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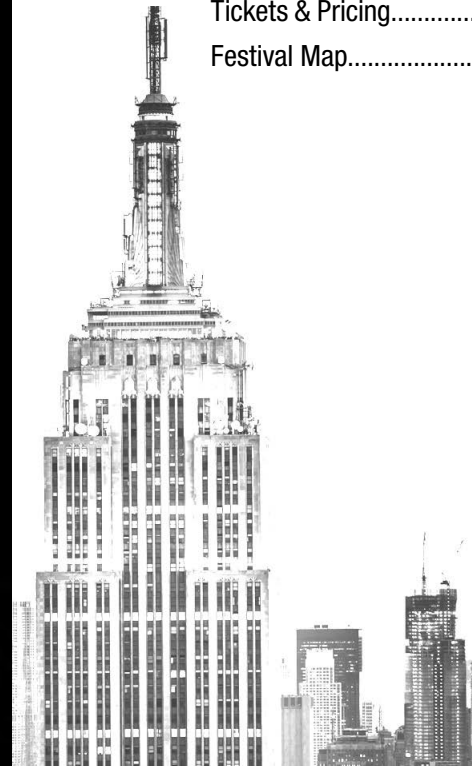


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## WELCOME

On behalf of Film Life, Inc., it is an honor to personally welcome you all to the 18th annual American Black Film Festival for the first-time ever in New York City, one of the most thrilling, interesting cities in the world. We are delighted to present the ABFF in the place where diverse minds meet and the culture spectrum is vast.

For the last 18 years, the ABFF has maintained a solid foothold as the most distinguished film festival for filmmakers and artists of African descent. I also continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity and of the spirit of kindness that our corporate sponsors demonstrate every single year.

I am exceedingly thankful to our Founding Sponsor and Premier Sponsor, HBO®, for being unwaveringly dedicated to the festival. To Cadillac, another Premier Sponsor; Black Enterprise, our Premier Media Sponsor, American Airlines, Colgate Optic White, Time Warner Foundation, who hold the place of Signature Sponsors, UP, BET Networks, Comcast/NBCUniversal, Stella Artois, our Official Sponsors, and Adult Swim, American Family Insurance, Aspire, CNN Films, Gentle Treatment, Grab Media, Moguldom Entertainment, Nielsen as Supporting Sponsors as well as our other Media and Promotional Partners. I am grateful for your steadfast commitment to the ABFF and for the cooperative effort to create an incomparable event.

For the past eighteen years, the ABFF has proudly screened over 800 films and given a platform to exceptionally talented filmmakers by introducing their work to the broader film industry and to those who have an honest interest in the Black experience and culture reflected in the stories that are expressively imagined on screen.

This year, I ask that you participate in every part of the festival – from the impressive film screenings, including twelve world premieres, to the ABFF University Talk Series and Panels, Master Classes and, of course, the events and parties! Please enjoy the celebration that is undoubtedly one of the best in the industry.

I would like to especially thank all of the filmmakers and film enthusiasts who will gather in New York City for ABFF's inaugural year! We are looking forward to an amazing four days! And, as always, a heartfelt thank you to the ABFF staff. Your extraordinary effort to make all things possible is reflected in the continued success of the American Black Film Festival.

Jeff Friday,  
ABFF Founder/CEO, Film Life, Inc



Dear ABFF Participants:

Welcome to Film Life's 18th Annual American Black Film Festival. As founding and premier sponsor of the ABFF, HBO is proud of its continued involvement in celebrating the creative talent in the black film community.

Our long-standing partnership with the ABFF has allowed us to play an integral part in the festival's efforts in support of aspiring actors and filmmakers through competitions, workshops and panels, networking opportunities and the sharing of creative resources and visions. This could not be done without the full support and contributions of HBO divisions who send representatives including those attending this year – Film Programming, Documentary, Original Programming, Talent Relations, Marketing, Production, Business Affairs, Human Resources and Corporate Social Responsibility. Also joining us are talent from our award-winning original series.

At this year's festival, HBO is sponsoring several key events where you can meet and greet the HBO staff, including our 17th Annual HBO® Short Film Award competition which has been presented as part of the ABFF's competitive film program since it was established by in 1998.

As in the past, we have invited five filmmakers to the ABFF to vie for the HBO® Short Film Award in a final round of competition, to be held on June 20th at

8:45 p.m. at the SVA Theater. Created to honor the writing and directing talents of young filmmakers, the 2014 competition will culminate with a \$10,000 grand prize presented to one winner during the ABFF's Awards presentation on closing night.

In addition, we will be hosting a new element, The HBO Character & Scene Studio on June 20th at 4:30 pm, as well as two events at the Metropolitan Pavilion – the second annual ABFF Comedy Wings Competition Finals on June 21st at 9:00 pm and the HBO Programming Panel Discussion: A Peek Behind the Curtain on June 22nd at 2:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you at these and all the other festivities and events at the festival and extend our warmest congratulations to the ABFF and its sponsors on its 18th year of serving, supporting and empowering the black film community. As always, special thanks to Jeff Friday and his staff for creating an influential forum that gives new talent public and industry recognition.

Sincerely,

Dennis Williams  
Vice President, Corporate Social  
Responsibility

HBO



June 19, 2014

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to Film Life's 18th Annual American Black Film Festival.

New York City has always been a place where culture and creativity have thrived, and my administration is determined to ensure that people from every neighborhood and every background can be part of the extraordinary cultural life of the five boroughs. For nearly two decades, ABFF has shared this goal, taking steps to increase diversity in film and television by showcasing work about and by those of African descent. Featuring inspiring and thought-provoking films and providing festival goers with the chance to attend master classes, panel discussions, and more, this exciting event offers different viewpoints on today's most complex social issues and works to help a wider audience understand the African American experience. Chirlane and I are delighted to welcome ABFF to New York and applaud its vital role in advancing the film industry and in strengthening artistic communities here in our city and beyond.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, congratulations to all of the filmmakers, actors, and writers whose work is being featured here this week. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful festival, and enjoy the show!

Sincerely,

Bill de Blasio  
Mayor



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**THURSDAY, JUNE 19**

**Hollywood Creative Forum East**

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

A career forum for scripted television producers and writers.

*Presented by* the Walter Kaitz Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that promotes inclusion and participation of women and people of color in the cable telecommunications industry.

