



2018 OVERVIEW, AWARDS ELIGIBILITY & CONSIDERATION RULES

ABOUT ABFF HONORS

ABFF Honors is an annual awards show saluting excellence in motion pictures and television. Presented as part of the industry's awards season, the event celebrates individuals of African descent who have made distinguished contributions to American culture through their work, as well as the year's best movies and television shows. ABFF Honors, which stems from the American Black Film Festival (ABFF), was created by Jeff Friday, to promote camaraderie among multicultural artists.

The 2018 show, hosted by Cedric the Entertainer, will be held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in California, Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018, where the awards and special tributes listed below will be presented.

COMPETITIVE AWARDS

Categories:

- **Movie of the Year**
- **Television Show of the Year – Drama**
- **Television Show of the Year – Comedy**

Eligibility:

Movie of the Year presented to the most outstanding feature-length motion picture of 2017.

1. Narrative feature-length films (70 minutes or longer) that have had a U.S. theatrical release, or broadcast premiere on a cable television or streaming platform during the 2017 calendar year (Jan. 1, 2017 – Dec. 31, 2017).
2. Films must feature a lead actor of African descent, or be directed by a person of African descent. Films with co-leads, where only one is of African descent, are not eligible.
3. Documentary films are not eligible.

Television Show of the Year presented to the most outstanding scripted television series of 2017 in the categories of **Drama** and **Comedy**.

1. Show must have had a U.S. television premiere on broadcast, basic, or premium cable, digital delivery and pay-per-view cable or pay-per-view digital delivery during the 2017 calendar year (Jan. 1, 2017 – Dec. 31, 2017).
2. Reality and non-scripted television and limited series are not eligible.
3. Show must feature a lead actor of African descent, or be created by a person of African descent. Shows with co-leads, where only one is of African descent, are not eligible.

Voting:

Active members of the ABFF Honors Awards Committee, comprised of film critics and entertainment editors, vote for the nominees and winner in each competitive award category. In addition, the general public is invited to vote for the winner (only) in each category via www.abffhonors.com from Dec. 20, 2017, through Jan. 10, 2018.

HONOREES & SPECIAL TRIBUTE

2018 Recipients:

- **Hollywood Legacy Award** – Billy Dee Williams
- **Industry Visionary Award** – Ava DuVernay
- **Distinguished ABFF Alumni Award** – Omari Hardwick
- **Rising Star Award** – Tiffany Haddish
- **Classic Cinema Reunion** – to be announced

Descriptions:

HOLLYWOOD LEGACY AWARD

Honoring a renowned artist in recognition of a long-standing career, over at least four decades, which has inspired generations and made an enduring contribution to film and television.

INDUSTRY VISIONARY AWARD

Presented to a trailblazing artist in acknowledgment of their outstanding work and commitment to championing inclusion in the motion picture and television industry.

DISTINGUISHED ABFF ALUMNI AWARD

Presented to an alumnus of the American Black Film Festival in recognition of their career achievement in film and television and continued support of the festival's mission.

RISING STAR AWARD

Celebrating a contemporary artist in acknowledgment of recent success and future promise in the entertainment industry.

CLASSIC CINEMA REUNION

A special tribute to the filmmaker and cast of a time-honored film that has left an indelible impact on American audiences.