

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

### ABFF FILMMAKER SUMMIT

Presented by CAA

Private Event (Official Filmmakers Only)

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

### REGISTRATION CENTER

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 4

Festival pass pick-up and sales

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### EXHIBIT 1 AT&T

### EXHIBIT 2 HBO

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana Foyer

Meet and network with HBO's Talent Acquisition team to discuss full time and internship job opportunities in Media Relations, Creative Marketing, Consumer Marketing, Programming, and more.

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### EXHIBIT 1 AT&T

### EXHIBIT 2 BLACK ENTERPRISE

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana Foyer

Stop by the **BLACK ENTERPRISE** booth and meet with the Black Enterprise team to learn more about our exciting events, magazine, TV Shows and relaunched website! Be sure to also sign-up for a chance to win free magazine subscriptions, access to our premier events and more!

7:30 PM – 8:00 PM

### FESTIVAL WELCOME

Fillmore Miami Beach

8:00 PM

### OPENING NIGHT FILM

Fillmore Miami Beach

SUPERFLY starring Trevor Jackson and Jason Mitchell. **Directed by X.** Sponsored by Sony Pictures and the Motion Picture Association of America

10:30 PM – 2:00 AM

### OPENING NIGHT PARTY

Story Nightclub

Sponsored by aspireTV

Music by DJ Goodwill

## THURSDAY, JUNE 14

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

### REGISTRATION CENTER

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 4

Festival pass pick-up and sales

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

### MASTER CLASS: BECOMING A SHOWRUNNER

The Betsy Hotel, Gallery

Sponsored by Prudential Financial

Separate ticket required.

**Instructor:** Korin Huggins, CEO/Founder, Kronicle Media

**Guest speaker:** Karin Gist, Showrunner, (Star) EP, (Grey's Anatomy)

9:30 AM – 9:00 PM

### RIDE WITH CADILLAC

Cadillac is providing ABFF passholders\* with an exciting and convenient new benefit while in Miami. Ride With Cadillac is a complimentary shuttle service offering rides to ABFF festivities in and around the South Beach area, on a first come, first served basis. Passholders must register at CadillacShuttle.com/ABFF.

Below are the designated pick up hubs:

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, W South Beach,  
New World Center, Regal Cinema,  
Colony Theater

\* Available to SOBE, Talent, Sponsor, Participant and Press passholders

See **ABFF App** for exact pickup locations.

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSHOLDER LOUNGE

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 4

Network with fellow attendees, celebrate our history, and meet the official 2018 Filmmakers in the American Airlines Passholder Lounge.

**11:30 AM**—Meet the Filmmakers (Documentary)

**1:00 PM**—Meet The Filmmakers (Web Series)

**4:15 PM**—Meet the Filmmakers (Narrative Features)

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### TV ONE EXHIBIT

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana Foyer

Launched in January 2004, TV One serves 59 million households, offering a broad range of original programming, classic series, and movies to entertain and inform adult Black viewers. The network represents the best in black culture and entertainment with fan favorites Uncensored, Unsung, Empire and The NAACP Image Awards.

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### CADILLAC VR LOUNGE

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Cowrie 2

Join us at the Cadillac VR Lounge.

Come in and build the first-ever XT4 Sport crossover with an immersive virtual reality experience and get the chance to receive a limited edition 2018 ABFF T-Shirt.

SOBE Passholders are invited to a special private VR experience with celebrity guests. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

**Private Event:** 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

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10:30 AM

### SPOTLIGHT SCREENING THE SIX DAY RACE

This short 7 minutes documentary style tribute film explores Marshall 'Major' Taylor's heart-warming never stop, never settle story and the theme of inner rivalry. It shines a light on his contributions to the sport of cycling as well as his contributions to society overall in the form of inspiration and legacy.