**Pre-Registration Pick-Up (Passes & Tickets)**

12:00 NOON - 7:00 PM  
Marriott Residence Inn

**Walk-Up Sales**

12:00 NOON - 7:00 PM  
Marriott Residence Inn

**Filmmaker Reception**

5:00 PM  
*Hosted by* BET Networks and Stella Artois  
By invitation only

**Red Carpet Arrivals for *Think Like A Man Too* (New York Premiere)**

7:00 PM - 7:45 PM  
SVA Theatre

***Think Like A Man Too* (New York Premiere)**

8:00 PM  
SVA Theatre  
Gala Screening, *courtesy of* Screen Gems  
Directed by Tim Story, produced by Will Packer, starring Kevin Hart, Taraji P. Henson, Michael Ealy, Gabrielle Union, La La Anthony, Terrence J and Romany Malco.  
Passholders Only

***Think Like A Man Too* After Party (Opening Night Party)**

10:00 PM  
Providence NYC  
Music by DJ D-Nice

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20**

**Master Class: Bill Duke's Actors Boot Camp (Day I)**

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Metropolitan College of NY / 11th Floor  
This session is part of the ABFF University Master Class Series, *presented by* the Time Warner Foundation, in association with the ABFF Foundation, and the Metropolitan College of New York.  
Visit [www.abff.com](http://www.abff.com) for class overview.  
Separate ticket required

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10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Marriott Residence Inn

**Walk-Up Sales**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Marriott Residence Inn  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Metropolitan Pavilion

**Film Screenings**

11:30 AM - 11:00 PM  
SVA Theatre  
Features, Documentaries & Spotlight Screenings  
View screening schedule at [www.abff.com](http://www.abff.com).

**Hollywood TrailerFest®**

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
SVA Theatre  
A sneak peak at the upcoming movie trailers from the major film studios including: Paramount Pictures, Sony Pictures Entertainment, 20th Century Fox, Universal Pictures, Walt Disney Studios, and Warner Bros.  
*Presented in Association with* Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).  
Passholders Only

**Master Class: "How to Avoid the Pitfalls of Producing"**

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
Metropolitan College of NY / 11th Floor  
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Separate ticket required

**Live Read! UP TV Faith and Family Competition**

3:50 PM - 5:20 PM  
SVA Theatre  
The table read is an essential part of the filmmaking process. See how it's done when UP presents the selected scenes of three new finalists' screenplays – *Finding Home*, *The Kid: An American Fable*, and *Island in the Sun* – performed by actors including Charles S. Dutton and Tatyana Ali!

**The HBO® Character and Scene Studio**

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
Helen Mills Theater / 137 W. 26th St. & 7th Ave.  
Join HBO for a dynamic and fun workshop that encourages emerging writers/directors to be daring and think out of the box. Selected writers/directors (Shaka King, Nikyatu Jusu, Darius Clark Monroe and Steven Caple, Jr.) will work with HBO programming executives to develop original and clever scenes, performed live by talented actors in front of an ABFF audience. A Q&A will follow the performance.  
Passholders Only

**Master Class: Writing for Television**

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
Metropolitan College of NY / 11th Floor  
This session is part of the ABFF University Master Class Series, *presented by* the Time Warner Foundation, in association with the ABFF Foundation, the Writers Guild of America, East (WGAE) and the Metropolitan College of New York. Special guest speaker: Terence Winter (*The Wolf of Wall Street*, *Boardwalk Empire*, *The Sopranos*)  
Visit [www.abff.com](http://www.abff.com) for class overview.  
Separate ticket required

**American Airlines Passholder Lounge**

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Metropolitan Pavilion / 2nd Floor  
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**The Leading Man**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
Metropolitan Pavilion  
*Presented by* BET Networks  
During the panel talented actors Morris Chestnut (*The Best Man Holiday*), Omari Hardwick (*Power*, *Being Mary Jane*) and Stephen Bishop (*Being Mary Jane*) will discuss the images of Black men projected in film and television, share stories about their journeys to success in front of the camera, and discuss the messages they wish to convey to boys and young men in the community. This event has been programmed in support of President Obama's "My Brother's Keeper" initiative. Moderated by: Dr. Marc Lamont Hill (CNN, BET News).

**Spotlight Screening: "Black Dynamite" Season 2 Premiere**

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM  
SVA Theatre  
Spotlight Screening, *courtesy of* Adult Swim  
Black Dynamite, the hit animated Adult Swim series is based on the 2009 critically acclaimed feature film and chronicles the exploits of the central character, Black Dynamite (Michael Jai White) and his crew. Get an exclusive first look at the upcoming second season as well as a behind the scenes look at how the show is put together, followed by a question and answer session with cast and producers.  
Panelists Include: Michael Jai White, Byron Minns, Carl Jones, Scott Fuselier and Walter Newman

**HBO® Short Film Competition**

8:45 PM  
SVA Theatre  
Five emerging filmmakers showcase their work and vie for a \$10,000 cash prize, and the opportunity to be considered for broadcast on one of HBO's programming services.  
Passholders Only

**Partner Event: Henry @ The Hudson Hotel**

10:00 PM  
356 W. 58th Street  
Special Guest DJ(s)  
Free Admission with Festival Passes

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

**Master Class: Bill Duke's Actors Boot Camp (Day II)**

**8:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

Metropolitan College of NY / 11th Floor  
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**Separate ticket required**

**Pre-Registration Pick-Up (Passes & Tickets)**

**10:00 AM - 9:00 PM**

Metropolitan Pavilion

**Walk-Up Sales**

**10:00 AM - 9:00 PM**

Metropolitan Pavilion

**Entertainment & Lifestyle Expo**

**10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

Metropolitan Pavilion

Enjoy refreshments, socializing and unique interactive experiences in lounges hosted by Cadillac, NBCUniversal, Stella Artois and UP/Verizon FIOS.

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**Film Screenings**

**11:30 AM - 11:00 PM**

SVA Theatre

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**Hollywood Diversity Report**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Metropolitan Pavilion

*Presented by* the Time Warner Foundation

A panel discussion exploring the relationship between diversity and the bottom line in the film and television industry.

