

"BET Awards" 2014 Nominations Announced

Jay Z, Beyoncé and Drake Lead with Five Nominations

Pharrell Williams and New Artist, August Alsina Receive Four Nominations

"BET Awards" Host to Be Revealed Tonight Exclusively on "106 & Park" at 6 PM/ET

Awards to Air Live on Sunday, June 29, 2014 on BET from Nokia Theatre L.A. Live in Los Angeles, CA at 8 PM/ET

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- BET Networks has announced the nominations for the "BET Awards" 2014. Nominations were announced in 20 categories, selected by BET's Voting Academy comprised of a group of respected entertainment professionals in the fields of television, film, music, social media, digital marketing, sports journalism, public relations, creative arts and fans. The "BET Awards" 2014 will air live on Sunday, June 29th at 8pm ET on BET Networks from the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live in Los Angeles, CA.

"This year's nominees represent the best of the culture," said Stephen Hill, BET's President of Music Programming and Specials. "It's great to see our talented new artist's right alongside our more beloved ones with long careers. We appreciate our BET Awards nomination committee, over 300 strong, for their efforts and congratulate all the nominees."

The complete list of nominees for the "BET Awards" 2014 are:

Best Female R&B/Pop Artist

Beyoncé
Janelle Monáe
Jhené Aiko
K. Michelle
Rihanna
Tamar Braxton

Best Male R&B/Pop Artist

August Alsina
Chris Brown
John Legend
Justin Timberlake
Pharrell Williams

Best Group

A\$AP Mob
Daft Punk
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
TGT
Young Money

Best Collaboration

August Alsina f/ Trinidad Jame\$ - I Luv This
Beyoncé f/ JAY Z - Drunk In Love
Drake f/ Majid Jordan - Hold On (We're Going Home)
JAY Z f/ Justin Timberlake - Holy Grail
Robin Thicke f/ T.I. & Pharrell Williams - Blurred Lines
YG f/ Jeezy & Rich Homie Quan - My Hitta

Best Male Hip Hop Artist

Drake
Future
J. Cole
JAY Z
Kendrick Lamar

Best Female Hip Hop Artist

Angel Haze
Charli Baltimore

Eve
Iggy Azalea
Nicki Minaj

Video of the Year

Beyoncé - Partition
Beyoncé f/ JAY Z - Drunk In Love
Chris Brown - Fine China
Drake - Worst Behavior
Pharrell Williams - Happy

Video Director of the Year

Benny Boom
Chris Brown
Colin Tilley
Director X
Hype Williams

Best New Artist

Ariana Grande
August Alsina
Mack Wilds
Rich Homie Quan
Schoolboy Q

Best Gospel Artist

Donnie McClurkin
Erica Campbell
Hezekiah Walker
Tameka Mann
Tye Tribbett

Best Actress

Angela Bassett
Gabrielle Union
Kerry Washington
Lupita Nyong'o
Oprah Winfrey

Best Actor

Chiwetel Ejiofor
Forest Whitaker
Idris Elba
Kevin Hart
Michael B. Jordan

YoungStars Award

Gabrielle Douglas
Jacob Latimore
Jaden Smith
KeKe Palmer
Zendaya

Best Movie

12 Years a Slave
The Best Man Holiday
Fruitvale Station
Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain
Lee Daniels' The Butler

Subway Sportswoman of the Year

Brittney Griner
Lolo Jones
Serena Williams

Skylar Diggins
Venus Williams

Subway Sportsman of the Year

Blake Griffin
Carmelo Anthony
Floyd Mayweather Jr.
Kevin Durant
LeBron James

Centric Award

Aloe Blacc - The Man
Jennifer Hudson f/ T.I. - I Can't Describe (The Way I Feel)
Jhené Aiko - The Worst
LiV Warfield - Why Do You Lie?
Wale f/ Sam Dew - LoveHate Thing

Best International Act: Africa

Davido (Nigeria)
Diamond Platnumz (Tanzania)
Mafikizolo (South Africa)
Sarkodie (Ghana)
Tiwa Savage (Nigeria)
Toofan (Togo)

Best International Act: UK

Dizzee Rascal
Ghetts
Krept & Konan
Laura Mvula
Rita Ora
Tinie Tempah

The "BET Awards" 2014 will premiere around the world on BET's international network on July 1st, 2014 at 8:00pm GMT (check local listings).

Stephen G. Hill, BET's President of Music Programming and Specials, Lynne Harris Taylor, BET's Vice President of Specials, will serve as Executive Producers for the "BET AWARDS," along with Jesse Collins, CEO of Jesse Collins Entertainment.

The "BET Awards" will take place along with the BET Experience at L.A. Live in Los Angeles from June 27-29th. BET.com/Awards is the official site for the BET Awards 2014 and will have all the latest news and updates about this year's show. All information about the BET Experience at L.A. LIVE presented by Coca-Cola® can be found at BETExperience.com. The BET Experience VIP Package offers the only way to purchase a BET Awards ticket, great seats to 3-nights of concerts at the Staples Center, and exclusive access to events at the free Fan Fest. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to BET.com/BETX.Follow the Experience on Twitter @betexperience.