**This film will immediately follow Bangers to the Bible.**

11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

### FILM SCREENINGS

Regal Cinema, Theaters 17 & 18

Narrative Features,

Documentaries, Web Series

See screening schedule on pages 18-19

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

### BUSINESS OF ENTERTAINMENT SEMINAR:

### KILLER CREATIVITY: The New Breed

Sponsored by BET

The Betsy Hotel, Gallery

From the silver screen to the golden age of television, to the prevalence of streaming platforms and mobile entertainment, CREATIVITY drives the content that is thriving. Taking cues from the cultural landscape, as well as one's imagination and personal experiences, artistic voices are courageously shaping the future of storytelling. Join our conversation with some of the visionary creative forces leveraging authenticity, innovation, and boldness to make a memorable mark in the industry.

**Panelists:** Qasim Basir (*A Boy. A Girl. A Dream.*), Storm Sautler (*Sprinter*), Deniese Davis (COO, Color Creative TV)

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

### ABFF TALKS: NBCUNIVERSAL FIRST LOOK PANELS

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

A two-part panel discussion presented in association with MPAA

### THE FIRST PURGE

**Panelists:** Gerard McMurray,

Y'lan Noel, Lex Scott Davis

### BEHIND THE LAUGHS on MARLON

### and TRIAL & ERROR

**Panelists:** Sherri Shepherd, Essence Atkins,

Bresha Webb, Diallo Riddle

**Moderated by** Kym Whitley

(*Curb Your Enthusiasm*)

2:15 PM – 3:30 PM

### BUSINESS OF ENTERTAINMENT SEMINAR:

### UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF DEAL POINTS

The Betsy Hotel, Gallery

This session is intended to help filmmakers navigate the major deal points of a distribution agreement. The focus will be on digital, non-theatrical and licensing deals. Key topics will include the "optimal" grant of rights, territorial rights issues, customary payment models, delivery and E&O expectations and other common "asks" by the distributor. The discussion will address concerns for working with multiple distributors and also discuss ways to create leverage and avoid the top mistakes during negotiations.

**Speaker:** Lisa Davis, Esq. – Frankfurt, Kurnit, Klein & Selz

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

### SPOTLIGHT SCREENING: DOWN FOR WHATEVER

Colony Theatre

Sponsored by TV One

**Directed by** Timothy Folsome

A young successful doctor learns that her newly-found biological sisters are ruthless cop killers that her detective husband is hunting down. Screening followed by a Q&A with LeToya Luckett, Hosea Chanchez, Bre-Z and Imani Hakim

**Moderated by** Jubba Seyyid

3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

### CAA EXHIBIT

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana Foyer

Come meet and learn from CAA's HR Executive, Diversity & Inclusion, Kristena D. Hatcher. Kristena is partnering with leadership to solidify the overall D&I business strategy, ensuring Creative Artists Agency ("CAA"), the world's leading full service entertainment, media, and sports agency, fosters

an environment inclusive of more diverse voices, from diverse backgrounds across its workforce. With a focus on aiding in providing access to opportunity and building awareness about employment opportunities at CAA, Kristena will share an informative presentation educating attendees seeking to pursue a career on the business side of entertainment.

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM  
**29 BELOW MIXER**

*Sponsored by AT&T*

By Invitation Only

A “meet up” for members of the festival’s 29 Below Program

**Special guests:** Rotimi (*Power*), Ryan Destiny (*Star*), Jacob Latimore (*The Chi*)

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM  
**COCKTAILS, CONVERSATIONS & FINANCIAL FACTS**

The Betsy Hotel, Carlton Room

*Sponsored by Prudential Financial*

Thought leaders will chat about ways to achieve financial goals. Prudential professionals will be available to answer financial questions.

**Special guest:** Tobias Truvillion (*In Contempt*)

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
**ABFF TALKS:**

**BLACK LOVE : CLIPS & CONVERSATION**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

Join Tommy and Codie Oliver, the creators of OWN’s *BLACK LOVE* docuseries, along with Michael Jai White & Gillian Waters and Devala & Khadeen Ellis, as they discuss love and marriage in the Black community and share exclusive clips from upcoming *BLACK LOVE* episodes.