Invited Panelists: Dr. Darnell Hunt, Professor and Bunche Center Director at UCLA; Jenny Lumet, Screenwriter (*Rachel Getting Married*); Tambay Obenson, CEO/Film Critic, Shadow and Act  
Moderator: Don Lemon, Anchor, CNN Newsroom

**Master Class: Robert Townsend's "The Ultimate Pitch"**

**1:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

Metropolitan College of NY / 11th Floor

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**Separate ticket required**

**The Star Project Final Auditions**

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

*Presented by* NBCUniversal

Six actors - Cherelle Cargill, Kimberley Mitchell, Antu Yacob, Caleb Davis, Stefan Dezil and Rashawn Vaughn - vie for the grand-prize of an opportunity to meet with casting directors for film and television at NBCUniversal in Los Angeles, and a walk-on role on the award-winning NBC daytime drama, "Days of our Lives."

**By invitation only**

**Spike Lee...Ya Dig!**

**2:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

Metropolitan Pavilion

*Presented by* Cadillac

Media Partner: EBONY magazine

A conversation with Spike Lee and retrospective of his groundbreaking and influential body of work.

Moderator: Roland Martin, Media Personality

**Sex, Hollywood & Cocktails**

**4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

Metropolitan Pavilion

*Presented by* Planned Parenthood

**Spotlight Screening: "Come Back Dad" (World Premiere)**

**4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

SVA Theatre

*Courtesy of* UP - Directed by Russ Parr

Nima Babineaux appears to have it all until her absentee father, Othell, decides it is time to make amends and tries to reenter her life. This "2013 Honorable Mention" from UP's Faith & Family Screenplay Competition is written by Kimberly Walker. Stars Charles S. Dutton, Loretta Devine, Tatyana Ali and Brad James.

**Master Class: Rob Hardy's Amazing Stories**

**4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Metropolitan College of NY / 11th Floor

This session is part of the ABFF University Master Class Series, *presented by* the Time Warner Foundation, in association with the ABFF Foundation and the Metropolitan College of New York.

Hear how this award-winning director turned his life around to realize his dreams and be inspired.

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**Separate ticket required**

**"Because of You" - A Conversation with Phylicia & Condola Rashad**

**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

Metropolitan Pavilion

*Presented by* American Airlines

A candid interview with one of America's most beloved TV mothers, Phylicia Rashad, and her daughter, actress Condola Rashad. They will discuss their perspectives on the business, their individual journeys within it, and share how they have inspired and motivated each other as mother and daughter.

Moderator: Star Jones, Media Personality

**Spotlight Screening: "Through A Black Lens"**

**6:35 PM - 8:05 PM**

SVA Theatre

*Presented by* American Family Insurance - in association with Morris Chestnut.

*Brakedown* - Unsure of what the night will bring, 13 year-old Sam decides to attend her first school dance and, to her surprise, rediscovers a dream that she thought was lost. The film was inspired by the winning dream from American Family Insurance's Through A Black Lens contest.

**ABFF Comedy Wings Competition Finals**

**9:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

Metropolitan Pavilion

*Presented by* HBO

The four competition finalists - Amberia Allen of Baskerville, CA, Hadiyah Robison of Brooklyn, NY, Jon Laster of Brooklyn, NY and Schmitt B. of Chicago, IL - battle it out before a panel of talent executives and celebrity judges to see who will win the 2014 title and the grand prize of \$2,500. Host: Chris Spencer (Comedian, Creator and Executive Producer - *Real Husbands of Hollywood*)

**A Genius Leaves the Hood: The Unauthorized Story of JAY Z**

**9:35 PM - 10:35 PM**

SVA Theatre

Spotlight Screening *courtesy of* Moguldom Studios  
On the surface, "A Genius Leaves the Hood: The Unauthorized Story of Jay Z" chronicles how hip-hop's most successful rapper of the past two decades reached the top; but at its core, the film attempts to divulge the savvy and cunning business acumen of a mogul who decided being at the top of the charts wasn't enough.

**Partner Event: "A Night at the Carlton"**

**10:00 PM**

The Carlton Hotel, 88 Madison Ave

*Presented by* Friends of the American Black Film Festival New Jersey. Music by DJ SNS

Tickets available at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

**Separate ticket required**

## SUNDAY, JUNE 22

**Pre-Registration Pick-Up  
(Passes & Tickets)**  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Metropolitan Pavilion

**Walk-Up Sales**  
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
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**Film Screenings**  
11:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
SVA Theatre  
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**Get On Up - Meet the Star-Studded Cast  
of the Upcoming James Brown Biopic**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Metropolitan Pavilion  
*Presented by Universal Pictures*  
Panelists: Chadwick Boseman, Tika Sumpter and Nelsan Ellis  
Moderator: Tamron Hall (NBC Today Show)

**Spotlight Screening: Life's Essentials  
with Ruby Dee (World Premiere)**  
1:50 PM - 3:15 PM  
SVA Theatre  
*Presented by Daughters of Eve Productions, sponsored by Macy's*  
In this open-letter-style documentary, Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis' rich lives guide their grandson on his personal quest to master lasting love, conscious art, and undying activism.

**Spotlight Screening: "ABFF  
Independent" Season 3 Sneak Peek**  
2:10 PM - 3:25 PM  
SVA Theatre  
*Courtesy of ASPIRE TV*  
ASPIRE TV offers you a sneak peek of its original series ABFF Independent Season 3 hosted by Omari Hardwick, and shares how your film project can be a part of this flagship series.

**HBO® Programming Panel: A Peek  
Behind the Curtain**  
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
Metropolitan Pavilion  
HBO aligns the stars of some of its colorful programming for a moderated discussion featuring a mix of creators, producers and talent who will talk about their creative journeys and current HBO projects.  
Join moderator Neill Drummond and cast/crew members from *Boardwalk Empire* (Creator Terence Winter, Howard Korder, Michael Kenneth Williams, Kelly Macdonald), *Getting On* (Niecy Nash, Brandon Fobbs) and *True Blood* (Nelsan Ellis, Joe Manganiello).

**Spotlight Screening: Rise Up (North  
American Premiere)**  
4:10 PM - 5:55 PM  
SVA Theatre  
*Presented by UMC Urban Movie Channel*  
"Rise Up" is a full-length fictionalized account of true events and tells the story of an educated Nigerian girl's return to her rural community to become the leader of a local movement fighting against the polluting oil company

**"The Best of the ABFF" Awards  
Presentation**  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM  
Metropolitan Pavilion  
The festival's closing awards celebration, where the much-anticipated independent film awards and talent competition winners are announced.

