oyedepo

**Cast:** Moni Oyedepo, Chinedu Unaka, Adriyan Rae, Ego Nwodin

Platonic is the story of two friends who overlook their "mild" attraction to each other for the good of the friendship.



### TALES FROM THE BIG APPLE

SATURDAY | REGAL | 5:00 PM

12 Mins.

**Directed & Written by:** Victor Okoye Frank (Victor O'Frank)

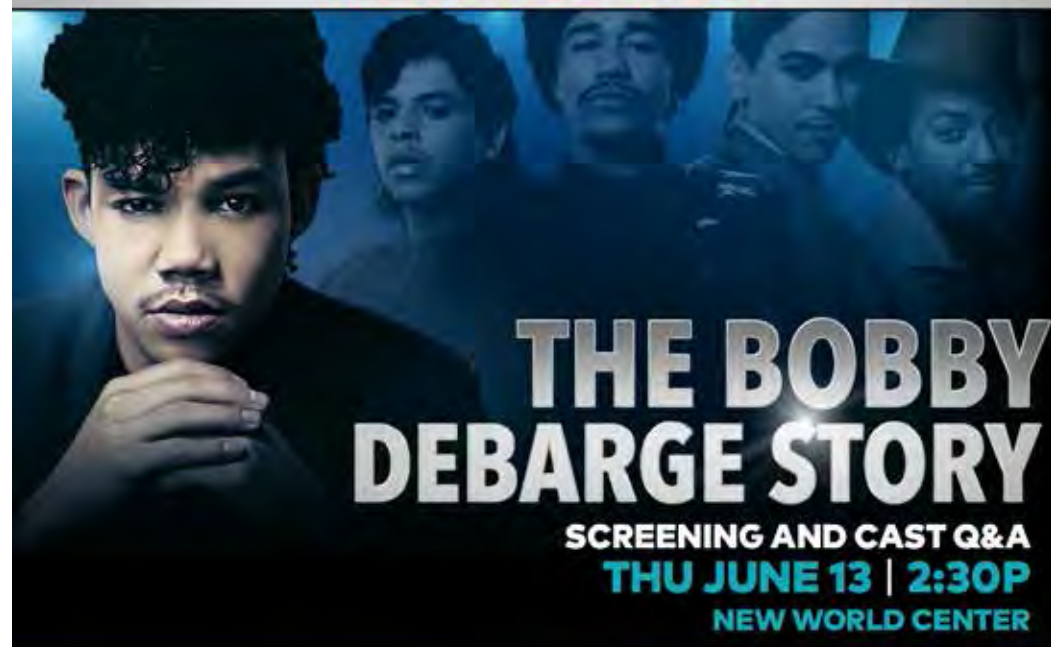
**Produced by:** Mina Sanosi

**Cast:** Emmanuel Ogonna, Abdulazeem Dulo Harris, Andrea-Rachel Parker

Emeka is new to the Big Apple — does he have what it takes to survive the big city?

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The following films are the 2019 official selections in the Emerging Director Showcase. The showcase is a non-competitive category highlighting the work of emerging directors of color from around the world. This section is divided into three groups.



### BLUEBERRY

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 11:00 AM (GROUP 1)

16 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Martina Lee

**Produced by:** Robbin Rae, Yana Bille

**Cast:** Stevie Johnson, Even Alex, Hilty Bowen, Rebecca King Crews, Tiwana Floyd

An Afrocentric podcast host goes on a quest to find his idol Harambe Cornell, but is stuck taking care of his 9-year-old son who wants to participate in the Mr. Rainbow's Contest dressed as a blueberry.



### GUMMI BEAR

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 11:00 AM (GROUP 1)

18 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** RJ Dawson

**Produced by:** Rebecca Shuhan Lou

**Cast:** Amari O'Neal, Darielle Dorsey, Candice Renee, Javon Terrell Wilbon, Harry Lennix

A brother and sister learn just how difficult it can be to be kids on an average day of life.



### THE JUNGLE IS THE ONLY WAY OUT

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 11:00 AM (GROUP 1)

7 Min.

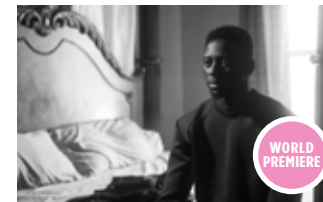
**Directed by:** Dawit N.M.

**Written by:** Dawit N.M., Marian Mereba

**Produced by:** Couscous: Salim El Arja,

Jordan I. Cardoso, Benjamin Narich  
**Cast:** Marian Mereba, Jalan Durimel, Jibril Durimel, Zalma Bour, Jade Frank, Sam Hoffman, Mallory Leisten, Solomon S. Yenesu

The emotions of life framed together—the jungle breaks us, but also makes us.



### NO TRAVELER RETURNS

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 1:51 PM (GROUP 2)

12 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Ellie Foubi

**Produced by:** Ellie Foubi, Joseph Mastantuono

**Cast:** Souléymane Sy Savané, Dawuda Jabbie, Fatouma Jabbie, Maba Ba

A young African immigrant's struggles to adjust to life in America push him towards an existential crisis.



