



WINNERS OF
THE 39th NAACP IMAGE AWARDS

TELEVISION CATEGORIES

Outstanding Comedy Series

- “30 Rock” (NBC)
- “Everybody Hates Chris” (CW)
- “Girlfriends” (CW)
- **“Tyler Perry’s House of Payne” (TBS)**
- “Ugly Betty” (ABC)

Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series

- Donald Faison – “Scrubs” (NBC)
- Dulé Hill – “Psych” (USA Network)
- **LaVan Davis – “Tyler Perry’s House of Payne” (TBS)**
- Reggie Hayes – “Girlfriends” (CW)
- Tyler James Williams – “Everybody Hates Chris” (CW)

Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series

- **America Ferrera – “Ugly Betty” (ABC)**
- Golden Brooks – “Girlfriends” (CW)
- Tia Mowry – “The Game” (CW)
- Tichina Arnold – “Everybody Hates Chris” (CW)
- Tracee Ellis Ross – “Girlfriends” (CW)

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series

- Blair Underwood – “New Adventures of Old Christine” (CBS)
- **Lance Gross – “Tyler Perry’s House of Payne” (TBS)**
- Romany Malco – “Weeds” (Showtime)
- Terry Crews – “Everybody Hates Chris” (CW)
- Tracy Morgan – “30 Rock” (NBC)

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series

- Keesha Sharp – “Girlfriends” (CW)
- Tonye Patano – “Weeds” (Showtime)
- **Vanessa Williams – “Ugly Betty” (ABC)**
- Vivica A. Fox – “Curb Your Enthusiasm” (HBO)
- Wendy Raquel Robinson – “The Game” (CW)

Outstanding Drama Series

- **“Grey’s Anatomy” (ABC)**
- “House” (FOX)
- “K-ville” (FOX)
- “Lincoln Heights” (ABC Family)
- “The Unit” (CBS)

Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series

- Anthony Anderson – “K-ville” (FOX)
- Dennis Haysbert – “The Unit” (CBS)
- **Hill Harper – “CSI: NY” (CBS)**
- Jesse L. Martin – “Law & Order” (NBC)
- Jimmy Smits – “Cane” (CBS)

Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series

- CCH Pounder – “The Shield” (FX)
- Jennifer Beals – “The L Word” (Showtime)
- Nicki Micheaux – “Lincoln Heights” (ABC Family)
- **Regina Taylor – “The Unit” (CBS)**
- Wendy Davis – “Army Wives” (Lifetime)

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series

- Blair Underwood – “Dirty Sexy Money” (ABC)
- James Pickens, Jr. – “Grey’s Anatomy” (ABC)
- Mekhi Phifer – “ER” (NBC)
- **Omar Epps – “House” (FOX)**
- Taye Diggs – “Private Practice” (ABC)

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series

- Audra McDonald – “Private Practice” (ABC)
- **Chandra Wilson – “Grey’s Anatomy” (ABC)**
- Marianne Jean-Baptiste – “Without A Trace”(CBS)
- Pam Grier – “The L Word” (Showtime)
- S. Epatha Merkerson – “Law & Order” (NBC)

Outstanding Television Movie, Mini-Series or Dramatic Special

- “The Bronx is Burning” (ESPN)
- “Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee” (HBO)
- “Five Days” (HBO)
- **“Life Support” (HBO)**
- “The List” (ABC Family)

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

- Adam Beach – “Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee” (HBO)
- Daniel Sunjata – “The Bronx is Burning” (ESPN)
- Evan Ross – “Life Support” (HBO)
- Wayne Brady – “The List” (ABC Family)
- **Wendell Pierce – “Life Support” (HBO)**

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

- Anika Noni Rose – “The Starter Wife” (USA Network)
- Holly Robinson Peete – “Matters of Life & Dating” (Lifetime)
- **Queen Latifah – “Life Support” (HBO)**
- S. Epatha Merkerson – “Girl, Positive” (Lifetime)
- Sydney Tamiia Poitier – “The List” (ABC Family)

