

Missy Elliott, Lil' Kim and Da Brat Reunite to Revive "Ladies Night" at Soul Train Awards 2014

Kool & the Gang Honored with the Legend Award During the Ceremony, Premiering November 30th on CENTRIC and BET Networks

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- It's ladies night at [SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014](#)! Today, CENTRIC announced that the Grammy Award-winning Queen Bee herself, **Lil' Kim**; Grammy Award-winning double platinum artist, **Missy Elliott**; and the first female solo rapper to ever go platinum, **Da Brat**, will join the list of all-star performers and presenters at this year's awards show. Also new to the performance lineup are music fan favorites **Tamar Braxton**, **Bobby Brown**, **Tank** and **Sevyn Streeter**, who join previously announced hit-makers **Chris Brown**, **Ma\$e**, **Aloe Blacc** and **Nico & Vinz**. Additions to the roster of presenters are **LisaRaye McCoy**, **Bill Bellamy**, **Keith Sweat** and **Leon**, who will be joining **Wendy Williams** at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas on November 7, 2014. The show airs on CENTRIC and BET Networks on **November 30, 2014 at 8PM ET/PT**.

Funk icons **Kool & the Gang** will be honored with the Legend Award, which recognizes individuals for their outstanding achievements and contribution to soul music. There's no better way to pay homage to one of the most-sampled bands in history than with top notch performances. Get ready, because hip hop's legendary MC's **Lil' Kim**, **Missy Elliott** and **Da Brat** will perform their 1996 platinum single, "Not Tonight," the remix from Kool & the Gang's first platinum album and same-titled single, "Ladies Night." The tribute also includes a performance by soulful singer **Joe**. In addition to the celebration during the awards show, Kool & the Gang will headline a live musical event during **Centric Presents: The Soul Train Review** on Sunday, November 9, 2014.

"We are keeping the momentum going with hit-making musical acts from different decades and are thrilled Missy Elliott, Lil Kim and DaBrat chose SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014 for their reunion," said Paxton Baker, General Manager and Executive Vice President, CENTRIC. "We are humbled to honor Kool & the Gang with the Legend Award this year. They've set music trends that are sampled still today, and I know they, along with the other performers, will bring the *Celebration* to Vegas throughout the weekend!"

This year's theme will celebrate the history of dance, from the classic Soul Train line and the electric slide, to the Dougie and this year's breakout, the Nae Nae. To keep the party going throughout the show, international DJ and King of Crunk, **Lil Jon**, has been tapped as the house DJ. His voice has been heard over radio waves for decades, so it only makes sense to have **Big Tigger** as this year's official celebrity announcer.

[SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014](#) is directed by Tony McCuin and produced by BET Event Productions and Sunseeker Media. Executive producers of the network telecast are as follows: Paxton Baker, Tami Arasli, Derek Lewis from Centric; Bart Phillips from Sunseeker and David Koff and Jerry Letter from Soul Train Holdings; Doug E. Fresh; Kevin Hunter and Wendy Williams from Wendy Williams Productions, Inc.

For show information, please visit BET.com/SoulTrain, the official site for **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014**.

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[SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014](#) is part of Centric's Soul Train Weekend at the Orleans Hotel & Casino. The weekend includes the following events:

- Thursday, November 6: Kick-Off Reception with meet and greets featuring **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014** and Comedy All Stars Show talent
- Friday, November 7: **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014** with host Wendy Williams
- Saturday, November 8: Centric Comedy All Stars Show hosted by **Bill Bellamy** featuring comedic geniuses **Kim Coles**, **Faizon Love**, **Donnell Rawlings**, **Malik S.** and **Cocoa Brown**
- Sunday, November 9: Centric Presents: The Soul Train Review, a live musical event with **Kool & the Gang**
- Opportunities to watch a live rehearsal and access the red carpet at **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014**

For additional information and to purchase tickets for all of the exciting events, visit www.SoulTrainWeekend.com or call 888-

234-2334.

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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.

About BET Networks

BET Networks, a subsidiary of Viacom Inc. (NYSE: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 Soul Train Holdings

SOUL TRAIN HOLDINGS, LLC was formed in May 2008 and is owned by InterMedia Partners and a partnership between Magic Johnson Enterprises and Ron Burkle's investment firm, The Yucaipa Companies. The iconic franchise and catalog consists of more than 1,100 episodes and 40 specials from Don Cornelius Productions, Inc. Soul Train is the longest running, first-run, nationally syndicated music program in television history. During its 35-year run, the show featured lasting innovations such as the Soul Train line and the legendary sign off "Love, Peace and Soul." At the heart of the show was Don Cornelius, the dancers and influential artists such as James Brown, Al Green, Ike & Tina Turner, Hall & Oates, Donna Summer, Marvin Gaye, The Jackson 5, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Whitney Houston, David Bowie, Prince, Run D.M.C. and Destiny's Child.

About the Orleans Arena

The Orleans Arena, a Boyd Gaming facility located just west of the Las Vegas Strip, is one of the nation's leading multi-purpose sports and entertainment facilities and the 2014 recipient of the Venue Excellence Award from the International Association of Venue Managers. In addition, the Orleans Arena is one of only a handful of arenas in the United States to achieve LEED Gold Certification and is part of the largest company in Nevada to achieve SHARP Certification for commitments to safe venue operations. According to Venues Today magazine, the Orleans Arena, which hosts more than 200 events each year, consistently ranks in the Top 10 for ticket sales in the United States and internationally among venues of similar size. These events include nationally touring concerts, NCAA basketball conference tournaments, family shows, motorsports and other unique events. For more information, call 702-365-7469 or visit www.OrleansArena.com. Stay connected to the Orleans Arena on Facebook (www.facebook.com/orleansarena) and on Twitter (@orleansarena).

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