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
**21st ANNUAL HBO SHORT FILM COMPETITION**

New World Center, Performance Hall

One of the industry’s most competitive and prestigious film competitions boasting Ryan Coogler (*Black Panther*) and Steven Caple Jr. (*Creed 2*) as previous winners. Five finalists are selected to compete for the HBO Short Film Award and a cash prize of \$10,000.

**Hosted by** Bevy Smith

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
**SPOTLIGHT SCREENING: WHITNEY**

Colony Theatre

*Courtesy of Roadside Attractions*

*Sponsored by Atlanta Mayor’s Office of Film & Entertainment*

**Introduction by** Pat Houston

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
**LINCOLN ROAD DINE AROUND**

Lincoln Road

Enjoy special discounts for ABFF passholders at participating restaurants on Miami Beach’s iconic retail strip, Lincoln Road. Visit the festival app for a list of restaurants and discount information.

8:00 PM – 9:30 PM  
**SPOTLIGHT SCREENING: THE FIRST PURGE**

Regal Cinema, Theater 17

*Courtesy of Universal Pictures*

**Directed by** Gerard McMurray

To push the crime rate below one percent for the rest of the year, the New Founding Fathers of America (NFFA) test a sociological theory that vents aggression for one night in one isolated community. But when the violence of oppressors meets the rage of the marginalized, the contagion will explode from the trial-city borders and spread across the nation.

**Q&A with** Gerard McMurray, Y’lan Noel, Lex Scott Davis

8:15 PM – 10:00 PM  
**BUSINESS OF ENTERTAINMENT SEMINAR: PATH TO POWER**

*Sponsored by AT&T*

By Invitation Only

A panel discussion featuring the stars of the popular show, *Power*, who will share their journey to success with the audience.

**Panelists:** Omari Hardwick, Joseph Sikora, Rotimi, Naturi Naughton

11:00 PM – 3:00 AM  
**LEGENDARY WHITE PARTY**

Nikki Beach

**Attire:** White Miami Chic

**Music by** D-Nice

## FRIDAY, JUNE 15

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM  
**REGISTRATION CENTER**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 4

Festival pass pick-up and sales

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
**MASTER CLASS: FILM FINANCING**

The Betsy Hotel, Gallery

*Sponsored by Prudential Financial*

Separate ticket required.

**Instructor:** Glendon Palmer, SVP Development and Production at AGC Studios. **Guest speakers:** Darrien Michele Gipson, National Director, SAGIndie and Taj Paxton, Head of Documentary Films, LOGO

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**EXHIBIT 1 PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA Sex, Politics, Film & TV**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana Foyer

Film and TV play a vital role in depicting the diversity within our own communities -- especially in our relationships, sexuality, and how we take care of ourselves. Swing by the Planned Parenthood Expo to learn more about incorporating accurate and nuanced stories related to our bodies, sexuality, and what it means to Stand With Black Women.

**EXHIBIT 2 ATLANTA MAYOR’S OFFICE OF FILM & ENTERTAINMENT**

Are you a filmmaker, music artist or digital entertainment entrepreneur? Learn from Atlanta Mayor’s Office of Film & Entertainment and Invest Atlanta about what financial incentives, funding opportunities, location diversity, production resources and professional support is available in ATLANTA as you plan your next production.

