Bassett to be honored by American Black Film Institute

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Angela Basset (Photo via Pittsburgh Courier)

HOLLYWOOD, Calif./PRNewswire/â??Academy Award nominated actress, Angela Bassett, will be honored with the â??Reel Iconâ?• award by the American Black Film Institute, at their annual â??New, Next, Now Legendâ?• Oscar Week gala for her iconic roles and career achievement as one of cinemas all-time favorite actors, in a poll conducted by American Black Film Institute.

The event will be held at the fabulous Prestons-over-Hollywood at the Hollywood Loews Hotel, on Friday, February 24, and once again brings together actors, producers, writer/directors and top executives, as they celebrate and highlight the yearsâ?? accomplishments amid the backdrop of Hollywoodâ??s most glamorous weekend.

ABFIâ??s theme for the evening â??New, Next, Now, Legendâ?• reflects its mission to preserve the cinematic legacy of African American films and films of the global Black experience, while nurturing its current crop of emerging talented writers, directors and artists who give voice to the continued enhancement of the Black experience on film.

â??We are excited to bring the excitement and camaraderie of our previous Oscar festivities among industry professionals to Prestons-over-Hollywood, where we can pay well-deserved tribute to an iconic and well respected artist such as Angela Bassett, while fortifying partnerships, old and new, which is always the order of the day at the ABFI gala,â?• said American Black Film Institute Executive Director Gordon Kenney.

The ultra-chic venue which boasts a glass-enclosed wall-to-wall view of the iconic Hollywood sign and the Hollywood Hills, says itâ??s delighted to host Hollywoodâ??s elite, in such an exclusive and elegant space, where the venues festivities at this time of year are normally reserved strictly for the Academy and its events. With the theme, â??New, Next, Now, Legend,â?• other artists receiving awards include rising star of Survivorâ??s Remorse and Independence Day 2, Jessie T. Usher, HBO breakout star Issa Rae, creator and executive Producer of HBOâ??s hit â??Insecure,â?• Golden Globe nominated director Barry Jenkins, Moonlightâ??s Naomie Harris, and emerging screen talent Janelle Monae, whose turns in both â??Hidden Figuresâ?• and â??Moonlightâ?• have been garnering critical praise, as a rising screen talent worth watching.

The American Black Film Institute is a non-profit cinematic arts foundation, whose goal is to preserve and promote the legacy of diverse stories of people of color on film, while enhancing their financial viability and broadening their success. With Academy Awards weekend as the backdrop, and a new crop of stars on the rise, the word is out that the 2017 ABFI gala promises to be among the events not to be missed.

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