### HEAVENLY

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 11:00 AM (GROUP 1)

16 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Ya'Ke Smith

**Produced by:** Ya'Ke Smith, Ralph Lopez, Marcos Luis, Nina Noble, Felicia D. Henderson

**Cast:** Ashlee Smallwood, Billie D. Merritt, Alan Trong, Mikala Gibson, Shelton Jolivet

Crystal, a former ballet dancer, returns home after being sex-trafficked and struggles to shake the physical and psychological trauma she endured while in "the life."



### MANHOOD

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 11:00 AM (GROUP 1)

62 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Rodney Stringfellow

**Produced by:** Anil Dhokai

**Cast:** Alfonso Freeman, Kennedy Johnson

On her 10th birthday, a little girl is scared that her father will make her undergo the same violent rite of passage her older brothers went through.



### NEGROLAND

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 11:00 AM (GROUP 1)

13 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Jewel McPherson

**Produced by:** Arthur Cohen, Ryan Patrick, Ruth Ferrera, Shamier Anderson, Lisa Stepp

**Cast:** Shamier Anderson, Marley Garner

In the near future a grieving African American father fights to save the life of his young zombie daughter.



### ORIGIN

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 1:51 PM (GROUP 2)

19 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Simone Lyles

**Produced by:** Simone Lyles, Patrick Boyd

**Cast:** Christina Childress, Maxine Goynes, Hugo Pierre Martin

In 1982, Kora's self-help conversion tapes only seem to push her closer to the truth about her feelings for her best friend.



### OUTDOORING

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 1:51 PM (GROUP 2)

18 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Maxwell Addae  
**Produced by:** Mis Loe

**Cast:** Thomas Daniel Smith, Theodore Mark Martinez

A young man attends his new nephew's Ghanaian baby-naming ceremony with a plan to steal the money collected to run away and keep a secret hidden.



### SOPHIE'S QUINCEAÑERA

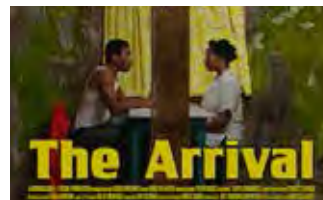
FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 1:51 PM (GROUP 2)

12 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Keith Powell  
**Produced by:** Jeremy O'Keefe, Graham Patrick Martin, Keith Powell, Matt Miller

**Cast:** Bashir Salahuddin, Ana Ortiz, Wallace Langham, Vladimir Caamano

A building manager dealing with his own grief must help his tenant perform a messy task at her daughter's quinceañera.



### THE ARRIVAL

SATURDAY | REGAL 17 | 5:21 PM (GROUP 3)

17 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Annetta Laufer  
**Produced by:** Joy Gharoro-Akpojotor

**Cast:** Naomi Ackie, Anthony Welsh, Sharlene Whyte

A young Caribbean woman struggles to adapt to her new life in the revered "Mother Country" of 1960s Britain.



### THE CURE

SATURDAY | REGAL 17 | 5:21 PM (GROUP 3)

11 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Kristian King  
**Produced by:** Chester Algernal, Ritu Bansal, Ria Tobaccowala

**Cast:** Veanna Black, Jasmyn Coleman, Michael Mario Good, Greta Glenn

Lisa has been blessed with a gifted child, but must grapple with the costs of utilizing this miracle to keep a roof over her family's heads



### SOULS

FRIDAY | REGAL 17 | 1:51 PM (GROUP 2)

15 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Malakai  
**Produced by:** Anna Hashmi, Stephen Love, Marquita Bradley

**Cast:** Tabitha Browne, Johan Beckles, Nia Chanel

Unable to deal with her grandmother's declining mental and physical health, a young girl uses her cardboard spaceship to escape her reality before the matriarch of her family dies.



### SUICIDE BY SUNLIGHT

SATURDAY | REGAL 17 | 5:21 PM (GROUP 3)

17 Min.

**Directed by:** Nikiyatu  
**Written by:** Nikiyatu, Robin Shanea Williams

**Produced by:** Nikkia Moulterier  
**Cast:** Natalie Paul

Valentina, a day-walking black vampire protected from the sun by her melanin, is forced to restrain her bloodlust to regain custody of her estranged daughters.



### TRAINING WHEELS

SATURDAY | REGAL 18 | 11:15 AM

14 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Sanicole (Sandrel Young)

**Produced by:** Natasha Parker, Lil Rel Howery, Kevin Fredericks, Sanicole, Richard Thomas

**Cast:** Zuri McPhearson, Tiffany Renee Johnson, Josiah Fredericks, Deron Powell, Messiah Equiano, David Leonard

An incredibly gifted little girl uses her telepathic powers to bring her wayward father home.



### VEILED WINGS

SATURDAY | REGAL 17 | 5:21 PM (GROUP 3)

14 Min.

**Directed by:** Nadia Kibout  
**Written by:** Nadia Kibout, Ersilia Cacace  
**Produced by:** Alessandra Lo Savio, Giorgia Lo Savio (Jinga Pictures)

**Cast:** Nadia Kibout, Paola Lavini, Matteo Carlomagno, Damian Lo Pinto

How can seemingly different cultures co-exist? Nadia, a Muslim woman, and Imma, an Italian Catholic woman, meet each other and share an unexpected day.



### WORLDS FROM HOME

SATURDAY | REGAL 18 | 11:15 AM

14 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Delmar Washington

**Produced by:** Delmar Washington, Lynette Coll, Natasha Ward

**Cast:** Affion Crockett, Eli Rubio, Lynette Coll, Jason R. Moore

After their RV breaks down in the Mojave Desert, a father and his young son experience a series of challenges while rebuilding their relationship, including an encounter with a mysterious creature.



