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HBO TOPS CABLE NETWORKS WITH TEN NAMIC VISION AWARDS NOMINATIONS

14th Annual Awards Presentation Honoring Programming Diversity To Be Presented At The NAMIC-Southern California West Coast Creative Summit

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA – January 16, 2008 – The **National Association for Multi-ethnicity In Communications (NAMIC)** today announced the nominees for the **14th Annual NAMIC Vision Awards**. Presented by **NAMIC–Southern California**, the **NAMIC Vision Awards** is the only competition recognizing outstanding achievements in original, multi-ethnic cable programming. **HBO** led all networks vying for the prestigious awards, which are scheduled for presentation on April 16, 2008 at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California. This year's NAMIC Vision Awards will be presented at a special luncheon held in conjunction with the **NAMIC West Coast Creative Summit**, which is part of the trade organization's signature conference series focused on the content development aspects of the television industry.

More than two hundred entries were submitted by twenty-nine networks competing for top honors in fifteen award categories, which include: Animation; Children's; Comedy; Documentary; Drama; Foreign Language; Lifestyle; News/Informational; Original Movie or Special; Reality; Sports; Variety/Talk Show; Best Performance Comedy and Best Performance Drama. **HBO** dominated the voting by garnering ten nominations in five categories. **Disney Channel** received five nominations and **TV One** garnered four. TV One's impressive showing marks the largest number of NAMIC Vision Awards nominations earned by the network to date.

"The Vision Awards exemplifies the best of what the cable television industry produces annually in multi-ethnic and cross-cultural original programming that positively reflects the diverse interest of its viewers," said **Kathy Johnson**, president, NAMIC.

Programs garnering multiple recognition by receiving two nominations each include "**Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee**" (HBO); "**Cory In The House**" (Disney Channel); "**Life Support**" (HBO), "**Lincoln Heights**" (ABC Family); "**Special Investigations Unit**" (CNN); and **Tyler Perry's "House of Payne"** (Turner Broadcasting System).

In the acting categories the nominees vying for Best Performance – Drama include **Adam Beach** (HBO's "Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee"); **Queen Latifah** (HBO's "Life Support"); **Diana Maria Riva** (Lifetime Network's "Side Order of Life") and **Courtney B. Vance** (Lifetime Network's "State of Mind"). Rounding out the nominees for Best Performance – Comedy are: **Whoopi Goldberg** (Bravo's "The Word According to Whoopi"); **Kyle Massey** (Disney Channel's "Cory In The House"); **Carlos Mencia** (Comedy Central's "Mind of Mencia") and **Raven Symoné** (Disney Channel's "That's So Raven").

"Since its inception in 2004, the NAMIC Creative Summit conference series has emerged as one of our industry's most successful forums designed for multi-ethnic professionals to gain direct access to creative executives who are committed to diversity - in content as well as in the workforce," said **Debra Langford**, executive director, Strategic Sourcing and Talent Management, Time Warner and president, NAMIC–Southern California. "The NAMIC Vision Awards within the Creative Summit, further enhances our conference program. "

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Warner Bros. is the lead sponsor of the **14th Annual NAMIC Vision Awards** and **West Coast Creative Summit**. Corporate sponsorship inquiries should be directed to Daniel McGlone at the NAMIC national headquarters, 212-594-5985. For more information or to purchase tickets online visit www.namic.com. A complete list of the 14th Annual NAMIC Vision Awards nominees follows.

About NAMIC

NAMIC (National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications) 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 2,000 professionals belonging to a network of 17 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.

14th ANNUAL NAMIC VISION AWARDS NOMINEES

ANIMATION

"The Boondocks"/Cartoon Network

"Handy Manny" (Episode 1-13: "A Very Happy Holiday")/Disney Channel

"El Tigre" ("Moustache Kid" / "Puma Licito")/Nickelodeon

BEST PERFORMANCE – COMEDY

Whoopi Goldberg – "The Word According to Whoopi"/Bravo

Kyle Massey – "Cory In The House"/Disney Channel

Carlos Mencia – "Mind of Mencia"/Comedy Central

Raven Symoné – "That's So Raven"/Disney Channel

BEST PERFORMANCE – DRAMA

Adam Beach – "Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee"/HBO

Queen Latifah – "Life Support"/HBO

Diana Maria Riva – "Side Order of Life"/Lifetime Networks

Courtney B. Vance – "State of Mind"/Lifetime Networks

CHILDREN'S

"Cory In The House"/Disney Channel

"High School Musical 2"/Disney Channel

"Dora The Explorer: Dora's World Adventure"/Nickelodeon

"Go, Diego, Go! – Diego Saves Christmas"/Nickelodeon

COMEDY

"George Lopez: America's Mexican"/HBO

"D.L. Hughley: Unapologetic"/HBO

"The Brandon T. Jackson Show"/The N

Tyler Perry's "House of Payne" ("I Can Cry If I Want To")/Turner Broadcasting System

DOCUMENTARY

"Special Investigations Unit: Judgment in Jena"/CNN

"Special Investigations Unit: Children of the Storm"/CNN

"White Light, Black Rain: The Destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki"/HBO

"Little Rock Central High: 50 Years Later"/HBO

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DRAMA

"Lincoln Heights" ("Spree")/ABC Family
"Lincoln Heights" ("Abduction")/ABC Family
"Life Support"/HBO
"Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee"/HBO

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

"Hablas Mas in Chicago"/HBO
"Habla Mas"/HBO
"El Honor De Un Sacrificio"/The History Channel

LIFESTYLE

"DIG"/ABC-CBN Global (MYX)
"Windshield America"/Fine Living
"Styleyes Miami"/Si TV
"G. Garvin: The Road Tour" ("So So Delicious with Jermaine Dupri")/TV One

NEWS/INFORMATIONAL

"American Morning: MLK Series/Soledad O'Brien"/CNN
"Oil Can Boyd"/ESPN
"VH1 Rock Docs: Bling'd: Blood, Diamonds, and Hip Hop"/VH1
"In Conversation: The Senator Barack Obama Interview"/TV One

ORIGINAL MOVIE OR SPECIAL

"AZN Asian Excellence Awards"/AZN Television
"Museum of Moving Image Salutes Will Smith"/Bravo
"Black Movie Awards"/Turner Network Television
"Akon: The Rhythm of Africa"/The Africa Channel

REALITY

"The Chicas Project"/mun2
"Kimora: Life in the Fab Lane" (Episode #101)/Style Network
"How Do I Look?" (Episode #714)/Style Network
"David E. Talbert Presents: Stage Black"/TV One

SPORTS

"Chinese New Year at The NBA All Star Game"/AZN Television
"Uninvited: The 1951 USF Football Team"/College Sports Television
"After Jackie"/ESPN

VARIETY/TALK SHOW

"Celebration of Gospel '07"/BET
"My Two Cents"/BET J
"2007 VH1 Hip Hop Honors"/VH1
"Bill Bellamy's Who's Got Jokes"/TV One

NOMINATIONS BY CABLE NETWORK

ABC Family – 2
ABS-CBN Global – 1
AZN Television – 2
BET – 1
BET-J – 1
Bravo – 2

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Cartoon Network – 1
CNN – 3
College Sports Television – 1
Comedy Central – 1
Disney Channel – 5
ESPN – 2
Fine Living – 1
HBO – 10
Lifetime Networks – 2
Mun2 – 1
Nickelodeon – 3
SiTV – 1
Style Network – 2
The Africa Channel – 1
The History Channel – 1
The-N – 1
Turner Broadcasting System – 1
Turner Network Television – 1
TV One – 4
VH1 – 2

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