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
**AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSHOLDER LOUNGE**

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3:30 PM – Meet the Filmmakers (Emerging Directors)

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
**SPOTLIGHT SCREENING: BEST SHOT**

Colony Theatre

*Sponsored by YouTube*

Join ESPN Analyst and former National Basketball Association (NBA) star Jay Williams, along with NBA champion LeBron James, on a riveting journey to inspire students on the cusp of achieving life-changing dreams through basketball in *BEST SHOT*. The eight-episode series from SpringHill Entertainment, Boardwalk Pictures (“Chef’s Table,” “Lance Chance U”) and Warner Bros. Television Group’s digital studio Blue Ribbon Content, is coming to YouTube Red in 2018. ESPN analyst and former NBA star Jay Williams will be featured in the powerful new series as he pushes the team to reach heights beyond their wildest dreams.

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
**CELEBRITY SCENE STEALERS**

*Sponsored by TV One*

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

TV One presents an exciting twist on a screenplay table read. Popular actors perform three exciting scenes from the year’s finalists’ screenplays. One writer wins \$5,000 and the opportunity to have their screenplay developed and produced to premiere at the 2019 ABFF and broadcast on TV One. **Participants:** LeToya Luckett, Hosea Chanchez, Bre-Z, Imani Hakim, Tristan “MACK” Wilds and Chaley Rose

11:00 AM – 10:00 PM  
**FILM SCREENINGS**

Regal Cinema, Theaters 17 & 18

Narrative Features, Documentaries, Web Series

11:00 AM – 12:25 PM  
**KEVIN HART’S LOL NETWORK Reception and Film Screenings**

Regal Cinema, Theater 18

Enjoy breakfast and mimosas, and an opportunity to network with development and production executives from Laugh Out Loud and Codeblack Films before the premiere of the fellowship films!

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

**BUSINESS OF ENTERTAINMENT SEMINAR:  
NETFLIX ORIGINAL FILM:  
INCLUSION & DIVERSITY**

The Betsy Hotel, Gallery

The Netflix Original Film team is coming to ABFF to talk about inclusion and diversity. They're looking for up and coming African-American writers and filmmakers as well as freelance crew members. Netflix would also like to diversify the content and on-the-ground production teams.

**Panelists:** Noelle Green, Physical Production, Original Films; Tahirah Gooden, Development & Production, Original Films; Funa Maduka, Content Acquisitions, Global Independent Feature Films & Documentaries.

2:00 PM – 3:45 PM

**BUSINESS OF ENTERTAINMENT SEMINAR:  
TURNER PRESENTS DEVELOPMENT DEMYSTIFIED**

The Betsy Hotel, Gallery

Please join us to discuss the television and film development process presented by experts in the field from major networks and studios: Turner, HBO & Warner Bros. Learn how to land a development meeting, present in the meeting, and prepare your material for review by the gatekeepers.

Talent representatives may also be on-hand to give guidance on how to secure the right agent or lawyer. Followed by a networking session with the **panelists:**

Olivia Morris, Manager of Original Programming & Development, TBS; Ada Chiaghana, Director of Comedy Programming, HBO; Nijja Kuykendall, SVP of Production, Warner Bros.; Rohit Sang, EP, Original Programming & Development, truTV; Maura Feerick, Manager, Original Programming & Development, TNT; Rebecca Windsor, Director, Television Workshop-TV Current Programming, Warner Bros.; John Meigs, attorney, Hansen, Jacobson, Teller, Hoberman, Newman, Warren, Richman, Rush, Kaller & Gellman

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

**SPOTLIGHT SCREENING:  
INSIDE ATLANTA'S WRITERS ROOM**

Colony Theatre

*Sponsored by FX Networks*

Revisit the "FUBU" episode of ATLANTA's Robbin Season, then listen to **writer Stephen Glover** explain how it went from script to screen.

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**ABFF TALKS: STRONG BLACK LEAD:  
There's No One Way to be Black**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

*Sponsored by Netflix*

A panel focused on the creation of strong black lead characters – from script to screen – including writing tactics and production aspects.