### ZAHRA AND THE OIL MAN

SATURDAY | REGAL 17 | 5:21 PM (GROUP 3)

20 Min.

**Directed by:** Yucef Mayes

**Written by:** Yucef Mayes, Aaron Melvin

**Produced by:** Yucef Mayes, Aaron Melvin

**Cast:** Megan Hackett, Brian Dives, LJ Nelson, Saladine Stafford

Zahra, the daughter of a Muslim street merchant, fights to save her father's struggling business in hopes of changing the trajectory of her family's financial future.

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### BLACK GIRL POEM

THURSDAY | REGAL 18 | 10:00 PM

2 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Daryl Paris Bright

**Produced by:** Daryl Paris Bright, Ariel Zucker (CNT Productions)

**Cast:** Daryl Paris Bright, Amber Jones, Claudia Logan

In Black Girl Poem, black women take a surrealist approach in confronting the power dynamic of sexual harassment within the African American community.



### BIRTH OF AFROBEAT

THURSDAY | REGAL 18 | 10:00 PM

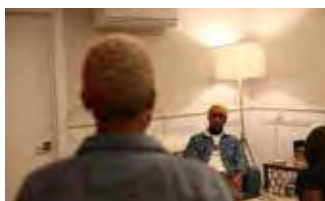
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**Directed & Written by:** Opiyo Okeyo

**Produced by:** Opiyo Okeyo, David Glines

**Cast:** Tony Allen

Drum icon Tony Allen reveals how he created Africa's biggest music genre.



### CTRL

THURSDAY | REGAL 18 | 10:00 PM

10 Min.

**Directed & Written by:** Gynai Kristol

**Produced by:** Bruce Fields

**Cast:** Gynai Kristol, Donnay Ragland, Al-Shabazz Jabateh

G finds herself caught up with someone unworthy of her time, but finally gains a sense of self-worth allowing her to entertain the right guy for her. But just because she moves on doesn't mean her old friend will.



### LOVE CONQUERS ALL

THURSDAY | REGAL 18 | 10:00 PM

5 Min.

**Directed by:** Mr. Boomtown

**Written by:** Farrah Parker, Ramon Montgomery

**Produced by:** Anthony Hamilton, Farrah Parker, Ramon Montgomery

**Cast:** Ezra Wright, Jakira Mouzon, Jina Smith, Greg Paroff, Kenneth Raphael, Keith Way

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### MAKEITTAKEIT

THURSDAY | REGAL 18 | 10:00 PM

3 Min.

**Directed by:** Justin Rhodes, Kory Williams

**Written & Produced by:** Justin Rhodes

**Cast:** J. Rhodes

2019 officially marks 400 years since the first slaves landed in America. J. Rhodes was tasked with breaking down these 400 years into a 3-minute, 23-second lyric-based visual.



### MENTAL EXORCISM

THURSDAY | REGAL 18 | 10:00 PM

4 Min.

**Directed by:** John "Dr Teeth" Tucker

**Written by:** Brad "Scarface" Jordan

**Produced by:** John "Dr Teeth" Tucker

**Cast:** Brad "Scarface" Jordan

In the gripping music video, MTV & BET acclaimed video director John "Dr Teeth" Tucker and le-gendary rap artist Scarface engage a never-ending social juxtaposition: citizen vs cop.

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1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

## THE BLACK ARCHIVES HISTORIC LYRIC THEATER

The festival, in partnership with the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, presents a day of screening and panels curated for family audiences.

1:00 PM

### OFFICIAL WELCOME

Jeff Friday, (ABFF Founder)

Connie Kinnard (Vice President of Multicultural Tourism, GMCVB)

1:15 PM

### THE BUSINESS OF ENTERTAINMENT:

#### A CONVERSATION WITH STEVEN CAPLE, JR. DIRECTOR OF CREED II

Moderated by Russell Motley Editor-in-Chief of MIA and Legacy Magazines

2:30 PM

### FILM SCREENINGS

*Fatherhood The Foundation of the Black Family.* A short film compilation aimed to change the narrative of black fathers by highlighting the importance of their presence and contribution to the Black Family. Screenings will be followed by a Q&A with the directors of the films and community leaders.

4:00 PM

### FLORIDA FILM HOUSE 1ST TAKE YOUTH FILM PROGRAM

#### STUDENT FILMS INCLUDE:

##### Battle Of Love

A perspective on teenage relationships through the eyes of the students  
(by Leland Overton Jr. and Ashley Requena)

##### Intimacy (into-me-see)

A short film that shows the negative impact of social media in young girls lives and the importance of the parents staying actively involved with their children  
(by Monica Bassainthe and Beatrix Alerte).

##### The Silence of Being Bullied

This film tells the story of a young Muslim boy immigrant from Syria's war zone who is dealing with being bullied because of his differences  
(by Harold Hunter and Martin Eugene).

##### Crimes & Charges

A film that shows us the true impact that one bad decision can have on the lives of so many  
(by Alavaro Vargas and Luis Olmedo).

4:45 PM

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This master class covers the common legal issues and major deal points that should be addressed when producing an independent motion picture from the perspectives of talent, producers, and financiers. Topics will include an explanation of revenue waterfalls, maintaining creative control, and the importance of clarity regarding the rights acquired.