Outstanding Actor in a Daytime Drama Series

- Bryton McClure – “The Young And The Restless” (CBS)
- Kamar de los Reyes – “One Life to Live” (ABC)
- **Kristoff St. John – “The Young And The Restless” (CBS)**
- Mykel Shannon Jenkins – “The Bold and the Beautiful” (CBS)
- Tobias Truvillion – “One Life to Live” (ABC)

Outstanding Actress in a Daytime Drama Series

- Brook Kerr – “Passions” (NBC)
- **Christel Khalil – “The Young And The Restless” (CBS)**
- Nazanin Boniadi – “General Hospital” (ABC)
- Tika Sumpter – “One Life to Live” (ABC)
- Tracey Ross – “Passions” (NBC)

Outstanding News/ Information – (Series or Special)

- “American Gangster” (BET)
- “American Morning Series: MLK Papers” (CNN)
- “Dr. Sanjay Gupta: Saving Your Life” (CNN)
- “Good Morning America-Breast Cancer Mission” (ABC)
- **“In Conversation: The Senator Barack Obama Interview” (TVOne)**

Outstanding Talk – (Series)

- “Judge Mathis” (Syndicated)
- “Our World with Black Enterprise” (Syndicated)
- “Real Time with Bill Maher” (HBO)
- **“Tavis Smiley” (PBS)**
- “The Tyra Banks Show” (Syndicated)

Outstanding Reality – (Series)

- “American Idol” (FOX)
- “America’s Next Top Model” (CW)
- “Dancing with the Stars” (ABC)
- “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” (ABC)
- **“Run’s House 4” (MTV)**

Outstanding Variety – (Series or Special)

- “2007 VH1 Hip-Hop Honors” (VH1)
- “An Evening of Stars: Tribute to Aretha Franklin” (Syndicated)
- “BET Awards” (BET)
- **“Celebration of Gospel ‘07” (BET)**
- “Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry” (HBO)

Outstanding Children’s Program

- “Cory in the House” (Disney Channel)
- “Dora The Explorer” (Nickelodeon)
- “Go, Diego, Go” (Nickelodeon)
- “High School Musical 2” (Disney Channel)
- **“That’s So Raven” (Disney Channel)**

Outstanding Performance in a Youth/Children’s Program – (Series or Special)

- André Benjamin – “Class of 3000” (Cartoon Network)
- Kathleen Herles – “Dora the Explorer” (Nickelodeon)
- Kyle Massey – “Cory in the House” (Disney Channel)
- Lil’ JJ – “Just Jordan” (Nickelodeon)
- **Raven-Symoné – “That’s So Raven” (Disney Channel)**

RECORDING CATEGORIES

Outstanding New Artist

- Chrisette Michele (Island Def Jam)
- Corbin Bleu (Walt Disney Records)
- J. Holiday (Capitol)
- **Jordin Sparks (Jive/Zomba)**
- Sean Kingston (Sony)

Outstanding Male Artist

- **Chris Brown (Jive)**
- Common (Geffen)
- Kanye West (Island Def Jam)
- Prince (Columbia Records)
- Seal (Warner Bros. Records)

Outstanding Female Artist

- **Alicia Keys (J Records)**
- Aretha Franklin (Arista Records/Sony BMG)
- Beyoncé (Columbia Records)
- Jill Scott (Hidden Beach Recordings)
- Mary J. Blige (Geffen)

Outstanding Duo or Group

- Aretha Franklin (feat. Fantasia) (Arista Records/Sony BMG)
- Bow Wow & Omarion (Columbia Records)
- **Eddie & Gerald Levert (Atlantic)**
- Sounds of Blackness (Sounds of Blackness Records)
- Stephen Marley & Damian “Jr. Gong” Marley (Universal Republic)

