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## SHOWTIME NETWORKS LEADS NOMINATIONS FOR 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NAMIC VISION AWARDS

### Record Number 37 Networks Garner Nominations

### FX Networks' "The Shield" Tops All Programs With 4 Nods

(Los Angeles, CA – January 23, 2007) – Nominations for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual NAMIC Vision Awards were announced today by the **National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC)**. A record number 37 networks received nominations for the only entertainment industry award honoring outstanding achievements in original, multi-ethnic cable programming. **Showtime Networks** led all with 9 nominations for the 2007 presentation scheduled for March 27, 2007 at the **Beverly Wilshire** in Beverly Hills, California.

A total of 73 nominations were presented in the 15 award categories, which include newly established honors for **Animation**, **Music Video** and **Original Movie and/or Special**. Additionally, the performance categories have been expanded this year to include awards for the best actors and actresses in the genres of comedy and drama.

"Since 2004, the number of nominated networks has increased year over year, which is indicative of cable's commitment to multi-ethnic, culturally diverse programming," said Kathy Johnson, president, NAMIC. "In turn, the NAMIC Vision Awards continue to be the leading platform for recognizing these achievements."

**MTV Networks** received 8 nominations, which included nods for **Comedy Central**, **Logo**, **Nickelodeon**, **TV Land** and **VH1**. **Disney Channel**, **FX Networks**, and **Turner Network Television** received 6 nominations each. The network recognized in the largest number of categories was **HBO** with 5 nominations, which includes nods in Children's, Documentary, Drama, and Original Movie and/or Special.

**FX Networks' "The Shield"** was the top nominated program with 4 nods. The critically acclaimed original series was recognized in the Best Actor-Drama category with nominations going to **Forest Whitaker** and **Benito Martinez**. Additionally, nominations for "The Shield" included a nod for Best Drama and a Best Actress-Drama nomination for **CCH Pounder**. Other programs receiving multiple nominations in the drama categories include "**Sleeper Cell**" (Showtime Networks) and "**The Closer**" (Turner Network Television).

In the comedy categories, Showtime's "**Weeds**" received 3 nods for Best Comedy and nominations for **Romany Falco** (Best Actor-Comedy) and **Tonye Patano** (Best Actress-Comedy) in the performance categories. **Comedy Central's "Mind of Mencia"** received 2 nominations including Best Comedy and **Carlos Mencia** for Best Actor-Comedy. **BET** also received multiple nominations in the comedy categories with a Best Comedy nod for "**Comic View**" and a Best Actress – Comedy nod for comedienne **Sheryl Underwood**, the show's host.

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**A complete list of nominees for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual NAMIC Vision Awards follows. For more information on the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual NAMIC Vision Awards visit [www.namic.com](http://www.namic.com) or call the NAMIC national headquarters at 212-594-5985.**

### About NAMIC

NAMIC is the premier organization focusing on multi-ethnic diversity in the communications industry. Founded in 1980 as a non-profit trade association, today NAMIC is comprised of nearly 2,000 professionals belonging to a network of chapters nationwide. Through initiatives that focus on education, advocacy and empowerment, NAMIC champions equity and inclusion in the workforce, with special attention given to ensuring that the leadership cadres of our nation's communications industry giants reflect the multi-ethnic richness of the populations they serve.

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## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual NAMIC Vision Awards Nominees:

### Animation

|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| The Backyardigans, "Mission to Mars"      | MTV Networks: Nickelodeon        |
| Handy Manny, "Sinko de Mayo"              | Disney Channel                   |
| American Dragon: Jake Long, "Bring it On" | Disney Channel                   |
| The Boondocks                             | Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. |
| Todd World, "Colorless Todd"              | Discovery Channel                |

### Best Actor – Comedy

|               |                      |                              |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Carlos Mencia | Mind of Mencia       | MTV Networks: Comedy Central |
| Romany Malco  | Weeds                | Showtime Networks            |
| Damon Wayans  | The Underground      | Showtime Networks            |
| Dule' Hill    | Psych "Spelling Bee" | USA Networks                 |

### Best Actor – Drama

|                 |                          |                           |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Forest Whitaker | The Shield, "Kavanaugh"  | FX Networks               |
| Benito Martinez | The Shield, "Man Inside" | FX Networks               |
| Andre Braugher  | Thief, "Pilot"           | FX Networks               |
| Michael Ealy    | Sleeper Cell             | Showtime Networks         |
| Ernie Hudson    | The Ron Clark Story      | Turner Network Television |
| Corey Reynolds  | The Closer, "Slippin"    | Turner Network Television |