**Instructors:** Entertainment lawyers Lisa Davis, Marcie Cleary, and Sean Jefferson  
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This master class provides an overview and will cover the following: the role of a producer, finding the right script, raising money, attaching talent, assembling your team, producing the film, navigating film festivals, distribution, and working with sales and talent agencies.



**Instructor:** Datar Turner, Producer (*Shut Up and Dribble*, *A Boy. A Girl. A Dream*)

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THURSDAY, JUNE 13  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
The 1 Hotel South Beach - Terra 1 Ballroom

## TRUE JUSTICE A CONVERSATION WITH BRYAN STEVENSON

*(Sponsored by HBO)*

Join us in an exclusive conversation with Alabama public interest attorney Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative as he talks about his powerful journey seeking to eradicate racial discrimination in the criminal justice system and the role media and film can play in this effort.

## "ASK HBO" SESSIONS

*(Invite Only - RSVP Required)*

Select filmmakers and passholders will have an opportunity to meet and Q&A with HBO executives from programming, production, post-production, legal/business affairs, talent relations and more.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13  
11:00 AM - 11:45AM - Production Executive(s)  
12 NOON - 12:45 PM - Documentary Executive

FRIDAY, JUNE 14  
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Comedy Programming Executive  
12 NOON - 12:45 PM - Drama Programming Executive  
1:00 PM - 1:45PM - Films Programming Executive(s)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
W Hotel, Studio 1 & 2

## HBO POV: CREATORS MIXER

*(Sponsored by HBO)*

Creators behind some of HBO's biggest titles host an honest, interactive session about the steps it takes to successfully grow within the industry. Following the session, attendees have a moment to network and mingle with other creators.



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## THURSDAY, JUNE 13

12 NOON – 1:30 PM

### **RATE MY MOVIE: A CONVERSATION WITH THE LEADERS BEHIND MPAA'S FILM RATINGS**

(Sponsored by Motion Picture Association of America)  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel  
Americana 1

If you hope to have your movie distributed in theaters, chances are you will want it to be rated. Most theaters prefer rated films to unrated ones because it means audiences can know what to expect on the level of content. Join the MPAA leaders who rate films and approve advertising materials for an engaging conversation on all things related to film ratings—the process, the controversies, appealing a rating, and more. Learn how the MPAA reviews advertising and publicity materials for rated films—from trailers, one-sheets, and billboards to Facebook ads, Snapchat filters, and promotional gifts.

**Panelists:** Marilyn Gordon (*Chairman of the Advertising Administration and Vice-Chair person of CARA*), Yulia Dashevsky (*Deputy Chairman of the Advertising Administration*), and Kelly McMahon (*Chairman of the Classification and Rating Administration (CARA)*)

**Moderator:** John Gibson (*VP of External & Multicultural Affairs at the MPAA*)

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

### **SPOTIFY SEMINAR**

(Sponsored by Spotify)  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 1

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 14

12 NOON – 1:30 PM

### **SEE YOURSELF IN THE WORK WE DO**

(Sponsored by Warner Bros)  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 1

Learn from the talented team behind Warner Bros. Television's top shows, from the executives behind the scenes to the actors in front.

**Panelists:** Nafessa Williams (*Black Lightning*), Kofi Siriboe (*Queen Sugar*), Dee Harris-Lawrence (*David Makes Man Showrunner*), Odetta Watkins (*SVP of WBTV*) and Kevin E. Fortson (*EVP, Production Warner Horizon Television*)

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

By invitation only – sign-up at the AT&T Booth on June 12

### **THE DREAM IN BLACK PATH TO POWER PANEL FEATURING THE CAST OF POWER**

(Sponsored by AT&T Dream in Black)  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 1

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

### **EQUIP YOUR PITCH**

(Sponsored by Verizon Media)  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Cowrie 2

How to develop and pitch stories for multiple platforms by leveraging the latest innovative technology. This seminar will cover innovative, interactive, and inclusive storytelling and monetizing content in the 5G world.

**Panelists:** Charity Elder, Caroline Christopher and Herve Bizira

## SATURDAY, JUNE 15

11:00 PM – 12:30 PM

### **MY JOURNEY FROM ABFF TO THE CLAWS WRITING ROOM: THE CINDERFELLA STORY OF 2017 ABFF AWARD WINNER DARRIN DORTCH**

(Sponsored by WarnerMedia)  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel  
Americana 1

Come hear the "CinderFella" story of 2017 ABFF/TNT/TBS Writing Contest Winner Darrin Dortch, who in one year went from contestant to Assistant Writer in the *CLAWS* writing room. Darrin will share his before, during, and after the ABFF festival story and how he landed his gig.

**Panelists:** Janine Sherman Barrois (*Showrunner*) Eliot Laurence (*Executive Producer*) and Darrin Dortch (*Writer*)

**Moderator:** Jennifer Williams (*Director, Global Inclusion & Diversity, Turner People Development*)

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

### **BET SEMINAR**

(Sponsored by BET)  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel  
Americana 1

\*For more information, see ABFF APP or ABFF.com

**Panelist:** Robi Reed

# ABFF TALKS

ABFF Talks are a series of informative, inspiring and entertaining panel discussions, celebrity conversations and industry seminars.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

### “KEEP RISING” KEYNOTE CONVERSATION

(Sponsored by Cadillac)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 3

Join us for an up-close-and-personal conversation with one of today's hottest stars in film and TV. As we discuss their evolution as an artist and recognize those that supported them on their road to success in Hollywood.