**Red Carpet Arrivals for Da' Sweet  
Blood of Jesus (World Premiere)**  
6:00 PM - 6:45 PM  
SVA Theatre

**Gala Screening: Da' Sweet Blood of  
Jesus (World Premiere)**  
7:00 PM  
SVA Theatre  
Directed by Spike Lee  
*Courtesy of 40 Acres and a Mule Filmworks*  
**Passholders Only**

**Gala Screening: Da' Sweet Blood of  
Jesus (Encore)**  
9:45 PM  
SVA Theatre  
Directed by Spike Lee  
*Courtesy of 40 Acres and a Mule Filmworks*

**Spotlight Screening: Life's Essentials  
with Ruby Dee (Encore)**  
9:55 PM  
SVA Theatre  
*Presented by Daughters of Eve Productions, sponsored by Macy's*  
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## GALA SCREENINGS

OPENING & CLOSING NIGHT FILMS

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THURSDAY, JUNE 19

SVA Theatre  
8:00 pm

### Opening Night Film

#### THINK LIKE A MAN TOO

2014 USA 100 MIN HD  
Courtesy of Screen Gems

Produced by Will Packer  
Directed by Tim Story  
Written by Keith Merryman

Cast: Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara,  
Meagan Good, Regina Hall, Taraji  
P. Henson, Terrence J, Romany  
Malco, Wendi McLendon-Covey,  
Gary Owen, Gabrielle Union, La  
La Anthony and Kevin Hart



All the couples are back for a wedding in Las Vegas, but plans for a romantic weekend go awry when their various misadventures get them into some compromising situations that threaten to derail the big event.





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SUNDAY, JUNE 22

SVA Theatre  
7:00 pm & 9:45 pm

## Closing Night Film

### DA' SWEET BLOOD **WP** OF JESUS

2014 USA 124 MIN HD  
Courtesy of 40 Acres and a  
Mule Filmworks

Produced, written and directed  
by Spike Lee

Cast: Tyrone Williams, Zarah  
Abrahams, Lauren Macklin and  
Elvis Nolasco



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# NARRATIVE FEATURES

KEY | SVA SVA Theatre IC In Competition

## BLACKBIRD

2014 USA 99 MIN HD



NEW YORK PREMIERE

A young singer struggles with his sexuality and the treatment of others while coming of age in a small Southern Baptist community.

Produced by Keith Brown, Carol Ann Shine, Patrik-Ian Polk and Isaiah Washington | Directed by Patrik-Ian Polk | Written by Rikki Beadle Blair and Patrik-Ian Polk, based on the novel "Blackbird" by Larry Duplechan | Cast: Mo'Nique, Isaiah Washington, Julian Walker, Terrell Tilford, Torrey Laamar, Nikki Jane, Gary L. Gray, Kevin Allee, D. Woods and Lindsay Seim

SVA FRI, 6/20 5:50 PM BEATRICE

## HARD TIME BUS

2013 UNITED KINGDOM 86 MIN HD



NEW YORK PREMIERE

After a rude awakening, carefree and deceitful Mark Bishop makes hasty plans to marry his long-term girlfriend Denise, but soon learns with complacency comes risk.

Produced by Nicola Gregory and Dean Charles | Directed by Dean Charles | Written by Owen Mowatt | Cast: Neil Reidman, Naomi Ryan and Roger Griffiths

SVA SAT, 6/21 3:40 PM BEATRICE

## CRU

2013 USA 85 MIN RED



WORLD PREMIERE

Nearly twenty years after a tragedy, the reunion of four high school friends opens old wounds, exposes long-hidden secrets and paves the road to forgiveness and redemption.

Produced by Danny Green, Courtney Triggs, Matthew Hatchette | Directed by Alton Glass | Written by Alton Glass & Oliver W. Ottley III | Cast: Keith Robinson, Richard T. Jones, Melissa De Sousa, Antwon Tanner, Sammi Rotibi, Harry J. Lennix and Alison Eastwood

SVA SAT, 6/21 1:50 PM SILAS

## HEAR NO EVIL

2013 USA 90 MIN HD



WORLD PREMIERE

A freak accident jolts 15 year-old Shelby Carson from her peaceful world of silence and seclusion to the center of a world of chaos, confusion and imminent danger. As she struggles to cope with her new found circumstances, Shelby battles with what she learns about the people around her; complete strangers and her dearest loved ones. What seems to be a blessing from God on the surface could very well be a curse.

Produced by UpToParr Productions | Directed by Russ Parr

SVA SAT, 6/21 8:55 PM BEATRICE

## DEVIL IN THE DETAIL

2014 GHANA 93 MIN HD



NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

A suspicious affair ruins an almost perfect marriage as husband and wife go on a wild goose chase into the world of sex, lies and betrayal, risking everything in one of the craziest love triangles ever.

Produced by Shirley Frimpong Manso and Ken Attoh | Written and directed by Shirley Frimpong Manso | Cast: Ama Ampofo, Adjetye Anang, Eckow Smith Asante and Nse Ikpe Etim

SVA FRI, 6/20 12:00 NOON BEATRICE

## MYRA'S ANGEL

2014 USA 105 MIN HD



WORLD PREMIERE

A film about a man's journey for redemption, as he tries to clear his name of a robbery he didn't commit.

Produced by Richard "Rip" Hamilton, Skye Dennis, Antonio Lambertis, Shane Daniels and Hakim Hudson | Directed by Skye Dennis and Hakim Hudson | Written by Skye Dennis | Cast: Tobi Gadison, Christopher Mann, Brian Anthony Wilson, John Canada Terrell, Omilio Sparks, Franklin Ojeda Smith, Antonio Lambertis and Skye Dennis

SVA SAT, 6/21 7:00 PM SILAS

## FIRST IMPRESSION

2013 USA 108 MIN HD



NEW YORK PREMIERE

"First Impression" is a romantic comedy that takes you on an enchanting journey into the complex world of Internet dating.

Produced by Regis Le'Bron, Tabari Sturdivant and Lamman Rucker | Directed by Arthur Muhammad | Written by Regis Le'Bron | Cast: Lamman Rucker, Lisa Arrindell Anderson and Elise Neal

SVA FRI, 6/20 3:45 PM SILAS

## RISE UP

2014 NIGERIA 104 MIN DV



NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

"Rise Up" is a full-length fictionalized account of true events and tells the story of an educated Nigerian girl's return to her rural community to become the leader of a local movement fighting against the polluting oil company.

