



# 40TH NAACP IMAGE AWARDS

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## THE 40<sup>th</sup> NAACP IMAGE AWARDS TAKES PLACE WITH HOSTS HALLE BERRY AND TYLER PERRY

TELECAST AIRED LIVE ON FOX, FEBRUARY 12; EVENT KICKS OFF NAACP'S  
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY  
AND A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

**Performers included Beyoncé, Jennifer Hudson, Seal, Will.i.am and Stevie Wonder;  
Presenters included Rosario Dawson, Tracee Ellis Ross, Nate Parker, Mo'Nique,  
Angela Bassett, Cicely Tyson, Louis Gossett Jr., Hill Harper,  
Jeffrey Wright, Julian Bond, Sean "Diddy" Combs, Taraji P. Henson, Terrence Howard,  
Benjamin Jealous, Sanaa Lathan, Keke Palmer, Regina Taylor and Kerry Washington**

LOS ANGELES, CA – Academy Award winner Halle Berry and critically acclaimed screenwriter/actor Tyler Perry hosted the 40<sup>th</sup> NAACP IMAGE AWARDS, broadcast live from Los Angeles' historic Shrine Auditorium, Thursday, Feb. 12 (8:00-10:00 PM ET live/PT tape-delayed) on FOX. The star-studded event, which coincided with the NAACP's 100th anniversary, was executive-produced by Vicangelo Bulluck and kicked off the organization's year-long centennial celebration.

The star-studded event, which took place at The Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles had an all-star lineup of performers and presenters including performances by Beyoncé, Jennifer Hudson, Seal, Will.i.am, Stevie Wonder and presenters included Rosario Dawson, Tracee Ellis Ross, Nate Parker, Mo'Nique, Angela Bassett, Cicely Tyson, Louis Gossett Jr., Hill Harper, Jeffrey Wright, Julian Bond, Sean "Diddy" Combs, Taraji P. Henson, Terrence Howard, Benjamin Jealous, Sanaa Lathan, Keke Palmer, Regina Taylor.

The legendary Muhammad Ali received the NAACP's 2009 President's Award; Russell Simmons received the Vanguard Award for his groundbreaking vision that has influenced music, fashion, finance, television and film, as well as the face of modern philanthropy. Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Former Vice President Al Gore and Dr. Wangari Muta Maathai were

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awarded the NAACP Chairman’s Award and Elizabeth Catlett-Mora, Jonathan Green and Sam Gilliam, three artists whose work speaks to the ongoing crusade for human rights and social justice were presented with the Key of Life Award.

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Founded on Feb. 12, 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its more than half-million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, and monitor equal opportunity in the public and private sectors. For more information on the NAACP IMAGE AWARDS, please visit [naacpimageawards.net](http://naacpimageawards.net).

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## **THE 40th NAACP IMAGE AWARDS NOMINATION RESULTS**

### **Outstanding Comedy Series**

“Tyler Perry’s House of Payne” (TBS)

### **Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series**

LaVan Davis – “Tyler Perry’s House of Payne” (TBS)

### **Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series**

Tracee Ellis Ross – “Girlfriends” (CW)

### **Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series**

Lance Gross  
“Tyler Perry’s House of Payne” (TBS)

### **Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series**

Keshia Knight Pulliam – “Tyler Perry’s House of Payne” (TBS)

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Outstanding Drama Series

“Grey’s Anatomy” (ABC)

Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series

Hill Harper – “CSI: NY” (CBS)

Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series

Chandra Wilson – “Grey’s Anatomy” (ABC)

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series

Taye Diggs – “Private Practice” (ABC)

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series

Angela Bassett – “ER” (NBC)

Outstanding Television Movie, Mini-Series or Dramatic Special

“A Raisin in the Sun” (ABC)

Outstanding Actor in a Television Movie, Mini-Series or Dramatic Special

Sean Combs – “A Raisin in the Sun” (ABC)

Outstanding Actress in a Television Movie, Mini-Series or Dramatic Special

Phylicia Rashad – “A Raisin in the Sun” (ABC)

Outstanding Actor in a Daytime Drama Series

Bryton McClure – “The Young and the Restless” (CBS)

Outstanding Actress in a Daytime Drama Series

Debbi Morgan – “All My Children” (ABC)