Outstanding Jazz Artist

- Dee Dee Bridgewater (DDB Records (UMG))
- **Herbie Hancock (Verve)**
- Kirk Whalum (Rendezvous Entertainment)
- Patti Austin (Rendezvous Entertainment)
- Randy Crawford & Joe Sample (PRA Records)

Outstanding Gospel Artist – (Traditional or Contemporary)

- **Kirk Franklin (Gospocentric)**
- Marvin Winans (Pure Springs/EMI Gospel)
- Mavis Staples (Epitaph)
- Sounds of Blackness (Sounds of Blackness Records)
- Yolanda Adams (Columbia Records)

Outstanding World Music Album

- **Angelique Kidjo – “Djin Djin” (Razor & Tie)**
- Habib Koité – “Afriki” (Cumbancha)
- Various Artists – “Putumayo Presents: World Hits” (Putumayo)
- Shiko Mawatu – “Kimbanda Nzila” (Sterns)
- Youssou N’Dour – “Rokku Mi Rokka” (Atlantic)

Outstanding Music Video

- “Beautiful Liar” – Beyoncé and Shakira (Columbia Records)
- “Just Fine” – Mary J. Blige (Geffen)
- **“Like You’ll Never See Me Again” – Alicia Keys (J Records)**
- “Show Me” – John Legend (Columbia Records)
- “Stronger” – Kanye West (Island Def Jam)

Outstanding Song

- “Beautiful Flower” – India Arie (Universal Republic)
- “Just Fine” – Mary J. Blige (Geffen)
- **“Like You’ll Never See Me Again” – Alicia Keys (J Records)**
- “Stronger” – Kanye West (Island Def Jam)
- “Umbrella” – Rihanna feat. Jay-Z (Island Def Jam)

Outstanding Album

- **Alicia Keys – “As I Am” (J Records)**
- Chris Brown – “Exclusive” (Jive)
- Kanye West – “Graduation” (Island Def Jam)
- Mary J. Blige – “Growing Pains” (Geffen)
- Seal – “System” (Warner Bros. Records)

LITERATURE CATEGORIES

Outstanding Literary Work – Fiction

- **“Blonde Faith” – Walter Mosley (Little, Brown & Company)**
- “The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao” – Junot Diaz (Penguin/Riverhead)
- “Cion: A Novel” – Zakes Mda (Picador)
- “Knots” – Nuruddin Farah (Penguin/Riverhead)
- “New England White: A Novel” – Stephen L. Carter (Alfred A. Knopf/RH)

Outstanding Literary Work – Non-Fiction

- “An Unbroken Agony” – Randall Robinson (Basic Civitas Books/Perseus)
- “Brother, I’m Dying” – Edwidge Danticat (Alfred A. Knopf/RH)
- “Know What I Mean?: Reflections on Hip-Hop” – Michael Eric Dyson (Basic Civitas Books/Perseus)
- **“Not on Our Watch: The Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond” – Don Cheadle, John Prendergast (Hyperion)**
- “Race and Racism in the Chinas: Chinese Racial Attitudes Toward Africans and African-Americans” – M. Dujon Johnson (Authorhouse)

Outstanding Literary Work – Debut Author

- “The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears” – Dinaw Mengestu (Penguin/Riverhead)
- “Grace Will Lead Me Home” – Robin Givens (Hyperion)
- “Like Trees, Walking” - Ravi Howard (Harper Collins/-Amistad)
- “A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier” – Ishmael Beah (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
- **“The Women Who Raised Me: A Memoir” – Victoria Rowell (Harper Collins)**

Outstanding Literary Work – Biography/Autobiography

- “I Got Your Back: A Father and Son Keep it Real About Love, Fatherhood, Family, and Friendship” – Eddie Levert Sr., Gerald Levert, Lyah Beth LeFlore (Broadway Books)
- “My Grandfather’s Son” – Clarence Thomas (Harper Collins)
- **“Obama: From Promise to Power” – David Mendell (Harper Collins/Amistad)**
- “Silent Gesture: The Autobiography of Tommie Smith” – Tommie Smith, David Steele (Temple University Press)
- “The Women Who Raised Me: A Memoir” – Victoria Rowell (Harper Collins/William Morrow)