Produced by Jeta Amata, Ori Ayonmike, Wil-son Ebiye and Dede Mabiaku | Written and directed by Jeta Amata | Cast: Mbong Amata, Mickey Rourke, Kim Basinger, Hakeem Kae Kzim, Akon, Wyclef, Anne Heche and Enyinna Nwigwe

SVA SUN, 6/22 4:10 PM SILAS

# NARRATIVE FEATURES

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## SWEETBOY

2013 UNITED KINGDOM 90 MIN HD



WORLD PREMIERE

A married man's philandering ways catch up with him when his three girlfriends hold him to ransom.

Produced by Pamela Vanderpuije and Anthony Vander | Directed by Anthony Vander | Written by Joe Havey | Cast: Joseph Benti, Jason Carter, Henry Douthwaite, Simone McIntyre, Keisha Watson and Linda Mathis

SVA SAT, 6/21 1:20 PM BEATRICE

## UN SOUND

2014 USA 93 MIN HD



An ambitious, young filmmaker must battle his mother's mental illness and his worst fears to save her from herself and reclaim his life.

Produced by Darius J. Britt, Troy Hollar, Damon Mosier and Christina Marafino | Written and directed by Darius J. Britt | Cast: Toreene Wolf, Darius Britt, R.D. Mower and Kevin Black

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## UNA VIDA

2014 USA 97 MIN HD



NEW YORK PREMIERE

A disillusioned scientist finds redemption in the peace he brings to a beautiful jazz singer suffering from a debilitating disease in New Orleans.

Produced by Richie Adams, Brent Caballero, Nicolas Bazan and Nancy Green-Keyes | Directed by Richie Adams | Written by Richie Adams and Nicolas Bazan | Cast: Joaquim de Almeida, Bill Cobbs, Ruth Negga, Aunjanue Ellis, Sharon Lawrence and Andre Royo

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Films in Competition are eligible for the following 2014 Grand Jury Awards:

Best Screenplay, *presented by* the Time Warner Foundation

Best Actress, *presented by* Gentle Treatment

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# DOCUMENTARIES

The following films compete for the Grand Jury for Award for Best Documentary presented by CNN Films.

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## 25 TO LIFE

2013 USA 81MIN HD



William Brawner was infected with HIV before he was two years old and kept it a secret for over twenty-five years. Now he struggles to confront his promiscuous past and embarks on a new phase of life with his pregnant wife, who is HIV-negative. "25 TO LIFE" is a startlingly new and critical look at HIV and AIDS in America through the intimate perspective of the Brawner family and the African American middle class community that has been affected by one man's HIV diagnosis.

Directed by: Mike L. Brown | Produced by: Leah Natasha Thomas, Khaliah Neal, Yvonne Shirley | Executive Produced by: Ron Simons

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## NELSON MANDELA: THE MYTH & ME

2013 GERMANY/SOUTH AFRICA 85 MIN HD



Nelson Mandela is viewed as one of the greatest political icons of the 20th century. His message of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation has inspired people across the globe. He was elected as the first democratic president of South Africa. How do people interpret Nelson Mandela's message of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation in today's world?

Produced by Carolyn Carew, Christian Beetz and Kerstin Meyer-Beetz | Directed by Khalo Matabane | Written by Khalo Matabane

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## TRANSCENDING SURGEON

2014 USA 53 MIN HD



"Transcending Surgeon" is a documentary film about renowned trauma surgeon Dr. Edward Cornwell III and the challenges and impact of his career. This film explores Dr. Cornwell's family upbringing, mentors, education and other guiding forces that led to his successful career. It does so in the context of African American pioneers in medicine, and that many of his patients represent the realities of another side of urban African American life, communities beset by poverty, inadequate education and violence.

Produced by Kirsten Hampton | Written and directed by Sam Hampton

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*A cut above.*



# HBO® SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Friday, June 20, 8:45 pm

KEY | SVA SVA Theatre



HBO's prestigious award, which has been part of the ABFF's competitive film program since it was established in 1998, will once again honor the writing and directing talents of emerging Black filmmakers. A special screening will showcase the five films shown here for the final round of competition. A \$10,000 grand prize will be awarded to the top winner during the ABFF's Awards presentation on closing night. Join us **Friday, June 20, 8:45 pm, at the SVA Theatre.**

The winner will be announced at the "The Best of the ABFF" Awards Presentation, Saturday, June 22.

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## DAWN.

2014 USA 18 MIN HD



After several prison stints, Dawn is determined to right her wrongs, but the years locked away may have damaged her.

Produced by Ralph Lopez, Ya'Ke Smith and Patty Newton | Written by Ya'Ke Smith, Mikala Gibson | Directed by Ya'Ke Smith | Cast: Mikala Gibson, Monica Peña, Nadine Mozon, Daniel Tanner and Tyrees Allen

SVA FRI, 6/20 8:45 PM

## THE PERFECT SACRIFICE

2014 USA 20 MIN RED



After her son is kidnapped and brutally murdered in Mississippi in 1955, his mother fights to have an open casket funeral in order to expose the ugly racial problem facing the country at that time.

Produced by Shawn Mowlai and Tiffany Littlejohn | Written and directed by Tiffany Littlejohn | Cast: Nakia Secrest, Tyler Parks, Michael Delon, TJ Howard, and Idrees Degas

SVA FRI, 6/20 8:45 PM

## MUTED

2014 USA 18 MIN RED



The Gladwell's struggle to get the support of media and law enforcement when their teenage daughter disappears.

Written and produced by Brandi Ford | Directed by Rachel Goldberg | Cast: Chandra Wilson, Malcolm-Jamal Warner, Daniele Watts, and Jorge-Luis Pallo

SVA FRI, 6/20 8:45 PM

## WHEN IT ALL FALLS DOWN...

2014 USA 18 MIN RED



When the truest love seems lost, will two soul mates find it before it's too late?

Produced by Elliott "Lee" Cowart and Kalon Jackson | Written and directed by Terron Jones | Cast: Branden Wellington and MaameYaa Boafa

SVA FRI, 6/20 8:45 PM

## IR/RECONCILABLE

2014 USA 18 MIN HD



Lifelong drug abuser, Robye Porter, has stared down her demons. But now she must face a much scarier challenge: her family. As a repeat offender of emotional injury, Robye's homecoming leads us to wonder if there is space for the sobriety of forgiveness.

