

Young Money, Beyoncé, Pharrell Williams and August Alsina Win Big at The "BET Awards" '14

Epic Evening Features Performances by Chris Brown, Lil Wayne, Jennifer Hudson, Nicki Minaj, Yolanda Adams and More

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LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- It was a night full of electrifying performances, emotional speeches and unforgettable moments at the "**BET Awards**" '14 -- also known as the "Black World Cup," according to hilarious host **Chris Rock** -- which aired live from the Nokia Theatre at L.A. LIVE on Sunday, June 29.

Pharrell Williams opened the show with an energetic rendition of "Come Get It Bae" surrounded by a bevy of cheerleaders, and was joined by surprise performer and fellow Virginia native, the amazing **Missy Elliott**, who brought the crowd to their feet to "Pass That Dutch." Williams became a familiar face on the stage after winning both "Best Male R&B/Pop Artist" and "Video of the Year," and again coming on to present music icon **Lionel Richie** with the Lifetime Achievement Award. **Young Money** and **Beyoncé** took home the most trophies with three awards, as did acclaimed film "**12 Years A Slave**" which swept the film award categories. **Pharrell Williams** and **August Alsina** each won two awards.

The tribute to Richie included a presentation of classics "Hello" and "Still" by **John Legend** and a pulsating rendition of "Brick House" by **Ledisi**. Just before Richie came on stage to accept his award, **Yolanda Adams** delivered a soulful, inspired performance of "Jesus Is Love," bringing the crowd to its feet (and some to tears!) and prompting Richie to admit he was "glad [he] sang the song first." Richie showed off his own skills when he sat at the piano and serenaded the audience with "Easy," then got the crowd dancing along to "All Night Long."

Chris Brown made a triumphant return to the "BET Awards" stage that drew a standing ovation. He proved he hasn't missed a beat delivering an incredible performance of "Loyal," which was amped up even more with appearances by **Lil Wayne**, **Tyga** and **Travis Barker**.

Always one to get the crowd going, **Lil Wayne** got the mosh pit popping with "Krazy" and "Believe Me." **Jennifer Hudson** showed off her incredibly powerful pipes during a performance of "Walk It Out" and debut of her new single "It's Your World" as a disco roller derby swirled around her. One of today's hottest rising stars, **Jhené Aiko** joined **John Legend** on stage for one of the most impressive performances of the evening.

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of his first album, **Usher** performed an action-packed medley of his biggest hits, including "Yeah!" "Confessions," "Caught Up" and "Love In This Club," which drew a standing ovation. **Nicki Minaj** gave an dramatic Alice In Wonderland-inspired performance of "Chi-Raq" and "Pills N Potions," filling the stage with oversized mushrooms, a contemporary dancer and a white rabbit.

T.I. showed off his lyrical prowess with "No Mediocre," while **Iggy Azalea** wowed the crowd with her skills with her hit single "Fancy." Fan and crowd favorite **August Alsina**, whose earlier performance alongside **Trey Songz** and **Chris Brown** drew squeals from all of the ladies in the house, took home the Coca-Cola Viewers' Choice Award. **Robin Thicke** gave a mesmerizing performance of "Forever Love," while surprise performers **Troop**, **Color Me Badd** and **Silk** scored huge cheers, as each group took the stage for their biggest hits for a '90s throwback medley of "All I Do Is Think of You," "I Wanna Sex You Up" and "Freak Me."

Presenter **Kerry Washington**, making her first television appearance since giving birth to daughter Isabelle in April, got in on the night's fun with co-presenter **Kevin Hart**, who tried to convince the crowd that he was, in fact, Oliver Pope, a reference to Kerry's alter-ego Olivia Pope on her hit show "Scandal."

Taking a cue from **Ellen DeGeneres'** pizza delivery at this year's Oscar® Awards, **Rock** provided the audience with a delivery of Roscoe's Chicken 'n Waffles, which they accepted with enthusiasm. Rock had the crowd laughing throughout the night, thanks to his riffs on a range of hot topics, from Donald Sterling to Jay-Z and Solange to Dr. Dre and the Beats/Apple deal.

A taped performance of **Beyoncé** and **Jay-Z** of "Partition" capped the epic night, which delivered on its promise to be the hottest ticket in town. The "**BET Awards**" '14 drew the biggest names in music, entertainment and sports, with appearances by **Gabrielle Union, Keke Palmer, Regina Hall, Larenz Tate, Bow Wow, Keshia Chante, Eva Marcille, Terrence Jenkins, Keyshia Cole, Mike Tyson, Nick Cannon, Zendaya, DeSean Jackson, Boris Kodjoe, Gary Owen, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Chadwick Boseman, Tyrese** and **Nate Parker**.

Tim King (Founder, President and CEO of Urban Prep Academies) and **Denzel Thompson** (a 19-year-old founder and manager of a successful community urban farm and garden) were recognized as the 2014 Shine-A-Light recipients.

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 19 categories.

In addition to all of these incredible moments, the complete list of "BET Awards" '14 winners is:

Best Female R&B/Pop Artist

Beyoncé

Best Male R&B/Pop Artist

Pharrell Williams

Best Group

Young Money

Best Collaboration

Beyoncé f/ JAY Z - Drunk In Love

Best Male Hip Hop Artist

Drake

Best Female Hip Hop Artist

Nicki Minaj

Video of the Year

Pharrell Williams - Happy

Video Director of the Year

Hype Williams

Best New Artist

August Alsina

Best Gospel Artist

Tamela Mann

Best Actress

Lupita Nyong'o

Best Actor

Chiwetel Ejiofor

YoungStars Award

KeKe Palmer

Best Movie

12 Years a Slave

Subway Sportswoman of the Year

Serena Williams

Subway Sportsman of the Year

Kevin Durant

Coca-Cola Viewers' Choice Award

August Alsina f/ Trinidad Jame\$ - I Luv This

Centric Award

Jhené Aiko - The Worst

Best International Act: Africa

David O (Nigeria)

Best International Act: UK

Krept & Konan

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Beyoncé

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The "BET Awards" '14 took place along with the BET Experience at L.A. LIVE presented by Coca-Cola® in Los Angeles from June 27-29th. The show will premiere on BET's international network **Tuesday, July 1 at 8:00 p.m. GMT.**

Encore viewings of the show will air on BET on:

- Monday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m.* (immediately followed by the post-show)
- Saturday, June 5 at 8:00 p.m.*
- Thursday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m.*

Stephen G. Hill, BET's President of Music Programming and Specials and 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.

*All times ET/PT

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