**Panelist:** Sanaa Lathan (*The Affair*)

**Moderator:** Malcolm D. Lee (*Night School*)

12 NOON – 1:15 PM

### THE STORY BEHIND THE MUSIC WITH SONGLANDS ESTER DEAN

(Sponsored by NBCUniversal)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Cowrie 2

An intimate conversation with Ester Dean, Grammy-nominated songwriter, Pitch Perfect star, and producer-panelist on NBC's new songwriting competition Songland. Dean will take you measure by measure through her career, her role in finding the next great songs on Songland, and the story behind creating No. 1 smash hits such as Rihanna's "Rude Boy," Katy Perry's "Firework," and Nicki Minaj's "Super Bass."

**Panelists:** Ester Dean (Singer/Song Writer) and Chrissie Fit (*Pitch Perfect 2 & 3*)

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

### NBCUNIVERSAL PANELS

Panel 1

### THE COME UP: A CONVERSATION WITH THE STARS OF NBC

(Sponsored by Comcast NBCUniversal)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 3

Join the stars from NBC's hit series for a spirited conversation about their shows, experiences breaking into the business at a time of increasing inclusion, and their views on nuanced representations of the black experience on TV.

**Panelists:** Ego Nwodim (*SNL*), Niles Fitch (*This Is Us*), Jocko Sims (*New Amsterdam*) and LaRoyce Hawkins (*Chicago P.D.*)

**Moderator:** Cori Murray (*Entertainment Director, Essence*)

Panel 2

### BRAVO MEDIA PRESENTS:

### FAMILIES & BLACK LOVE

(Sponsored by Comcast NBCUniversal)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 3

Join us for a conversation on love, family, and relationships featuring Porsha Williams of *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*, Karen Huger of *The Real Housewives of Potomac*, and Dr. Jacqueline Waters of *Married to Medicine*. From falling in love and becoming engaged to experiencing the ups and downs of marriage while showcasing relationships on television.

**Panelists:** Porsha Williams (*The Real Housewives of Atlanta*), Karen Huger, (*The Real Housewives of Potomac*) and Dr. Jaqueline Walters (*Married to Medicine*)

**Moderator:** Cori Murray (*Entertainment Director, Essence*)

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

### BEYOND THE SPIDER-VERSE: WHAT'S NEXT FOR SONY PICTURES ANIMATION

(Sponsored by Sony)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 3

Sony Pictures Animation presents a look at what made the Academy Award-winning *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* a global hit, and explores the road ahead for the rapidly expanding studio. We will also get an exclusive look at *Hair Love*, a touching animated short film about an African American father learning to do his daughter's hair for the first time.

**Panelists:** Peter Ramsey (*Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*), Matthew A. Cherry (*Hair Love*) and Karen Toliver (Senior Vice President of Creative for Sony Pictures Animation)

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# ABFF TALKS

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 14

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

### "CELEBRITY SCENE STEALERS" TABLE READ

(Sponsored by TV One)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 3

A star-studded table reading of a scene from TV One's upcoming movie, *Don't Waste Your Pretty*, based on the novel of the same name by Demetria L. Lucas.

**Talent Appearances:** Roshon Fegan (*Greenleaf*), Chyna Layne (*She's Gotta Have It*), Malinda Williams (Chandler Christmas Getaway), Dondre T. Whitfield (*Queen Sugar*) and Demetria L. Lucas

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

### "ABOUT WOMEN" PANEL

(Co-Sponsored by Accenture and Hilton)

New World Center – Performance Hall

*ABOUT WOMEN* is a panel that will bring together a multigenerational group of women including filmmakers, actors, and executives to discuss topics, issues, and opportunities specific to their experiences, including gendered language in the workplace, wage disparity, the #METOO movement, and other inequities that adversely affect women of color in Hollywood. In addition, this panel will also offer insight and define clear pathways to success for aspiring female artists and executives within the entertainment industry.

**Panelists:** Tracy Oliver (*Girls Trip*), La La Anthony (*Power*), Iyanla Vanzant (*Iyanla: Fix My Life*) and Connie Orlando (EVP, Head of Programming of BET Networks)

**Moderator:** Jemele Hill (*The Atlantic*)

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

### "HOT IN HOLLYWOOD" PANEL

(Sponsored by American Airlines)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 3

Hot in Hollywood will be a panel discussion with young actors who are making a name for themselves in Hollywood. Take this rare opportunity to hear about their inspirational paths to Hollywood, their views on the current state of the industry, and what motivates them professionally and personally.