Written and directed by Gabrielle Fulton | Produced by Gabrielle Fulton, Danielle Deadwyler, Karen Mason, and William Ponder | Cast: Jasmine Guy, Dick Gregory, Brandon Dirden, and Crystal Fox

SVA FRI, 6/20 8:45 PM



## A GENIUS LEAVES THE HOOD: THE UNAUTHORIZED STORY OF JAY Z

2014 USA 58 MIN HD



On the surface, "A Genius Leaves the Hood: The Unauthorized Story of Jay Z" chronicles how hip-hop's most successful rapper of the past two decades reached the top; but at its core, the film attempts to divulge the savvy and cunning business acumen of a mogul who decided being at the top of the charts wasn't enough.

Courtesy of Moguldom Studios

Produced by Jamarlin Martin and Marve Frazier | Directed by Barion Grant

SVA SAT, 6/21 9:35 PM SILAS

## LIFE'S ESSENTIALS WITH RUBY DEE

2014 USA 87 MIN HD



In this open-letter-style documentary, Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis' rich lives guide their grandson on his personal quest to master lasting love, conscious art, and undying activism.

Presented by Daughters of Eve Productions, sponsored by Macy's

Produced by NJ Frank | Directed by Muta'Ali Muhammad | Featuring: Ruby Dee, Ossie Davis, Harry Belafonte, Phylicia Rashad, Angela Basset, Alan Alda, Danny Glover, Cicely Tyson, Spike Lee, S. Epatha Merkerson, Malik Yoba, Dr. Cornel West, Giancarlo Esposito, Hill Harper, Sonia Sanchez, Marc Morial, Vernon Jordan, Samuel L. Jackson and Michelle Alexander

SVA SUN, 6/22 1:50 PM SILAS 9:55 PM BEATRICE

## ABFF INDEPENDENT Season 3 Sneek Peek

2014 USA 75 MIN



ASPIRE TV offers you a sneak peek of its original series ABFF Independent Season 3 hosted by Omari Hardwick, and shares how your film project can be a part of this flagship series.

Courtesy of ASPIRE

Produced by Sean Johnson | Panelists: Paul Butler, General Manager, ASPIRE TV; Tina Thompson, Director, Programming, ASPIRE TV; Sean Johnson, Producer, ABFF Independent

SVA SUN, 6/22 2:10 PM BEATRICE

## THROUGH A BLACK LENS

2014 USA 97 MIN HD



*Brakedown* - Unsure of what the night will bring, 13 year-old Sam decides to attend her first school dance and, to her surprise, rediscovers a dream that she thought was lost. The film was inspired by the winning dream from American Family Insurance's Through A Black Lens contest.

Presented by American Family Insurance - in association with Morris Chestnut.

SVA SAT, 6/21 6:35 PM BEATRICE

## BLACK DYNAMITE Season 2 Premiere

2014 USA 22 MIN ANIMATED HD



Black Dynamite, the hit animated Adult Swim series is based on the 2009 critically acclaimed feature film and chronicles the exploits of the central character, Black Dynamite (Michael Jai White) and his crew. Get an exclusive first look at the upcoming second season as well as a behind the scenes look at how the show is put together, followed by a question and answer session with cast and producers. Panelists Include: Michael Jai White, Byron Minns, Carl Jones, Scott Fuselier and Walter Newman

Courtesy of Adult Swim

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## COME BACK DAD

2013 USA 88 MIN



Nima Babineaux appears to have it all until her absentee father, Othell, decides it is time to make amends and tries to reenter her life. This "2013 Honorable Mention" from UP's Faith & Family Screenplay Competition was written by ABFF alum Kimberly Walker.

Courtesy of UP

Directed by Russ Parr | Written by Kimberly Walker | Cast: Charles S. Dutton, Loretta Devine, Tatyana Ali and Brad James

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# WEBISODES

The following webisodes compete for the ABFF Webisode Challenge Award. View and cast your vote now at [www.abff.com](http://www.abff.com)

## CLOSE FRIENDS

2014 USA 7 MIN HD



"Close Friends" is a web series following the tangled lives of a group of friends in their mid 20's; whose friendships are constantly tested by relatable issues from love, drugs, trust and more.

Created by Ricky W. Jean-Francois and Mckinson Souverain | Written by Ricky W. Jean-Francois | Cast: Julian Hanlan, Ashley Arielle, Austin Buda, Debbie Obile, Nigel Hylton, and Erica Nicole.

## THE THERAPIST

2013 USA 7 MIN HD



A provocative drama series about the life of a troubled marriage therapist and the relationship woes of her clients.

Written and directed by Geno Brooks | Produced by Michael Young, Lamont Pierre, Nia Witts and Issac Keys | Cast: Nia Witts, Isaac Keys, Khaneshia "KJ" Smith, Laila Odom, Cherie Johnson and Oya Thomas

## FOR COLORED BOYS, REDEMPTION

2013 USA 7 MIN RED



Inspired by the highly acclaimed, 1975 choreopoem "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Unfur" by Ntozake Shange. "For Colored Boys" is a soul-stirring dramatic series about a father's attempt to repair his broken family after being released from prison.

Created, Written & Directed by Stacey Muhammad | Executive Produced by Marc Lamont Hill | Produced by Michael Boogie Pinckney and Lisa Smith | Cast: Rob Morgan, Julito McCullum, Tim Reid, Jacinto Taras Riddick, Lauren Hooper, Nashawn Kearse, Jas Anderson, Ephraim Fetti Benton, Kai Muhammad, Brittney Chance, Brandhyze Stanley, Lamar K. Cheston, Ryan Stephenson, Stephen Hill, Prince Po, and Corey Roberts

## THE VALUE OF EX

2013 USA 7 MIN HD



After an uncomfortable meeting between her former fiancé, who left her at the altar, and her new fiancé, Brynne consults her friends for advice on how to handle her ex's return. Meanwhile, Jessica also has an encounter with her ex.

Produced by Bridgett Michele Lawrence, Caryn K. Hayes and Amber Kaye | Written and directed by Bridgett Michele Lawrence | Cast: Constance Reese, David Spates, Donnabella Mortel, Jason Moore, Julienne Irons, Kathleen Teresa Scott, Michael Davis, Roger Payano, Tamara Goodwin and Welton Thomas Pitchford

## IN THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS

2013 USA 7 MIN RED



Actress Vanessa Bell Calloway and her husband, anesthesiologist Tony Calloway, invite some of their famous friends to their home for dinner, drinks, and stimulating conversation.

