

## Black Storytelling in Action – Queen of the Yard Takes Steps Toward Short Film

Queen of the Yard honors 100 years of HBCU Campus Queen pageants. Created by Stacey L. Holman and Tracee Loran, this dramedy celebrates sisterhood & resilience.

LAKE FOREST, IL, UNITED STATES, February 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As Black History Month unfolds, a new chapter begins for Queen of the Yard, the highly anticipated dramedy celebrating 100 years of HBCU Campus Queen pageants. Co-created by award-winning filmmaker Stacey L. Holman (The Black Church: This Is Our Story. This is Our Song.) and multi-talented writer/producer Tracee Loran (Black History Baddies), this vibrant series explores sisterhood, resilience, and self-discovery at a historically Black university.

With the support of early donors, the team is making progress toward producing a short film—a crucial step in bringing this story to TV screens. So far, they have raised over \$8,000 toward their \$35,000 fundraising goal on <a href="Crowdfundr">Crowdfundr</a>, and momentum is building as more supporters rally behind the project.



Queen of the Yard is a dramedy and podcast celebrating 100 years of HBCU Campus Queens, exploring sisterhood, ambition, and legacy.

A Story Rooted in Legacy

Queen of the Yard follows Morgan Mitchell, a freshman at Revel University determined to



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embrace her Black identity after growing up in a predominantly white community. As she competes for the title of Miss Revel, Morgan must navigate fierce rivalries, build lasting sisterhoods, and discover the true meaning of leadership.

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## A Movement in the Making

The team continues fundraising to complete the short film and is inviting supporters, HBCU alumni, and champions of Black storytelling to join the journey. Additionally, 1% of all donations will benefit the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, which supports leadership and educational opportunities for Black women and girls.

□ Donate to the campaign: <a href="https://bit.ly/3WVowWy">https://bit.ly/3WVowWy</a>.
 □ Listen to the Queen of the Yard Podcast: <a href="https://bit.ly/4hSNugW">https://bit.ly/4hSNugW</a>.

"The response has been incredible," says Tracee Loran, Co-Creator and Executive Producer. "This isn't just entertainment—it's about preserving Black stories and ensuring future generations see their lives and legacies reflected on screen."

Podcast: Stories Behind the Crown

Launched in December, the Queen of the Yard podcast dives into the real-life experiences of HBCU Campus Queens. Now five episodes in, the podcast features candid conversations about sisterhood, ambition, and self-discovery, offering an intimate look at the stories that inspired the series.

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