Outstanding Literary Work – Instructional

- **“The Covenant in Action” – Tavis Smiley (Smiley Books)**
- “Do You!: 12 Laws to Access the Power in You to Achieve Happiness and Success” – Russell Simmons (Penguin/Gotham)
- “Get Yours!: The Girlfriends’ Guide to Having Everything You Ever Dreamed of and More” – Amy Dubois Barnett (Random House/Broadway)
- “Reposition Yourself: Living Life Without Limits” – T. D. Jakes (Simon & Schuster/Atria Books)
- “This Year You Write Your Novel” – Walter Mosley (Little, Brown & Company)

Outstanding Literary Work – Poetry

- **“Acolytes: Poems” – Nikki Giovanni (Harper Collins/William Morrow)**
- “Duende” – Tracy K. Smith (Gray Wolf Press)
- “Eloquence: Rhythm and Renaissance” – Usiku (UsiKu.net)
- “Quiver of Arrows” – Carl Phillips (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
- “Selected Poems” – Derek Walcott (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Outstanding Literary Work – Children

- “A Friendship For Today” – Patricia C. McKissack (Scholastic Inc.)
- “Elijah of Buxton” – Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic Inc.)
- “Let it Shine: Three Favorite Spirituals” – Ashley Bryan (Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing/Atheneum)
- **“Nothing but Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson” – Sue Stauffacher, Author; Greg Couch, Illustrator (Random House)**
- “Young Pelé: Soccer’s First Star – Lesa Cline-Ransome, Author; James Ransome, Illustrator (Random House)

Outstanding Literary Work – Youth/Teens

- “Body Drama” – Nancy Redd (Penguin/Gotham)
- “Center for Cartoon Studies Presents: Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow” – James Sturm, Author; Rich Tommaso, Illustrator (Hyperion Books for Children/Disney Publishing)
- “Divine Confidential” – Jacquelin Thomas (Pocketbooks/Simon & Schuster)
- **“More Than Entertainers: An Inspirational Black Career Guide” – Charles B. Schooler, Author; Gary Young, Illustrator (Zenith Publishing)**
- “Shadow Speaker” – Nnedi Okorafor-Mbachu (Hyperion Books for Children/Disney Publishing)

MOTION PICTURE CATEGORIES

Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture

- Columbus Short – “Stomp The Yard” (Screen Gems)
- **Denzel Washington – “The Great Debaters” (The Weinstein Co.)**
- Don Cheadle – “Talk To Me” (Focus Features)
- Terrence Howard – “Pride” (Lionsgate Films)
- Will Smith – “I Am Legend” (Warner Bros.)

Outstanding Actress in a Motion Picture

- Angelina Jolie – “A Mighty Heart” (Paramount Vantage)
- Halle Berry – “Things We Lost In the Fire” (Dreamworks)
- Jill Scott – “Tyler Perry’s Why Did I Get Married?” (Lionsgate Films)
- **Jurnee Smollett – “The Great Debaters” (The Weinstein Co.)**
- Taraji P. Henson – “Talk To Me” (Focus Features)

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture

- Chiwetel Ejiofor – “Talk To Me” (Focus Features)
- **Denzel Whitaker – “The Great Debaters” (The Weinstein Co.)**
- Forest Whitaker – “The Great Debaters” (The Weinstein Co.)
- Nate Parker – “The Great Debaters” (The Weinstein Co.)
- Tyler Perry – “Tyler Perry’s Why Did I Get Married?” (Lionsgate Films)

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture

- **Janet Jackson – “Tyler Perry’s Why Did I Get Married?” (Lionsgate Films)**
- Loretta Devine – “This Christmas” (Screen Gems)
- Meagan Good – “Stomp The Yard” (Screen Gems)
- Queen Latifah – “Hairspray” (New Line)
- Ruby Dee – “American Gangster” (Universal)