Created by Vanessa Bell Calloway | Executive Produced by Vanessa Bell Calloway and Camille Irons Coakley | Produced by Darren Dickerson | Directed by Garry Odom | Cast: Vanessa Bell Calloway, Anthony Calloway, Vanessa Williams, Wendy Raquel Robinson, Donald B. Welch, Dontre' Whitfield, Shalli Richardson-Whitfield, Shawn Chapman Holley

## MAKE IT HAPPEN

2010 USA 7 MIN RED



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Sunday June 22	Metropolitan Pavilion	10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Friday, June 20, 3:50 pm

The Leading Man **\$40**

Friday, June 20, 6:30 pm

Hollywood Diversity Report **\$20**

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Spike Lee...Ya Dig! **\$40**

Saturday, June 21, 2:30 pm

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Saturday, June 21, 5:30 pm

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Saturday, June 21, 9:00 pm

Get On Up - Meet the Star-Studded Cast of the Upcoming James Brown Biopic **\$40**

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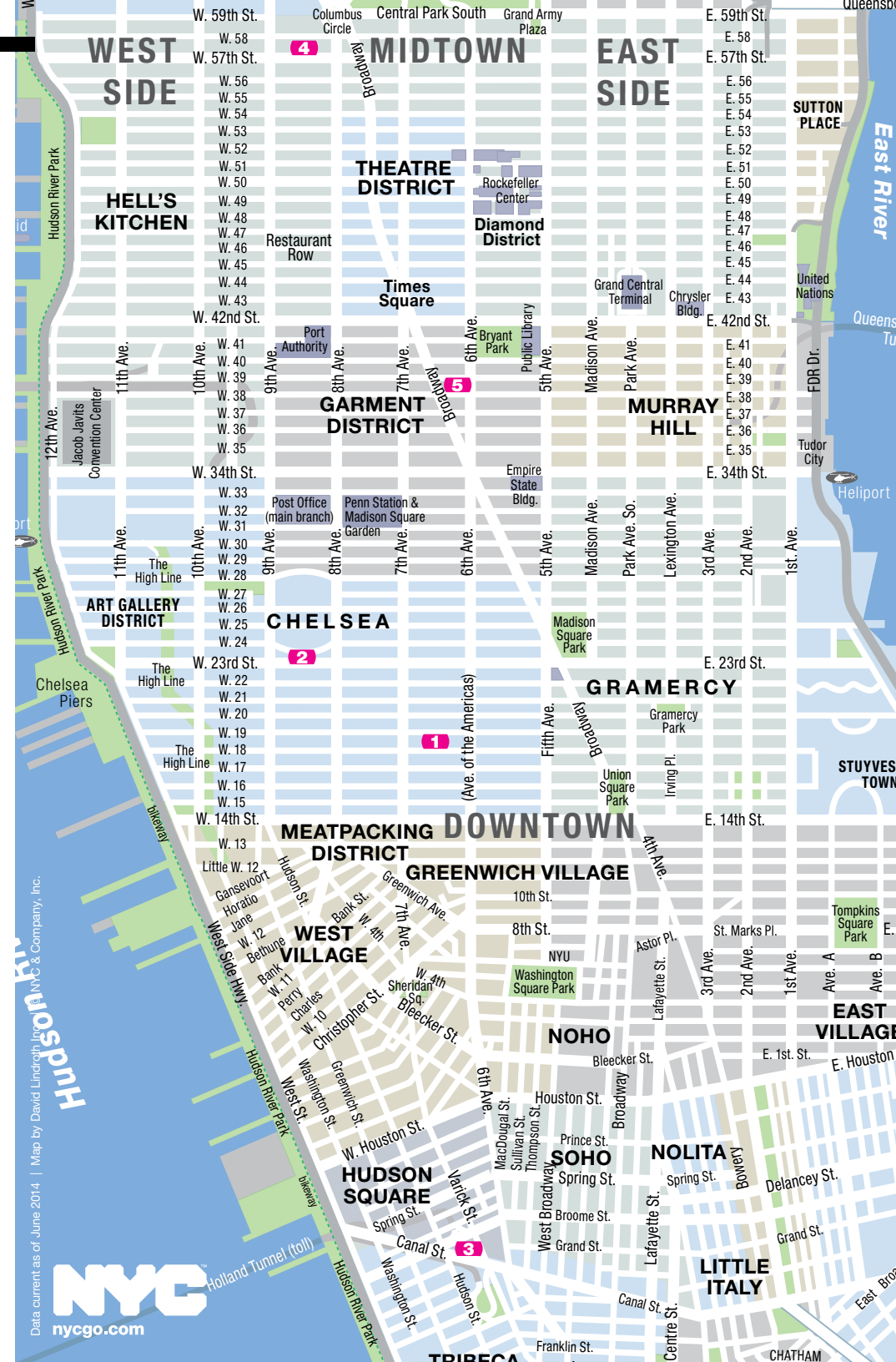


