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The Godmother of Soul, Erykah Badu, to Take the Vegas Stage as Returning Host of SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2016

Drake Dominates with 12 Nominations Followed by Fellow Hitmakers Beyoncé, Rihanna and Bryson Tiller

Multi-Platinum and Three-Time Grammy Award-Winning Producer, Singer, Songwriter Edward Theodore "Teddy" Riley to Receive the Legend Award

Grammy Award-Winning, Multi-Platinum Singer Brandy to be Honored with Second Annual Lady of Soul Award

Soul Train Awards to Air on Centric and BET, November 27th at 8PM ET

#SoulTrainAwards

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- CENTRIC today announced the everlasting godmother of soul, **Erykah Badu**, will return to host the **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2016**. The four-time Grammy Award-winning soul singer and songwriter will once again take over the Vegas stage with her eccentric style, cerebral music, incomparable spirit and comedic commentary. The yearly celebration will honor the best in Soul and R&B from returning legends to the next generation. Filmed November 6 at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2016** will air on CENTRIC and BET on **November 27th, 2016 at 8PM ET**.

CENTRIC also announced the all-star nominees they will honor at the SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2016 across 12 different categories. **Drake** leads the pack with 12 total nominations including two nominations for the highly coveted Video of the Year Award for his feature on Rihanna's single "Work" and this year's mega hit "Hotline Bling." **Beyoncé** follows with 8 nominations including Best R&B/Soul Female Artist, Album/Mixtape of the Year for her groundbreaking album "Lemonade," and multiple honors for lead single "Formation" including Song of the Year, Best Dance Performance and The Ashford & Simpson Songwriter's Award. **Rihanna, Kanye West, DJ Khaled** and **Usher** also received multiple nominations this year including Video of the Year, Album/Mixtape of the Year and Best Collaboration. The next generation of soul is also being recognized, including **Bryson Tiller, Chance the Rapper** and **Anderson .Paak** who are multi-nominees across categories including Best New Artist, Best R&B/Soul Male Artist and the Rhythm & Bars Award (Formerly Best Hip-Hop Song of the Year.)

Multi-platinum and three-time Grammy Award-winning producer, singer-songwriter, artist, musician and technology expert **Edward Theodore "Teddy" Riley**, also known as the creator and king of New Jack Swing, is set to receive the coveted Legend Award. His major accolade was Michael Jackson's "Dangerous LP" which sold over 32 million copies worldwide. Riley produced number one hits for countless icons which have governed the airways for decades. As a founding member of the multi-platinum Grammy-winning group Blackstreet and a member of the group Guy, which became a multi-platinum group, Riley's New Jack Swing sound was the epic lifeline that forever changed the design for R&B and Hip-Hop music. He is the first African-American producer to bring Korean Pop (K-Pop) music to the USA and has been producing number one hits on Billboard charts for nearly a decade.

The 2nd annual **Lady of Soul Award** will be presented to singer-songwriter and actress **Brandy**. The platinum selling artist and actress has sold over 40 million records and received numerous awards and accolades, including a Grammy Award, one American Music Award, and seven Billboard Music Awards. Last year's inaugural Lady of Soul Award went to R&B torchbearer Jill Scott. Both Brandy and Teddy Riley are being recognized for their longstanding presence in the music industry and influence on the world of soul and R&B music past and present.

The SOUL TRAIN AWARDS will feature an exhilarating lineup of memorable performances and viewers can expect special appearances by some of the brightest stars in entertainment. The event annually showcases Soul Train's impact on the history of music and dance from the 70s to today.

The party doesn't stop there; visitors can also look forward to the entire SOUL TRAIN WEEKEND November 3-6. Kicking off Thursday, and taking over Mandalay Bay, the celebration will feature soulful experiences including performances by **Jill Scott, Tyrese, Monica, Anthony Hamilton, Jazmine Sullivan, Bell Biv DeVoe, Yuna, Tish Hyman, Kid Capri** and a special night of comedy with the cast of BET's The Comedy Get Down with **Cedric 'The Entertainer,' D.L. Hughley, George Lopez, Eddie Griffin** and **Charlie Murphy**.

Soul Train Weekend VIP Packages are available for purchase and offer exclusive access, premium seats to all concerts and events, plus VIP status to unforgettable after-parties. Four Day ticket packages are also available and will allow guests to have the convenience and access to attend great concerts throughout Soul Train Awards Weekend. VIP and four day package and amenities and pricing can be found at Soultrainweekend.com.

Want to cover the SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2016 red carpet? Head to www.betpressroom.com now and complete the application!

The SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2016 is produced by Jesse Collins Entertainment. Executive Producers of the network telecast are as follows: Debra Lee, Stephen Hill and Connie Orlando from BET; and Jesse Collins from Jesse Collins Entertainment.

For show information, please visit BET.com/SoulTrain, the official site for SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2016. To apply for media credentials to cover the SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2016 red carpet, please visit: www.betpressroom.com

The complete list of nominees for SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2016 are:

Best New Artist

ANDERSON .PAAK
ANDRA DAY
BRYSON TILLER
CHANCE THE RAPPER
RO JAMES
TORY LANEZ

Best R&B/Soul Male Artist

ANTHONY HAMILTON
BRYSON TILLER
MAXWELL
THE WEEKND
USHER

Centric Certified Award

AFTER 7
ANDERSON .PAAK
BILAL
LALAH HATHAWAY
MUSIQ SOULCHILD

Video of the Year

BEYONCÉ - FORMATION
BEYONCÉ - SORRY
DRAKE - HOTLINE BLING
KANYE WEST - FADE
RIHANNA FT. DRAKE - WORK

Best Gospel/ Inspirational Song

DONNIE MCCLURKIN - I NEED YOU
HEZEKIAH WALKER - BETTER
KIRK FRANKLIN - 123 VICTORY
TAMELA MANN - GOD PROVIDES
TRAVIS GREENE - MADE A WAY

Album/Mixtape of the Year

BEYONCÉ - LEMONADE
BRYSON TILLER - T R A P S O U L

DJ KHALED - MAJOR KEY
DRAKE - VIEWS
KANYE WEST - THE LIFE OF PABLO
RIHANNA - ANTI

Rhythm & Bars Award (Formerly Best Hip-Hop Song of the Year)

CHANCE THE RAPPER FT. LIL WAYNE & 2 CHAINZ - NO PROBLEM
DJ KHALED FT. DRAKE - FOR FREE
DRAKE - CONTROLA
DRAKE FT. WIZKID & KYLA - ONE DANCE
FAT JOE & REMY MA FT. FRENCH MONTANA & INFARED - ALL THE WAY UP

Best R&B/Soul Female Artist

ALICIA KEYS
BEYONCÉ
FANTASIA
JILL SCOTT
RIHANNA

Song of the Year

ADELE - HELLO
BEYONCÉ - FORMATION
BRYSON TILLER - DON'T
DRAKE - CONTROLA
RIHANNA FT. DRAKE - WORK

The Ashford & Simpson Songwriter's Award

HELLO - WRITTEN BY: ADELE LAURIE BLUE ADKINS, GREGORY ALLEN KURSTIN (ADELE)
RISE UP - WRITTEN BY: ANDRA DAY, JENNIFER DECILVEO (ANDRA DAY)
FORMATION - WRITTEN BY: MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS II, BEYONCÉ KNOWLES, KHALIF BROWN, AAQUIL BROWN, ASHETON HOGAN, (BEYONCÉ)
DON'T - WRITTEN BY: JOHNTÁ M. AUSTIN, MARIAH CAREY, BRYAN-MICHAEL COX, JERMAINE DUPRI, TAVORIS JAVON HOLLINS, ISOM BRANDON STEWART, BRYSON DEJUAN TILLER (BRYSON TILLER)
NEEDED ME - WRITTEN BY: NICHOLAS VALENTINO AUDINO, RACHEL DERRUS, ADAM KING FEENEY, ROBYN R. FENTY, BRITTANY TALIA HAZZARD, CHARLES HINSHAW JR., LEWIS BERESFORD HUGHES, DIJON ISIAH MCFARLANE, KHALED ROHAIM, TE WHITI TE RANGITEPAIA MATAA WARBICK (RIHANNA)

Best Dance Performance

BEYONCÉ - FORMATION
DRAKE - HOTLINE BLING
KANYE WEST (DANCE PERFORMANCE FT. TEYANA TAYLOR) - FADE
RIHANNA FT. DRAKE - WORK
USHER FT. YOUNG THUG - NO LIMIT

Best Collaboration

BEYONCÉ FT. KENDRICK LAMAR - FREEDOM
CHANCE THE RAPPER FT. LIL WAYNE & 2 CHAINZ - NO PROBLEM
DJ KHALED FT. DRAKE - FOR FREE
FAT JOE & REMY MA FT. FRENCH MONTANA & INFARED - ALL THE WAY UP
RIHANNA FT. DRAKE - WORK

About CENTRIC

Centric is the only multi-platform lifestyle brand designed to boldly celebrate the diverse and beautiful world of Black women. A 24-hour music and entertainment channel, Centric has its finger on the pulse of an ever-changing beat and delivers compelling content that reflects, inspires and addresses the unique perspectives of Black women.

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

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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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