**Panelists:** Simone Missick (*Luke Cage*), Sydelle Noel (*Glow*) Britney Young (*Glow*); Rev. Run and Justine Simmons (*All About The Washingtons*)

**Moderated by** Sylvia Obell, BUZZFEED

3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

**COMCAST XFINITY EXHIBIT**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana Foyer

At Comcast NBCUniversal, we want to be reflective of the communities we serve. We want diversity in front of the camera, behind the camera and in the business. Everyday thousands of our employees have a chance to make an impact and to build incredible experiences that touch millions.

**Please visit our expo as we celebrate Black Music Month with a special CELEBRITY MEET AND GREET featuring TV and music stars, Ryan Destiny from 4:00-4:30PM and Jacob Latimore from 4:30-5:00PM.**

4:45 PM – 6:00 PM

**BUSINESS OF ENTERTAINMENT SEMINAR:  
WRITE OR DIE**

The Betsy Hotel, Gallery

*sponsored by Color of Change*

The work from these change agents has moved the artistic needle just as much as its moved box office figures, TV ratings and subscriber interests. Committed to influencing culture and perspectives, the work of these writers demonstrates unparalleled dedication to bringing multicultural stories to the forefront of entertainment. They fearlessly deal with issues of race, gender, sexuality and economic disparities, making them some of the most highly sought after content creators in this business.

Introduction by Kristi Henderson, Senior Director Influencer Engagement, Color of Change

**Panelists:** Cheo Hodari Coker (*Luke Cage*), Karin Gist (*Star*), Kriss Turner Towner (*Greenleaf*)  
Moderated by Angela Rye, CNN Political Commentator

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**COCKTAILS, CONVERSATIONS  
& FINANCIAL FACTS***Sponsored by Prudential Financial*

The Betsy Hotel, Carlton Room

Thought leaders will chat about ways to achieve financial goals. Financial professionals from Prudential will be on hand to discuss any financial topic that concerns you.

**Speaker:** Shani Curry, Author

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**SPOTLIGHT SCREENING: LOVE IS \_\_\_\_\_**

Regal Cinema, Theater 18

*Sponsored by OWN*

Screening followed by a **Q&A with** Mara Brock Akil, Salim Akil, Michele Weaver, Will Catlett and Kadeem Hardison

**Moderated by** Amanda N'Duka

6:00 PM

**SPOTLIGHT SCREENING:  
THE BOBBY BROWN STORY:  
CLIPS & CONVERSATION***Sponsored by BET*

Colony Theatre

*The Bobby Brown Story* will chronicle the talented but troubled singer's exit from the popular '80s boy band through his solo success, his affair with Janet Jackson and tabloid-fodder marriage to pop icon Whitney Houston. Spanning 30 years of Brown's life, the new project follows his story from the hard streets of Roxbury, where he turned to a life of drug dealing before being given the chance to prove himself as a solo artist. Premieres September 4 & 5 on BET.

In anticipation of the forthcoming original special, *The Bobby Brown Story*, BET Networks presents "Clips & Conversation" featuring **Bobby Brown & Jesse Collins**, accompanied by actors **Woody McClain** and **Laz Alonso**. Never before seen preview footage will set the stage for a dynamic conversation moderated by Cori Murray (Entertainment Director, Essence) with talent, both in front of and behind the camera.

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**LINCOLN ROAD DINE AROUND**

Lincoln Road

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7:45 PM – 9:00 PM

**ABFF TALKS: HOT IN HOLLYWOOD***sponsored by American Airlines*

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 3

A discussion about the state of the industry with some of the most talented and popular black artists on both sides of the camera. These stars are making their impact in Hollywood and have had great success by virtue of multiple projects in the last year. Take this rare opportunity to hear their stories, goals and what it feels like to be Hot in Hollywood.

**Panelists:** Jacob Latimore (*The Chi*), Kofi Siriboe (*Queen Sugar*), Bresha Webb (*Marlon*), Logan Browning (*Dear White People*), Ashley Blaine Featherson (*Dear White People*).