ABOUT BET NETWORKS

BET Networks, a subsidiary of Viacom Inc. (NASDAQ: VIA, VIA.B), is the nation's leading provider of quality entertainment, music, news and public affairs television programming for the African-American audience. The primary BET channel reaches more than 90 million households and can be seen in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, the United Kingdom and sub-Saharan Africa. BET is the dominant African-American consumer brand with a diverse group of business extensions: BET.com, a leading Internet destination for Black entertainment, music, culture, and news; CENTRIC, a 24-hour entertainment network targeting the 25- to 54-year-old African-American audience; BET Digital Networks - BET Gospel and BET Hip Hop, attractive alternatives for cutting-edge entertainment tastes; BET Home Entertainment, a collection of BET-branded offerings for the home environment including DVDs and video-on-demand; BET Event Productions, a full-scale event management and production company with festivals and live events spanning the globe; BET Mobile, which provides ringtones, games and video content for wireless devices; and BET International, which operates BET in the United Kingdom and oversees the extension of BET network programming for global distribution.

ABOUT "BET AWARDS"

The BET AWARDS is one of the most watched award shows on cable television according to the Nielsen Company. The BET AWARDS franchise remains as the #1 program in cable TV history among African-Americans, and it is BET's #1 telecast every

year. It recognizes the triumphs and successes of artists, entertainers, and athletes in a variety of categories.

ABOUT JESSE COLLINS ENTERTAINMENT:

Jesse Collins Entertainment is a full service television and film production company founded by entertainment industry veteran Jesse Collins. For more than a decade, Collins, the company's CEO, has played an integral role in producing some of television's most memorable moments in music entertainment. Formerly Executive Producer/EVP of Cossette Productions, Collins has produced ground-breaking and award winning television programming including the BET Awards, the GRAMMY Awards, BET Honors, The UNCF Evening of Stars and the BET Hip Hop Awards. Collins currently Exec. Produces "The Real Husbands of Hollywood," (now going into its 4th hit season) alongside industry Icons Stan Lathan and Ralph Farquhar; and has worked with superstar talent such as Will Smith, Chris Rock, Jay-Z, Rihanna, Kanye West, Kendrick Lamar, Drake, Prince, Mariah Carey and many more.

BET EXPERIENCE AT L.A. LIVE

BET Networks, an entertainment powerhouse, and AEG, one of the leading entertainment companies in the world and developer/ operator of L.A. LIVE have teamed up once again to create the BET EXPERIENCE AT L.A. LIVE (BETX), June 27 - 29, 2014. This three-day festival will be filled with music and comedy concerts taking place at Club Nokia and STAPLES Center; "106 & PARK" tapings in Nokia Plaza L.A. LIVE, BET Fan Fest at the Los Angeles Convention Center, seminars, celebrity basketball games, seminars and various celebrity meet & greets, GRAMMY® Museum exhibits and other special appearances. With the weekend being capped off with the "BET Awards" on Sunday, June 29, 2014 at Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE.

About AEG

AEG is one of the leading sports and entertainment presenters in the world. AEG, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Anschutz Company, owns or is affiliated with a collection of companies including over 100 of the world's preeminent facilities such as STAPLES Center (Los Angeles, CA), StubHub Center (Carson, CA), Best Buy Theater (Times Square, New York), Mercedes-Benz Arena (Shanghai, China), Allphones Arena (Sydney, Australia), Brisbane Convention and Entertainment Center and The O2 arena and entertainment district (London, England). Developed by AEG, L.A. LIVE is a 4 million square foot / \$3 billion downtown Los Angeles sports, & entertainment district featuring Nokia Theatre L.A. LIVE, Club Nokia, the Regal Cinemas L.A. LIVE Stadium 14 theater, 19 restaurants the GRAMMY Museum and a 54-story, 1001-room convention "headquarters" hotel/destination. In addition to overseeing privately held management shares of the Los Angeles Lakers, assets of AEG Sports include franchises such as the LA Kings, LA Galaxy and Houston Dynamo and the Amgen Tour of California cycling stage race. Along with AEG Facilities, other global divisions include AEG Live, the world's second largest concert promotion and touring companies comprised of touring, festival, exhibition, broadcast, merchandise and special event divisions and AEG Global Partnerships, responsible for worldwide sales and servicing of sponsorships, naming rights and other strategic partnerships. In 2010, AEG launched its AEG 1EARTH environmental program featuring the industry's first sustainability report while in 2011, AEG introduced AXS a comprehensive entertainment platform serving as the company's primary consumer brand including AXS Ticketing which provides fans the opportunity to purchase tickets directly from their favorite venues via a user-friendly ticketing interface, Examiner.com and the AXS TV network. For additional information, visit www.aegworldwide.com.

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