Outstanding News/Information - Series or Special

“In Conversation: Michelle Obama Interview” (TVOne)

Outstanding Talk Series

“The View” (ABC)

Outstanding Reality Series

“American Idol 7” (FOX)

Outstanding Variety - Series or Special

“UNCF An Evening of Stars: Tribute to Smokey Robinson” (Syndicated)

Outstanding Children’s Program

“Dora The Explorer” (Nickelodeon)

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Outstanding Performance in a Youth/Children’s Program - Series or Special  
Keke Palmer – “True Jackson” (Nickelodeon)

Outstanding New Artist  
Jennifer Hudson (Arista)

Outstanding Male Artist  
Jamie Foxx (J Records)

Outstanding Female Artist  
Beyoncé (MusicWorld/Columbia Records)

Outstanding Duo, Group or Collaboration  
Jennifer Hudson feat. Fantasia – “I’m His Only Woman” (Arista)

Outstanding Jazz Artist  
Natalie Cole – “Still Unforgettable” (DMI Records)

Outstanding Gospel Artist - Traditional or Contemporary  
Mary Mary (Columbia Records)

Outstanding World Music Album  
Cheryl Keyes – “Let Me Take You There” (Keycan Records)

Outstanding Music Video  
“Yes We Can” – Will.i.am (Will.i.am Music Group/Interscope)

Outstanding Song  
“Yes We Can” – Will.i.am (Will.i.am Music Group/Interscope)

Outstanding Album  
Jennifer Hudson – “Jennifer Hudson” (Arista)

Outstanding Literary Work – Fiction  
“In the Night of the Heat: A Tennyson Hardwick Novel” –  
Blair Underwood, Tananarive Due, Steven Barnes (Simon & Schuster/Atria Books)

Outstanding Literary Work – Non-Fiction  
“Letter to My Daughter” – Maya Angelou (Random House)

Outstanding Literary Work – Debut Author  
“Barack, Race, and the Media: Drawing My Own Conclusion” –  
David Glenn Brown (David G. Brown Studios)

Outstanding Literary Work – Biography/Auto-Biography  
“The Legs Are the Last to Go” – Diahann Carroll (Amistad)

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Outstanding Literary Work – Instructional

“32 Ways to Be a Champion in Business” – Earvin “Magic” Johnson (Crown Business)

Outstanding Literary Work – Poetry

“Hip Hop Speaks To Children: A Celebration of “Poetry With A Beat” –  
Nikki Giovanni (Source Books/Jabberwocky)

Outstanding Literary Work – Children

“Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope” –  
Nikki Grimes; Illustrator Bryan Collier (Simon & Schuster)

Outstanding Literary Work – Youth/Teens

“Letters to a Young Sister: Define Your Destiny” – Hill Harper (Gotham Books)

Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture

Will Smith – “Seven Pounds” (Columbia Pictures)

Outstanding Actress in a Motion Picture

Rosario Dawson – “Seven Pounds” (Columbia Pictures)

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture

Columbus Short – “Cadillac Records” (Sony Music Film/Parkwood Pictures)

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture

Taraji P. Henson – “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button” (Paramount)

Outstanding Motion Picture

“The Secret Life of Bees” (Fox Searchlight)

Outstanding Independent Motion Picture

“Slumdog Millionaire” (Fox Searchlight)

Outstanding Documentary (Theatrical or Television)

“The Black List” (HBO)

Outstanding Foreign Motion Picture

“The Class” (Sony Pictures Classics)

Outstanding Directing in a Dramatic Series

Ernest Dickerson – “Lincoln Heights: The Day Before Tomorrow” (ABC Family)

Outstanding Directing in a Comedy Series

Kevin Sullivan – “30 Rock: MILF Island” (NBC)

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Outstanding Directing in a Motion Picture (Theatrical or Television)  
Gina Prince-Bythewood – “The Secret Life of Bees” (Fox Searchlight Pictures)

Outstanding Writing in a Motion Picture (Theatrical or Television)  
Jenny Lumet – “Rachel Getting Married” (Sony Pictures Classics)

Outstanding Writing in a Dramatic Series  
Shonda Rhimes – “Grey’s Anatomy: Freedom Part 1 & 2” (ABC)

Outstanding Writing in a Comedy Series  
Erica D. Montolfo – “The Game: White Coats and White Lies” (CW)

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