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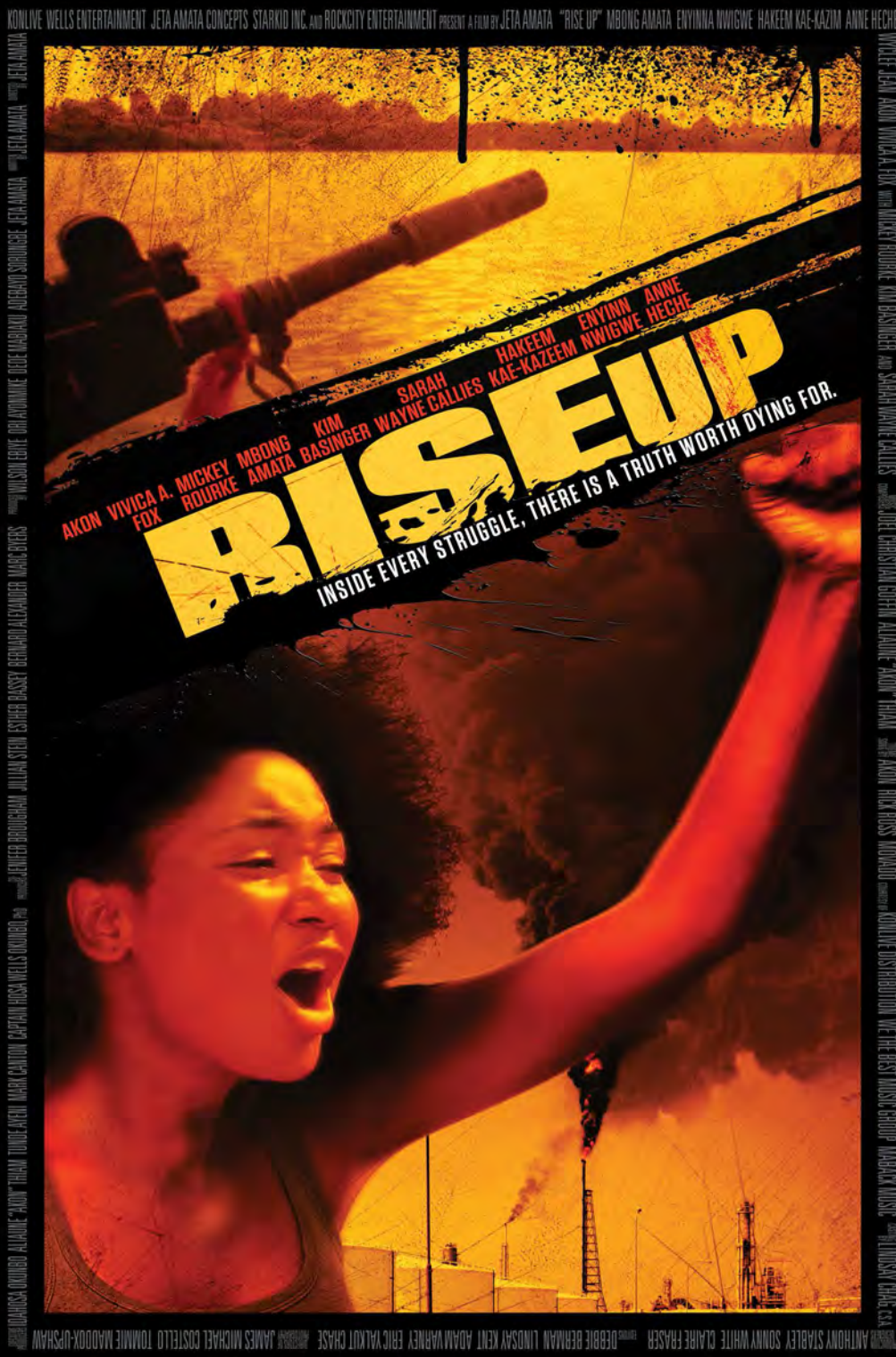
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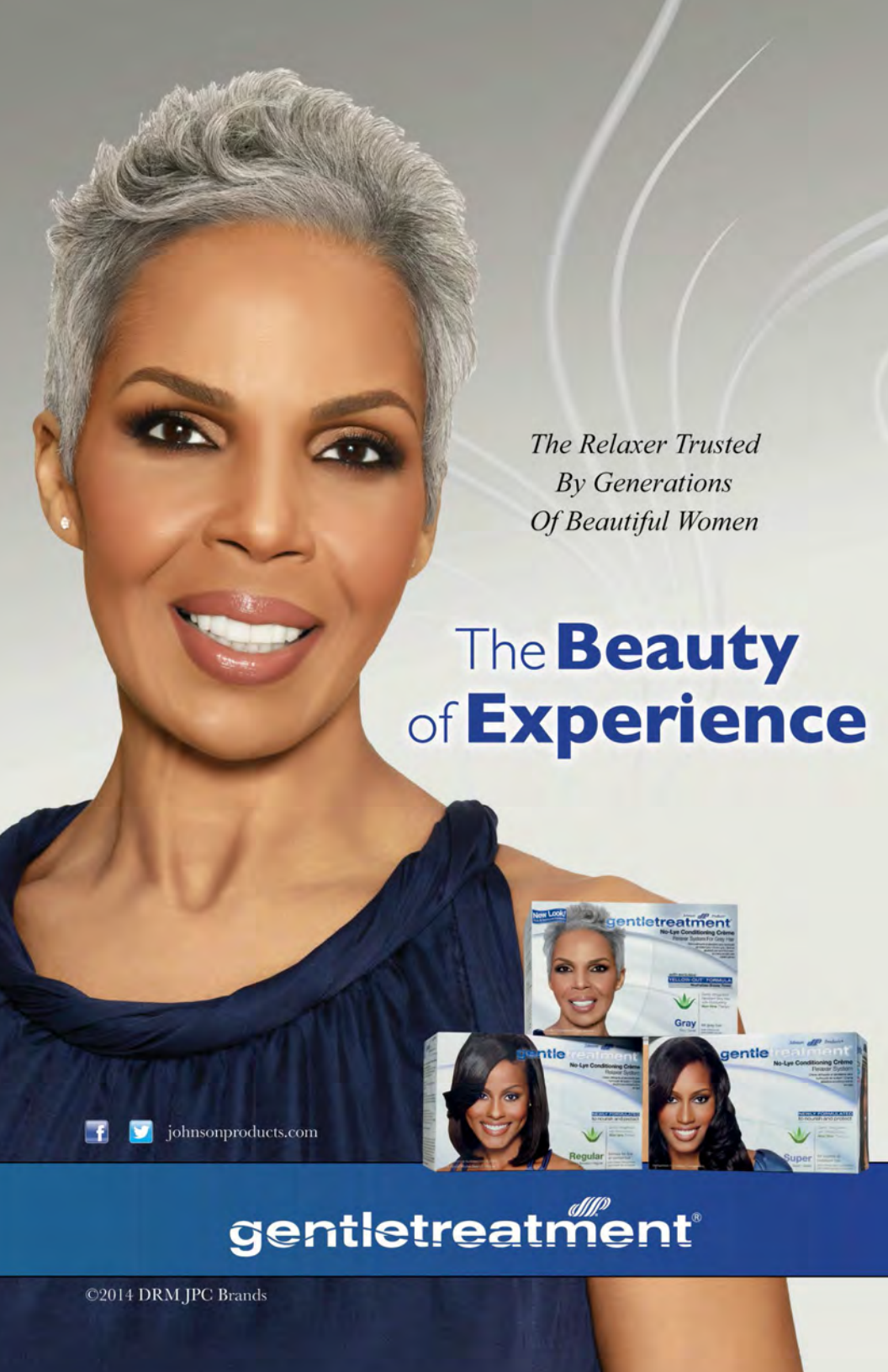




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