**Panelists:** Lakeith Stanfield (*Get Out*), Damson Idris (*Snowfall*), Damaris Lewis (*BlackKkKlansman*), Lil Rel (*Get Out*), and Marsai Martin (*Black-ish*)

**Moderator:** Tanika Ray (*Extra TV*)

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

### UMC PRESENTS ...I GOT THE HOOKUP 2: THE LIVEST PANEL YOU EVER ATTENDED

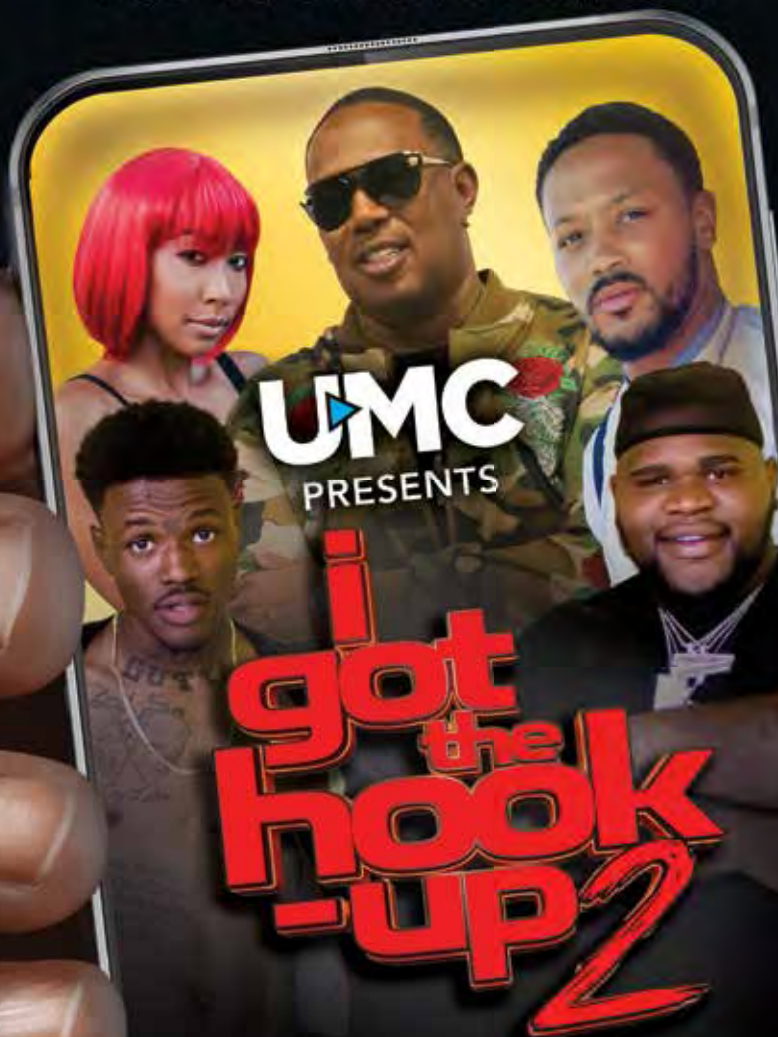
(Sponsored by UMC)

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 1

20 years later ...the original Black and Blue are back! Let's discuss with Master P and the cast members of *I Got The Hook Up 2* why it was so important to resurrect the iconic brand. We will discuss the importance of comedic films in the black marketplace, the power of social media, and the strategy of self-funding and distribution.

**Panelists:** Master P (Writer/Producer/Cast Member), Romeo Miller (Producer/Cast Member), Cymphonique Miller (Cast Member), Fatboy SSE (Cast Member), Funny Mike (Cast Member), JuJu Casteneda (Cast Member) and Pio La Ditingancia (Cast Member)

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# ABFF TALKS

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## SATURDAY, JUNE 15

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM

### ABFF SOUND LAB: MUSIC + FILM

(Sponsored by Crown Royal, programmed in association with Artistry-Curated by Media)  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Cowrie 2

A discussion about music + film and the leverage and opportunities artists have when crossing over into Film + TV.

**Panelists:** Bryan Smiley (*Sony*), Cassandra Butcher (*Bron Studios*) and Max Gousse (*CEO of Artistry Records/Warner Music Group*)

**Moderator:** Shawn Finnie (*Associate Director, Member Relations and Outreach, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences*)

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

### "THE ART OF DIRECTING" PANEL

(Sponsored by Capital One Spark Business)  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 3

*The Art of Directing* is a panel that merges informal conversations like *Inside the Actors Studio* and the educational perspective of filmmaking from a director's master class. During this panel, several directors from last year's top films will discuss their creative process while dissecting one scene from their films to provide the audience with unparalleled insight into what it takes to create such moments onscreen.

**Panelists:** Malcolm D. Lee (*Night School*), Steven Caple Jr. (*Creed II*), George Tillman Jr. (*The Hate You Give*) and Boots Riley (*Sorry to Bother You*)

**Moderator:** Wilson Morales (Blackfilm.com)

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

### THE POWER OF DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING

(Sponsored by Facebook)  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Cowrie 2

In this age documentary storytelling has become more important than ever. This year Daughters of Eve Media (DOE) spotlights talented documentary filmmakers whose work tells compelling real-life stories that explore critical historical and social issues. This panel will be comprised of dynamic award-winning documentary filmmakers and producers.

**Panelists:** Jacqueline Olive (*Always in Season*) and Michelle Materre (*Black Women in Medicine*)

7:45 PM – 9:00 PM

### SEE YOU YESTERDAY Clips & Conversations

(Sponsored by Netflix)  
New World Center – Performance Hall

High school best friends and science prodigies C.J. and Sebastian spend every spare minute working on their latest homemade invention: backpacks that enable time travel. But when C.J.'s older brother Calvin dies after an encounter with police officers, the young duo decide to put their unfinished tech to use in a desperate bid to save Calvin.

