

NAMIC announces nominees for annual Vision Awards

Winners to be recognized at the Multicultural TV Summit on April 30 in New York City

NEW YORK, USA, February 14, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>NAMIC, Inc</u> (National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications) has announced the nominees for their <u>2019 NAMIC</u> <u>Vision Awards</u>. The awards recognize original programming that is reflective of the lives, spirit and contributions of



people of color that best reflects the ethnic and cultural diversity of the viewing audience.

With an outstanding 19 nominations, HBO leads the contenders participating in this year's

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"NAMIC proudly recognizes achievements in multicultural programming," said <u>A. Shuanise</u> <u>Washington</u>, NAMIC's president and CEO. "Through our work and the commitment of companies like those we will honor this spring, there are more opportunities and ethnic diversity behindthe-scenes and on the screen," Washington added. "The Vision Awards gives us an opportunity to celebrate this year's nominees and encourage their work advancing multi-ethnic diversity in the cable communications industry."

The NAMIC Vision Awards extends eligibility to national, network owned and operated, and affiliates of broadcast networks; national and regional cable networks; local origination programs from cable operators; first-run original program syndicators; and VOD content produced for digital platforms. Entries were judged by a distinguished panel of entertainment industry executives. Judging is based on overall imagery (creative merit, originality, and presentation quality), sensitivity (the consideration given to cultural nuances), writing (the depiction of issues relevant to people of color) and the quality of acting in the performance categories.

A complete list of 2019 NAMIC Vision Awards nominees follows. For more information, visit namic.com/visionawards or contact Sandra Girado, Vice President, Events and Partner Relations,

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2019 NAMIC Vision Awards Nominees:

Animation Doc McStuffins – Disney Junior DuckTales – Disney Channel Elena of Avalor – Disney Junior Mike Judge Presents: Tales From the Tour Bus – HBO Mission Force One – Disney Junior

Awards & Honors 2018 Soul Train Awards – BET Networks The ALMAs 2018 – Fuse 2018 BET Awards – BET Networks A Musical Celebration for Quincy Jones – BET Networks Annual NAACP Image Awards – TV One

Best Performance – Comedy Dwayne Johnson: Ballers – HBO Mishel Prada: Vida – Starz Raven Goodwin: SMILF – SHOWTIME Ser Anzoategui: Vida – Starz Tituss Burgess: Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt – Universal Television

Best Performance – Drama Anna Deavere Smith: Notes From the Field – HBO

Anthony Gonzalez: Icebox – HBO Common: The Chi – SHOWTIME LaRoyce Hawkins: Chicago P.D. – NBC Meta Golding: Behind the Movement – TV One Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine: The Chi – SHOWTIME

Shemar Moore: S.W.A.T. – CBS|Sony Pictures Television

Children's American Ninja Warrior Junior – Universal Kids Andi Mack – Disney Channel Esme & Roy – HBO Sesame Street – HBO Top Chef Junior – Universal Kids

Comedy Ballers – HBO I Feel Bad – Universal Television Insecure – HBO The Last O.G. – TBS Vida – Starz

Digital Media – Long Form Beneath the Skin – CNN



President and CEO of NAMIC



Searching for Queer Asian Pacific America – NBC Asian America

Digital Media – Short Form 25 Influential American Muslims – CNN CNN 'Impact Your World' #ShowLove – CNN ESPN Features – SC Reportajes: Puños Eternos (Eternal Fists) – ESPN Glor's Story – NBC Asian America Indivisible Cast Update: Where Are They Now? – Fuse

Documentary American Masters – Basquiat: Rage to Riches – Thirteen/WNET Into the Okavango – National Geographic Rest in Power: The Trayvon Martin Story – Paramount Network Shut Up and Dribble – SHOWTIME Documentary Films Time for Ilhan – Fuse Traffic Stop – HBO We Are Not Done Yet – HBO

Drama In Contempt – BET Networks Power – Starz S.W.A.T. – CBS | Sony Pictures Television The Chi – SHOWTIME The Good Doctor – ABC | Sony Pictures Television

Lifestyle Christmas Cookie Challenge – Food Network CNN's Turning Points – CNN SPECIAL PROJECTS Man Fire Food – Cooking Channel Open the Pantry – NBC Asian America

News/Informational A Thousand Words: Michelle Obama – BET Networks America Inside Out with Katie Couric – National Geographic Angela Rye's State of the Union – BET Networks VICE: Separated by Birth – HBO VICE News Tonight: Zero Tolerance – HBO

Original Movie or Special Faith Under Fire: The Antoinette Tuff Story – Lifetime Harry & Meghan: A Royal Romance – Lifetime Icebox – HBO Notes from the Field – HBO The Bobby Brown Story – BET Networks

Reality E:60: Grounds for Return – ESPN ESPN Features – Monday Night Countdown: For Ella – ESPN ESPN Features – SC Featured: Raising the Bar Together – ESPN My House – VICELAND T-Pain's School of Business – Fuse

Reality – Social Issues America to Me – Starz Bar Rescue: Operation Puerto Rico – Paramount Network E:60: What's in a Name? – ESPN ESPN Features – NBA Countdown: Forgotten Flint – ESPN ESPN Features – SC Featured: The Black 14 – ESPN VICE News Tonight: Race Vacation – HBO Warriors of Liberty City – Starz Sports ESPN Features – SC Featured: Bubba – ESPN ESPN Features – SC Featured: For Those Who Can't – ESPN ESPN Features – SC Featured: For Those Who Can't – ESPN ESPN Features – SC Featured: Shaquem Griffin – ESPN Student Athlete – HBO The Shop – HBO

Variety/Talk Show Break Shot with Will Choi – NBC Asian America Michelle Wolf: Nice Lady – HBO The Rundown with Robin Thede – BET Networks Unapologetic with Aisha Tyler – AMC Wyatt Cenac's Problem Areas – HBO

2019 NAMIC Vision Awards by Network/Distributor ABC | Sony Pictures Television AMC **BET Networks CBS**|Sony Pictures Television CNN **CNN SPECIAL PROIECTS** Cooking Channel Disney Channel **Disney** Junior ESPN Food Network Fuse HBO Lifetime National Geographic NBC NBC Asian America Paramount Network SHOWTIME SHOWTIME Documentary Films Starz TBS Thirteen/WNET TV One Universal Kids Universal Television VICELAND

Winners will be recognized on April 30, 2019 as part of The Multicultural TV Summit, an event exploring the business of targeting segments for TV and video. For more information on the Multicultural Summit visit <u>www.multiculturaltvsummit.com</u>.

NAMIC (National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications) is the premier organization focusing on cultural diversity, equity and inclusion in the communications industry. More than 4,000 professionals belong to a network of 18 chapters nationwide. Through initiatives that target leadership development, advocacy and empowerment, NAMIC collaborates with industry partners to expand and nurture a workforce that reflects the cultural richness of the populations served. Please visit <u>www.namic.com</u> or follow @NAMICNational on Twitter for more information about NAMIC and its many opportunities.

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