

AT THE MOVIES

Black Film Festival leaves its mark

The scene was hot on the red carpet at the American Black Film Festival's awards ceremony held over the weekend at the Fillmore Miami Beach.

We ran into sexy hunks **Eric Benét**, **Terrell Owens** and **Mekhi Phifer**, who were in town to promote their various film projects.

For Benét and Owens, talking movies was a first. It's my first male lead," Benét said of his role in *Trinity Goodheart*. The "heartwarming, feel-good family movie" will premiere Aug. 20 on the Gospel Movie Channel.

Playing an "artistic, bohemian" dad to child star **Erica Gluck** brought back memories for the singer and ex-hubby of **Halle Berry**.

My daughter [**India**] is 19 now, but when I walked on the set for the first time, and I met

Erica, I realized there were so many similarities between her and my daughter," he says. "It made it so much easier for me to sink into the role."

Also testing his acting chops is football and reality star Owens in *Dysfunctional Friends*. True to form, T.O. could not care less about his critics: "Nervous about what? This is the fun part."

Speaking of fun, Phifer sported a raspy voice and a bottle of water, confessing that he had partied too much the night before.

We hear the former *ER* doc has been receiving praise for his role in *Torchwood: Mir-*

acle Day. Still, he took time to spread the love for his buds.

"Robert [Townsend's] *In The Hive* is amazing." And Benét? "Eric's my man. I'm looking forward to seeing his movie. ... I heard great things."

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