

# Third Annual Afro Awards 2024: A Celebration of Excellence Meets Diversity at the DGA on October 12, 2024

2024 Honorees include Miquel Nunez, John Salley, Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts, Rev. Dr. Marci Janell, Dr. Marie Y. Lemelle, Leah Daniels-Butler, and more.

HOLLYWOOD, CA, UNITED STATES, October 11, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Afro Awards](#) Founder and Award-Winning Film Director [Taiwo Oduala](#), who has 30 years of experience in the entertainment industry, announced the third annual Afro Awards, set for October 12, 2024. The event occurs at the [Directors Guild of America](#) (DGA) at 7920 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046. This year's theme, "Excellence Meets Diversity," highlights the accomplishments of African Americans and individuals from the African continent who have made significant contributions to society through their work, vision, and dedication.

"The annual Afro Awards is an important event that celebrates the accomplishments of African Americans and individuals from the African continent, bringing two nations together," said Oduala. "The award show is followed by an afterparty at the Melrose House from 9 pm to 2 am."

Before the main event, an exclusive Afro Awards Welcome Gala will occur on October 11th, 2024, at Famecast Media in Los Angeles. Honorees and special guests will gather for a night of networking and celebration.

Septimus The Great and Massiel Taveras will host the evening. The red carpet event will commence at 5 PM, followed by the official awards ceremony, which will begin at 7 PM. The Afro Awards have garnered broad recognition due to the collaborative efforts of leaders in



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entertainment, philanthropy, business, and advocacy from the African American community and the African diaspora.

This year's distinguished honorees include:  
Film/ TV Personality of the Year Award - J Tasha St. Cyr – Acclaimed Film/TV Producer  
Men of Impact Awards of the Year Award - Nana Okyere – CEO, Sankafar Groups  
Political Icon of the Year Award - James Thurman Butts Jr. – Mayor of Inglewood  
Entrepreneur of the Year Award - Feli "Dzy" Calado – Philanthropist & Author  
Best Casting Director of the Year Award - Leah Daniels-Butler – Renowned Producer & Casting Director  
Presidential Award of the Year Award - His Excellency Goodluck Ebele Jonathan – Former President of Nigeria  
Spiritual Icon Award - Reverend Dr. Marci Janell – Social Justice Advocate & Author  
Global Thought Women Leaders Award - Her Excellency Ambassador Professor Mrs. Olufolake Abdulrazaq – First Lady of Kwara State  
Global Personality of the Year Award - Dr. Marie Y. Lemelle, MBA – Founder, Platinum Star PR, Inc. & Platinum Star Media Group, Inc.

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*Taiwo Oduala, Afro Awards  
Founder and Award-Winning  
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Founder & CEO

Lifetime Achievement Award - John Salley – Legendary Basketball Player  
Best Actor of the Year Award - Miguel Nunez Jr. – Acclaimed Actor & Producer  
Global Businesswoman of the Year Award - Madam Mecillina Olorunfunmi – Founder & CEO, Triumph International  
Best Film Maker of the Year Award - Deon Taylor – Founder & CEO, Hidden Empire Film Group  
Music Executive of the Year - Karen Civil – Executive & Global Strategist  
Architectural Strategies Innovator Award of the Year - Otunba Godwin Sotilewa Osifeso – Innovator  
Finance Innovator of the Year Award - Chief Diran Alabi –

2024  
AFRO AWARDS  
You've been exclusively invited to  
**AFRO AWARDS**  
*Welcome Gala*  
**DATE:**  
FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2024  
**CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE  
FASHION SHOW  
GALA NIGHT**  
**FAMECAST MEDIA**  
1533 26th Street Santa Monica CA 90404  
RED CARPET 5:00PM SHOW 6:00PM  
THE CONFERENCE IS POWERED BY MAISONDENEING, A COLLABORATION TO BENEFIT HEALTH4PEACE AND ODUATAJ FOUNDATION  
MaisonDene  
Health4Peace  
ODUATAJ FOUNDATION

Nathalie Beasnael hosts the Welcome Gala for the Afro Awards set for Friday, October 11, 2024 at Famecast. Red carpet at 5 pm and show at 6 pm.

Festivals Creative Director of the Year -  
Peter Lentini – Founder & Creative  
Director, Ankara Festivals and Afrobeats  
LA

Business Consultant of the Year Award -  
Sharifah Hardie – Co-Founder, The  
Black Business Coop

The Afro Awards celebrates influential  
leaders' outstanding contributions and  
achievements in various fields,  
including entertainment, public service,  
entrepreneurship, and philanthropy.

About the Afro Awards:

The Afro Awards is an annual event  
dedicated to recognizing and honoring  
individuals who have made significant  
strides in fostering diversity, advancing  
social causes, and contributing to the  
cultural landscape. The Afro Awards  
seeks to inspire future generations of leaders, creators, and advocates through unity and  
excellence.

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The poster features a dark blue background with a gold and black circular logo at the top center that reads '2024 AFRO AWARDS' with 'AFRO AWARDS' in a stylized font and 'AFRO AWARDS' in a smaller font below it. The main title 'AFRO AWARDS' is in large, bold, white letters, with 'After Party' written in a gold, cursive font below it. Underneath, it says 'Featuring guest DJ PETER LENTINI'. The date 'Saturday October 12th, 2024' is in gold, and the venue 'The Melrose House 4216 Melrose Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90029' is in white. The time '9pm -2am' is in white. At the bottom, a yellow banner reads 'YOU ARE INVITED'. The background also shows silhouettes of people and several trophies.

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**Saturday October 12th, 2024**

**VENUE:**  
The Melrose House 4216 Melrose Ave,  
Los Angeles, CA 90029

**TIME**  
9pm -2am

**YOU ARE INVITED**

DJ Peter Lentini will kick off the after party at the  
Melrose House in Los Angeles from 9 pm to 2 am.

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