### Best Actress – Comedy

|                  |                          |                   |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Tonye Patano     | Weeds                    | Showtime Networks |
| Sheryl Underwood | Comic View               | BET               |
| Angela Malhotra  | Unacceptable Behavior    | Si TV             |
| Mo'Nique         | Mo'Nique's F.A.T. Chance | Oxygen Media      |

### Best Actress – Drama

|                |              |                           |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Lauren Velez   | Dexter       | Showtime Networks         |
| Gina Ravera    | The Closer   | Turner Network Television |
| CCH Pounder    | The Shield   | FX Networks               |
| Jennifer Beals | The L Word   | Showtime Networks         |
| Gwendoline Yeo | Broken Trail | AMC                       |

### Children's

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lisa Knight and the Roundtable   | Black Family Channel      |
| The Music in Me                  | HBO                       |
| Modern African Art and Artisans  | Discovery Channel         |
| Ithuteng (Never Stop Learning)   | HBO                       |
| Just for Kicks, "Boys Do Cry?"   | MTV Networks: Nickelodeon |
| That's So Raven, "The Four Aces" | Disney Channel            |

### Comedy

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| Mind of Mencia                         | MTV Networks: Comedy Central |
| Comic View with Sheryl Underwood       | BET                          |
| Weeds                                  | Showtime Networks            |
| Unacceptable Behavior                  | Si TV                        |
| Robert Townsend's Partners In Crime... | Black Family Channel         |
| The Next Generation                    |                              |

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**Documentary**

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| First to Fight: The Black Tankers of WWII                               | The History Channel      |
| Honor Deferred  | The History Channel      |
| ESPN Sportscenter - Lady Caliphs  | ESPN                     |
| When The Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts                           | HBO                      |
| Yo Soy Boricua, Pa'que Tu Lo Sepas!<br>(I'm Boricua, Just So You Know!) | Independent Film Channel |
| ESPN Sportscenter - Hines Ward  | ESPN                     |
| Biography: Barack Obama   | The Biography Channel    |

**Drama**

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sleeper Cell               | Showtime Networks         |
| Dexter                     | Showtime Networks         |
| The Shield "Postpartum"    | FX Networks               |
| The Wire: "Boys of Summer" | HBO                       |
| The Closer, "Slippin"      | Turner Network Television |
| Saved, "Pilot"             | Turner Network Television |

**Foreign Language**

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| El Reto Final Nissan               | Fox Sports en Espanol |
| Sabor a Beisbol                    | ESPN Deportes         |
| Montate - Cabalgata 2006           | TuTv / Bandamax       |
| Del Norte Pa'rriba Villa del Oeste | TuTv / Bandamax       |

**Music Video**

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| "Strut" - The Cheetah Girls 2        | Disney Channel |
| "Do Your Own Dance" - Choo Choo Soul | Disney Channel |

**News and Information**

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| Race & Hollywood: Black Images on Film          | Turner Classic Movies        |
| Eye on Africa: A Continent of Possibilities     | CNN International            |
| CNN Connects: The New South Africa              | CNN International            |
| Review Philippines                              | GMA Network Inc./Pinoy TV    |
| Student News: Honoring Hispanic Heritage Series | CNN                          |
| Immigration Rights                              | Mun2/Telemundo/NBC Universal |

**Original Movie and/or Special**

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Tsunami, The Aftermath   | HBO                       |
| Moments That Changed Us: Diahann Carroll   | AmericanLife TV Network   |
| Knights of the South Bronx   | A&E Networks              |
| Shock to The System: A Donald Strachey Mystery   | Here! Networks            |
| For One Night  | Lifetime Television       |
| The Black Movie Awards 2006 –<br>A Celebration of Black Cinema: Past, Present & Future | Turner Network Television |
| High School Musical  | Disney Channel            |

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**Reality**

Mo'Nique's F.A.T. Chance  
Hair Trauma  
ICE-T's Rap School  
Keisha Cole  
Black.White, "Hour 1"  
Rags to Riches: Snoop Dogg  
Coming Out Stories: Xavior "Son of the Islands"

Oxygen Media  
WE tv  
MTV Networks: VH1  
BET  
FX Networks  
MTV Networks: VH1  
MTV Networks: Logo

**Variety and/or Talk Show**

That's What I'm Talking About  
TV One on One with Cathy Hughes  
Get the Hook Up  
Spoken  
BET Celebration of Gospel 2006  
Cinema AZN: Riding the Korean Wave  
American Latino TV

MTV Networks: TV Land  
TV One  
TV One  
Black Family Channel  
BET  
AZN Television  
Si TV (AIM TV)

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