Outstanding Motion Picture

- “American Gangster” (Universal)
- **“The Great Debaters” (The Weinstein Co.)**
- “I Am Legend” (Warner Bros.)
- “Talk To Me” (Focus Features)
- “Tyler Perry’s Why Did I Get Married?” (Lionsgate Films)

Outstanding Independent or Foreign Film

- “A Mighty Heart” (Paramount Vantage)
- “Dirty Laundry” (Codeblack Entertainment)
- **“Honeydripper” (Emerging Pictures)**
- “My Brother” (Codeblack Entertainment)
- “Persepolis” (Sony Pictures Classics)

Outstanding Documentary (Theatrical and Television)

- “Bastards of the Party” (HBO)
- **“Darfur Now” (Warner Independent Pictures)**
- “Desert Bayou” (Cinema Libre Studios)
- “The Price of Sugar” (Mitropolous Films)
- “Sicko” (The Weinstein Co.)

WRITING CATEGORIES

Outstanding Writing in a Comedy Series

- **Ali LeRoi – “Everybody Hates Chris: Everybody Hates Guidance Counselor” (CW)**
- Karen Gist – “Girlfriends: Spree To Be Free” (CW)
- Mindy Kaling – “The Office: Branch Wars” (NBC)
- Sara Finney-Johnson – “The Game: The Big Chill” (CW)
- Silvio Horta and Marco Pennette – “Ugly Betty: A Nice Day For A Posh Wedding” (ABC)

Outstanding Writing in a Dramatic Series

- Janine Sherman Barrois – “ER: Breach of Trust” (NBC)
- Kathleen McGhee-Anderson and Anthony Sparks – “Lincoln Heights: The Vision” (ABC Family)
- Natalie Chaidez – “Heroes: The Fix” (NBC)
- Shonda Rhimes – “Private Practice: In Which We Meet Addison, A Nice Girl From Somewhere Else” (ABC)
- **Shonda Rhimes– “Grey’s Anatomy: A Change is Gonna Come” (ABC)**

Outstanding Writing in a Motion Picture (Theatrical or Television)

- John Sayles – “Honeydripper” (Emerging Pictures)
- **Michael Genet and Rick Famuyiwa – “Talk To Me” (Focus Features)**
- Richard LaGravenese – “Freedom Writers” (Paramount Pictures)
- Robert Eisele – “The Great Debaters” (The Weinstein Co.)
- Steve Zaillian – “American Gangster” (Universal)

DIRECTING CATEGORIES

Outstanding Directing in a Comedy Series

- Ali LeRoi – “Everybody Hates Chris: Everybody Hates Baseball” (CW)
- **Ken Whittingham – “The Office: Phyllis’s Wedding” (NBC)**
- Millicent Shelton – “Everybody Hates Chris: Everybody Hates the Substitute” (CW)
- Salim Akil – “Girlfriends: To Be Determined...It’s Been Determined” (CW)
- Seith Mann – “Entourage: The Dream Team” (HBO)

Outstanding Directing in a Dramatic Series

- Darnell Martin – “Law & Order: CI: Bombshell” (NBC)
- Kevin Hooks – “Lincoln Heights: Pilot” (ABC Family)
- Paris Barclay – “CSI: Meet Market” (CBS)
- Roxann Dawson – “Heroes: Run” (NBC)
- **Seith Mann – “Friday Night Lights: Are You Ready For Friday Night?” (NBC)**

Outstanding Directing in a Motion Picture (Theatrical or Television)

- Denzel Washington – “The Great Debaters” (The Weinstein Co.)
- **Kasi Lemmons – “Talk To Me” (Focus Features)**
- Preston A. Whitmore II – “This Christmas” (Screen Gems)
- Sunu Gonera – “Pride” (Lionsgate Films)
- Sylvain White – “Stomp the Yard” (Screen Gems)

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