**Panelists:** Stefon Bristol (*See You Yesterday*) and Spike Lee (*The BlackKkKlansman*)

**Moderator:** Jeff Friday (Founder and CEO of ABFF Ventures)

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## THURSDAY, JUNE 13

10:00 PM – 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 AND FRIDAY, JUNE 14

**ABFF PASSHOLDER LOUNGE***(Sponsored by American Airlines)*

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana 4

Network with fellow attendees and meet the official 2019 ABFF Filmmakers while enjoying cocktails in the American Airlines Passholder Lounge.

- Filmmaker meet and greets @ 1:15 PM & 2:00 PM
- Happy Hour 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM (cocktails provided by Crown Royal)

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 AND FRIDAY, JUNE 14

**COCKTAILS, CONVERSATIONS & FINANCIAL FACTS***(Hosted by Prudential Financial)*

The Betsy – Carlton Room

Thought leaders will chat about ways to achieve financial goals. Prudential professionals will be available to answer financial questions.

**Panelists:** Victoria Rowell (*The Young & the Restless*) and Affion Crockett (Undercover Brother 2)

**Moderator:** Delvin Joyce (Founder of Prosperity Wealth Group)

**ABFF INDUSTRY EXPO**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana Foyer

The ABFF Industry Expo provides ABFF attendees with access to information from a variety of industry-related companies, including networks, studios, entertainment lawyers, financial advisers, and state and city film offices during the festival week.

**GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION & VISITOR'S BUREAU EXHIBIT**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 @ 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 @ 10:00 PM – 1:00 PM

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**AT&T DREAM IN BLACK EXCLUSIVE REGISTRATION EXPO**

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**WARNER BROTHERS EXHIBIT**

Warner Bros. thrives on helping to celebrate diverse talent in front of and behind the camera through investment and engagement. Participants may stop by our table to better

understand our work culture and discuss current or future career aspirations.

**Recruiters:** Antonio Hairston (*Talent Programs - Diversity Outreach*) and Erin Canine

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**HBO EXHIBIT**

Meet and network with HBO's talent acquisition team to discuss full-time and internship job opportunities in media relations, creative marketing, consumer marketing, programming, and more.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 14

**ABFF INDUSTRY EXPO**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana Foyer

10:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S: Office of Cable Television, Film, Music, & Entertainment (OCTFME) EXHIBIT**

Come hear about The District of Columbia's OCTFME and their responsibilities for implementing, managing, and administering programs, initiatives, and services that support the District's creative economy.

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**COMCAST NBCUNIVERSAL EXHIBIT**

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**ARRINGTON & PHILLIPS, LLP EXHIBIT**

## SATURDAY, JUNE 15

**ABFF INDUSTRY EXPO**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel – Americana Foyer

12 NOON – 3:00 PM

**ATLANTA MAYOR'S OFFICE OF FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Are you a filmmaker, music artist, or digital entertainment entrepreneur? Learn from the Atlanta Mayor's Office of Film & Entertainment and Invest Atlanta about what financial incentives, funding opportunities, location diversity, production resources, and professional support is available in Atlanta as you plan your next production.

12 NOON – 3:00 PM

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## WarnerMedia Writing Contest TBS/Comedy Contest Winner

### WARNERMEDIA

The TBS Comedy Writing Contest is designed to shine a spotlight on diverse writers who've written an original pilot script in the comedy or drama categories. The winner will be presented an award before the festival audience and meet with Turner Original Programming executives.



**2019 TRUTV  
COMEDY WINNER:**

**Claytia Gonsalves**  
(GOOD KARMA)

## WarnerMedia Writing Contest TNT/Drama Contest Winner

### WARNERMEDIA

The TNT Drama Writing Contest is designed to shine a spotlight on diverse writers who are invited to submit an original pilot script in comedy or drama categories.



**2019 WARNERMEDIA  
DRAMA WRITING  
CONTEST WINNER:**

**Darnell Brown**  
(LYZ)

## ABFF STAR PROJECT

The ABFF Star Project is a competition designed to find an emerging multicultural actor/actress and provide them with a platform to help support their career.

### 2019 STAR PROJECT FINALISTS:



**Calvin Thompson**  
Aiken, SC



**\*Alexis Damita**  
Bronx, NY  
**WINNER**



**Carrie Brown**  
Atlanta, GA



**Mariah Crawford**  
DeSoto, TX

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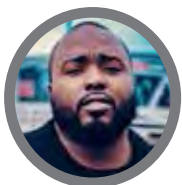
This competition is a national culmination of five emerging stand-up comedians as they battle it out on stage in front of a packed house to see who takes home the title of 2019 Comedy Wings Champion.

Hosted by: **Deon Cole (Black-ish)**

### THE FIVE FINALISTS ARE:



**Allan Cunningham**  
Los Angeles, CA



**Brian Tucker**  
Douglasville, GA



**Kevin White**  
Sellerburg, IN



**Reginal Thomas**  
Brooklyn, NY



**Ty Davis**  
Glen Burnie, MD

## ABFF truTV COMEDY WRITERS COMPETITION

ABFF is excited to announce its 2nd annual TruTV Comedy Writers Competition designed to identify an outstanding content creator who will be given the opportunity to develop a project in partnership with TruTV.



**2019 TRUTV COMEDY WINNER:**  
**Domonic Smith-Weston (Baby Gay Guide)**

# NBC HOSTING WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS



The ABFF NBCUniversal Entertainment & Lifestyle Group Workshop is designed to discover & cultivate exceptional host talent who want to sharpen their hosting skills and techniques through an intensive led by premier host instructor **Barbara Abel**.