**Moderated by** Dondré Whitfield (*Queen Sugar*)

9:45 PM – 11:30 PM

**ABFF "COMEDY WINGS" COMPETITION***sponsored by HBO*

New World Center, Performance Hall

Five emerging stand up comedians battle it out to take home the 2018 Comedy Wings "Winner" title.

**Hosted by** Yvonne Orji (*Insecure*)**SATURDAY, JUNE 16**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**REGISTRATION CENTER**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, Americana 4

Festival pass pick-up and sales

8:00 AM – 11:15 AM

**MASTER CLASS: NAILING YOUR AUDITION***Sponsored by Prudential Financial*  
Separate ticket required.

The Betsy Hotel, Gallery

Casting director, Kimberly Hardin, will lead an intensive workshop that focuses on preparation, how to audition and how to own the room, a comprehensive pragmatic approach to gaining employment, understanding pay rates/contracts, mastering one line and Under Five auditions, and maintaining a positive attitude while navigating this business. This session is designed to help students build confidence and personal presence when going into audition rooms.

**Guest speaker:** Ruth Paul, Senior Business Representative at SAG-AFTRA



9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**ABFF 2019 EXHIBIT:  
COOL PEOPLE, HOT CONTENT**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, **Americana Foyer**  
Stop by for a chance to win a free trip to the 23rd annual ABFF and get first look at our 2019 key art.

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**SPOTLIGHT SCREENING: DINNER FOR TWO**  
Colony Theatre*Sponsored by TV One*

Broken-hearted, Chris breaks bread with the love of his life, Angela, yearning to mend the pieces of his shattered life. Screening followed by a **Q&A with** Tristan Mack Wilds and Chaley Rose  
**Moderated by** Jubba Seyyid

11:00 AM – 10:00 PM

**FILM SCREENINGS**Regal Cinema, **Theaters 17 & 18**

Narrative Features, Documentaries, Web Series

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**ABFF TALKS: WITHOUT A NET:  
THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN AMERICA**

Loews Miami Beach Hotel, **Americana 3**  
*Sponsored by Verizon*

This film explores the disparity of access to technology and the effect it has on public school students. Lack of financing for bandwidth and devices in lower income communities is ensuring that the poverty gap will continue to widen – though unnecessarily so. With a focus and commitment to equalizing the playing field, all students can receive an education that will allow them to compete on the same level as all of their peers. Screening followed by an esteemed panel of experts in technology, social economics and education will discuss career prospects for African Americans in the tech field, with proper training and access. This is an opportunity to connect with the ABFF audience on a subject that will impact the future of the community.

**Panelists:** Jesse Williams (*Grey's Anatomy*) and Mimi Valdés (producer, *Hidden Figures*, *Roxanne*, *Roxanne*)

**Moderated by** Rose Kirk, Chief Corporate Social Responsibility Officer, Verizon

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

**BUSINESS OF ENTERTAINMENT SEMINAR:  
BLACK WOMEN and EXPERIMENTAL  
STORYTELLING: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES  
and INNOVATIONS IN CINEMA**The Betsy Hotel, **Gallery**

*Presented by Facebook and programmed in association with Daughters of Eve.*

This event will feature a screening of selected works from the 2018 Kathleen Collins Innovators and a talkback with the filmmakers.

**Panelists:** Natalie Bullock Brown, Filmmaker, Scholar (Baartman, Beyoncé & Me); Vashti Harrison Writer, Filmmaker (*Field Notes*) Taura Musgrove, Multimedia Filmmaker (*Freedom Fighter*); Ayoka Chenzira, Pioneering Filmmaker, Animator, Digital Media (*Alma's Rainbow*, *Hairpiece: A Film for Nappyheaded People*)

**Hosted by** Terri Prettyman Bowles and Dr. Michele Prettyman Beverly

2:15 PM – 3:30 PM

**SPOTLIGHT SCREENING: G-FUNK**

Regal Cinema

*Sponsored by YouTube*

Almost 25 years after the release of *Regulate*, Warren G details his rise in the industry and G-Funk's influence on the culture. Chronicling the 1990s to today, G-Funk features archived footage and revealing interviews from the likes of Snoop Dogg, Ice Cube, Big Boy and more, as they explore the origins of the most essential trend in West Coast rap that changed the face of music and culture forever.

