

Legendary Pop-Funk Group The Original 7Ven, the Group Formerly Known as The Time, Set to Make the Crowd "Get It Up" and Dance as the Opening Act of the 2011 "SOUL TRAIN AWARDS"

Multi-Grammy Award Winning Songstress Natalie Cole, Jill Scott, Mindless Behavior, Robin Thicke, Keith Sweat and Many Others Will Light Up The Stage To Deliver Exhilarating Performances

Chris Brown Leads the Pack with Five Nominations Followed By Beyonce and Kanye West with Four Nominations

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The third annual **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS** readies an extraordinary show for this year's presentation, taping on **Thursday, November 17** at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta, GA. Hosted by the original king of comedy, **Cedric "The Entertainer"**, the 2011 **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS** will premiere on both **CENTRIC** and **BET** on **Sunday, November 27 at 9:00 PM***. Legendary group **The Original 7Ven, The Group Formerly Known As The Time** will open the show with an explosive performance, followed by multi-Grammy Award winning songstress **Natalie Cole, Jill Scott, Mindless Behavior, Robin Thicke, Lloyd, Miguel, Melanie Fiona, Keith Sweat, BeBe Winans, Joe, Lalah Hathaway, Kenny Latimore**. They will all light up the stage with performances and first-ever collaborations to honor this year's Legend Award recipients **Earth, Wind and Fire** and **Gladys Knight**.

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The **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS** will acknowledge the achievements of today's most famed entertainers in 11 categories. R&B superstar **Chris Brown** is leading the pack with five nominations across multiple categories. **Chris Brown's** nominations include Best Male R&B/Soul Artist, Song of the Year, Album of the Year, Best Hip-Hop Song of the Year and Best Dance Performance. International sensation **Beyonce** receives nominations in the Album of the Year, Record of the Year, Best Female R&B/Soul Artist and Best Dance Performance categories. **Kanye West** is tied with **Beyonce** with four nominations in three categories (Best Hip Hop Song of the Year, Album of the Year and Song of the Year) and is followed by three nominations for artists **Kelly Rowland, Adele, Marsha Ambrosius**, and **Miguel**.

The **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS** is a presentation of Centric and Sunseeker Media and directed by Manny Rodriguez. Paxton Baker, Tami Willis-Arasli, Derek Lewis, Centric; Bart Phillips, Sunseeker Media; and Soul Train Holdings' Kenard Gibbs will all be the executive producers of the network telecast, along with Cedric Kyles and Eric Rhone. The **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS** is produced in cooperation with the City of Atlanta led by Mayor Kasim Reed and Stacii Jae Johnson, Special Events Director for the Office of the Mayor.

For more information, please visit www.centrictv.com.

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About CENTRIC

Centric is a 24-hour music and entertainment channel that reflects the lifestyle and sophistication of today's African-American and multicultural adult viewer. With a finger on the pulse of an ever-changing beat, its compelling music content fuses Soul, R&B, Neo-Soul, Hip Hop, Reggae, Gospel, Jazz, Old School, New School and everything in between with today's hottest artists. It is a unique mix of music, culture and lifestyle programming that embodies the lives, tastes and aspirations of the CENTRIC viewer: All you. All day. All night.

About BET Networks

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About Soul Train Holdings

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SOUL TRAIN AWARDS '11

NOMINEES AND CATEGORIES

Best New Artist

Bruno Mars
Marsha Ambrosius
Miguel
Frank Ocean

Centric Award

Ledisi
Raphael Saddiq
Bilal
Anthony David
Aloe Blacc

Best Gospel Performance

I Smile-Kirk Franklin
Walking-Mary Mary
Heaven Hear My Heart-Trin-I-Tee 5:7
I Believe-James Fortune feat. Shawn McLemore
More-Cece Winans

Best Hip-Hop Song of the Year

Moment for Life-Nicki Minaj
All of the Lights-Kanye West
Look at Me Now-Chris Brown feat. Busta Rhymes and Lil' Wayne
Out of My Head-Lupe Fiasco
Otis-Jay Z/Kanye West

Best Female R&B/Soul Artist

Kelly Rowland
Beyonce
Marsha Ambrosius
Jennifer Hudson
Jill Scott
Mary J. Blige

Record of the Year (The Ashford & Simpson Songwriter's Award)

Rolling in the Deep-Adele (Writers: Adele, Paul Epworth)
Far Away-Marsha Ambrosius (Writers: Marsha Ambrosius, Sterling Simms)
Best Thing I Never Had-Beyonce (Writers: Antonio Dixon; Kenneth Edmonds; Larry Griffin, Jr.; Beyonce Knowles; Caleb McCampbell; Patrick Smith; Shea Taylor)
Good Man-Raphael Saddiq (Writers: Raphael Saddiq, Taura Stinson)
Hold My Hand (Duet with Akon)-Michael Jackson (Writers: Aliaune Thiam (Akon), Giorgio Tuinfort, Claude Kelly)

Best Dance Performance

Motivation-Kelly Rowland
Only Girl in the World/What's My Name-Rihanna
Run The World-Beyonce
She Ain't You-Chris Brown
Walking-Mary Mary
Pretty Girl Rock-Keri Hilson

Best Male R&B/Soul Artist

Trey Songz
Chris Brown
R. Kelly
Miguel
Cee Lo Green
Eric Benet

Best Caribbean Performance

Man Down-Rihanna
Summer Time-Vybz Kartel
Wotless-Kes The Band
Bend Over-Machel Montano
Delilah-Movado

Album of the Year

21-Adele
F.A.M.E.- Chris Brown
4-Beyonce
Passion Pain & Pleasure-Trey Songz
Light of the Sun-Jill Scott
Watch The Throne-Jay Z/Kanye West

Song of the Year

Motivation-Kelly Rowland feat. Lil' Wayne
Sure Thing-Miguel
Rolling in the Deep-Adele
She Ain't You-Chris Brown
All of the Lights- Kanye West
So In Love-Jill Scott feat. Anthony Hamilton