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**Charlie Cooper**

**Courtney Allen**

**Courtney Tezeno**

**Crystal Lee**

**Dominique Clark**

**Jasmine Styles**

**Jazmin Bailey**

**Krystal Vega**

**Laila Muhammad**

**Nnenna Ngwu**

**Sade Spence**

**Symone Davis**

**Taylor Walton**

**Ben Evans**

**Brandon Thomas**

**Dennis Pastorizo**

**Garin Flowers**

**Kameron Leach**

**Kien Vuu**

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NBC Hosting Workshop

truTV Comedy Writer Competition

WarnerMedia Drama & Comedy Contests

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Best Documentary Feature Film

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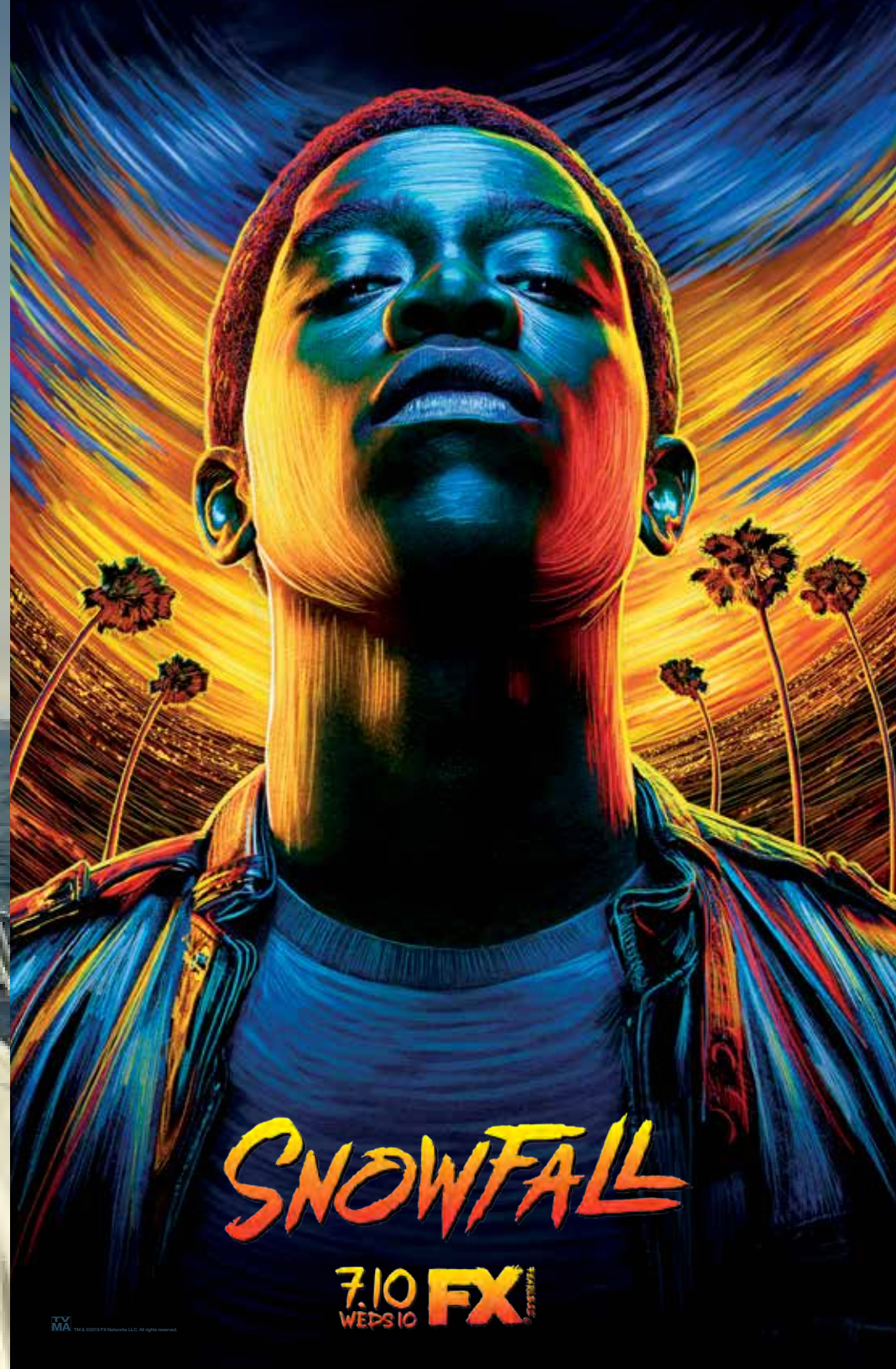


# REMEMBERING JOHN SINGLETON 1968– 2019

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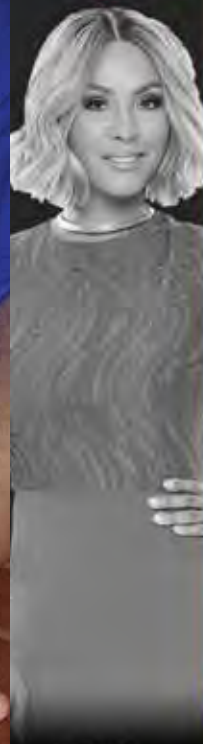
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