**Theater 18**

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM

**SPOTLIGHT SCREENING: CLAWS**

Colony Theatre

*Sponsored by Turner / TNT*

Screening followed by a **Q&A with** Karrueche Tran, Dean Norris, Janine Sherman Barrois, Harold Perrineau.

**Episode 201:** "Shook": Desna (Niecy Nash) and the girls struggle to keep their hope alive while still working under the thumb of the new Russian regime, spearheaded by Riva. A blissful Desna remains in the dark about her gangster/gyno boyfriend, Ruval (Jimmy Jean-Louis). Virginia (Karrueche Tran) tells Dean (Harold Perrineau) that she's pregnant with his baby. A newly domesticated Polly (Carrie Preston) is jubilant when tasked with being a madam for an all-male dance troupe. Meanwhile, a depressed Uncle Daddy (Dean Norris), still reeling from the loss of his beloved Juanda, has been stripped of

his Dixie Mafia kingdom and is forced to do menial jobs for the Russians. The power dynamic shifts once again when Riva's sister, Zlata (Franka Potente), arrives to change the game.

**Moderated by** Cori Murray, Essence

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

**BUSINESS OF ENTERTAINMENT SEMINAR:  
GODCOMPLX: A CASE STUDY IN DIVERSITY**The Betsy Hotel, **Gallery***Sponsored by Google*

This Google-funded web series is a model for diversity in Hollywood. Come hear from Season 2 directors, producers, and writers behind the series about the creation of the show, why Google is involved in the entertainment space, and how you can help create positive perceptions about tech.

**Panelists:** Allen Maldonado, Nzinga Blake, Nakisha Celistan, Morenike Joela, Daraiha Green

**Moderated by** Malik Yoba

4:30 PM – 5:45 PM

**ABFF TALKS: A CONVERSATION  
WITH RYAN COOGLER**New World Center, **Performance Hall***Sponsored by Disney*

A conversation with 2011 HBO Short Film competition winner and writer/director Ryan Coogler, director of the groundbreaking film *Black Panther*.

**Moderator:** Nischelle Turner, Entertainment Tonight

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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**SPOTLIGHT SCREENING:  
SECRET HBO SNEAK SCREENING**

Colony Theatre

*Sponsored by HBO*

8:30 PM – 10:00 PM

**"BEST OF THE ABFF" AWARDS PRESENTATION**New World Center, **Performance Hall***Sponsored by DIRECTV NOW*

Winners of the festival's competitive film sections and talent pipeline programs are announced at this informal ceremony.

**Hosted by** Chris Spencer

8:30 PM – 10:30 PM

**SPOTLIGHT SCREENING: BLINDSPOTTING**Regal Cinema, **Theater 18***Courtesy of Lionsgate,**sponsored by Codeblack Films*

Lifelong friends Daveed Diggs and Rafael Casal co-wrote and star in this timely and wildly entertaining story about the intersection of race and class set against the backdrop of a rapidly gentrifying Oakland.

10:30 PM – 2:00 AM

**"IT'S SO MIAMI" CLOSING NIGHT PARTY**The Betsy Hotel, **Carlton Room, Gallery,****Atrium (Enter on Collins)****Music by** DJ Goodwill**SUNDAY, JUNE 17**

Lyric Theatre

**ABFF COMMUNITY DAY**

The Festival, in partnership with Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau presents a selection of dynamic films and events for the local community to enjoy.

11:00 AM

**WELCOME REMARKS**

11:30 AM

**CAREERS IN HOLLYWOOD**

**Panelists:** Roger Bobb (producer *Mann and Wife*, *Rickey Smiley For Real*), Jamal Watson, Director of Development, Overbrook Entertainment

12:45 PM

**Screening: THE FLEA, Official Selection of the  
2018 American Black Film Festival  
Q&A with** filmmaker Nicanson Guerrier

3:00 PM

**Screening: EVIDENCE OF INNOCENCE***Courtesy of TV One*

How would you survive inside the justice system if you were convicted of a crime you did not commit? TV One's *EVIDENCE OF INNOCENCE* spotlights the unbelievable true stories of four people who endured this life-altering nightmare—innocent of crimes for which they were arrested and ultimately imprisoned.

**Remarks by** Benjamin Crump

4:30 PM

**FLORIDA FILM HOUSE 1st TAKE YOUTH PROGRAM**

Screening of films created by young aspiring Miami-based filmmakers

REGAL

COLONY

SCREEN # 17 (269 SEATS)

SCREEN # 18 (160 SEATS)

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
									10:00 AM
<b>ANIMATOR</b> 11:00 AM 98 mins	<b>WEB SERIES FINALISTS</b> 11:00 AM 86 mins	<b>EMERGING DIRECTORS BLOCK #3</b> 11:00 AM 108 mins	<b>CHILDREN OF MUD</b> 11:15 AM 83 mins	<b>KEVIN HART'S LOL NETWORK</b> 11:00AM 45 mins	<b>CANAL STREET</b> 11:15 AM 94 mins	<b>BANGERS TO THE BIBLE</b> 10:30 AM 106 mins followed by <b>THE SIX DAY RACE</b>	<b>BEST SHOT</b> 10:30 AM 55 mins	<b>DINNER FOR TWO</b> 10:30 AM 84 mins	11:00 AM
									12:00 PM
									1:00 PM
<b>JINN</b> 2:00 PM 90 mins	<b>BEFORE THE VOWS</b> 1:50 PM 88 mins	<b>A BOY. A GIRL. A DREAM.</b> 2:20 PM 89 mins	<b>FANTASTIC: THE LEGACY OF SLUM VILLAGE</b> 2:00 PM 97 mins	<b>EMERGING DIRECTORS BLOCK #1</b> 1:25 PM 127 mins	<b>G-FUNK</b> 2:15 PM 45 mins	<b>DOWN FOR WHATEVER</b> 2:30 PM 84 mins	<b>ATLANTA - (F.U.B.U. EPISODE)</b> 2:30 PM 24 mins	<b>CLAWS</b> 2:30 PM 44 mins	2:00 PM
									3:00 PM
									4:00 PM
<b>CANAL STREET</b> 4:55 PM 94mins	<b>SPRINTER</b> 4:40 PM 114 mins	<b>THE FLEA</b> 5:10 PM 94 mins	<b>NOT IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD</b> 5:00 PM 86 mins		<b>BEFORE THE VOWS</b> 4:30 PM 88 mins				5:00 PM
									6:00 PM
					<b>LOVE IS ____</b> 6:00 PM 42 mins				6:00 PM
									7:00 PM
<b>THE FIRST PURGE</b> 8:00 PM 90 mins	<b>EMERGING DIRECTORS BLOCK #2</b> 8:00 PM 116 mins	<b>BLINDSPOTTING</b> 8:05 PM 90 mins	<b>SPRINTER</b> 7:50 PM 114 mins	<b>ANIMATOR</b> 8:15 PM 98 mins	<b>JINN</b> 7:20 PM 90 mins	<b>WHITNEY</b> 6:15 PM 120 mins	<b>THE BOBBY BROWN STORY</b> 6:00 PM 17 mins	<b>HBO SNEAK PREVIEW</b> 6:30 PM 30 mins	7:00 PM
									8:00 PM
									9:00 PM
								<b>REST IN POWER</b> 9:15 PM 43 mins	10:00 PM

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