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Jamie Foxx to Host the 18th Annual Awards Show Airing Live on Sunday, June 24 from Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles at 8 p.m. ET

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#BETAWARDS

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 22, 2018-- **BET Networks**, a unit of Viacom Inc. (NASDAQ: VIA, VIA.B), today announced the final group of Hollywood's hottest to take the stage at this year's "BET Awards." **Snoop Dogg, Ledisi, Marsha Ambrosius, Sly Pyper and Tye Tribbett** are set to perform while **John Legend, Tyra Banks, Terry Crews, Anderson.Paak and Lakeith Stanfield** will present, alongside appearances by **Questlove, Wale, Markelle Fultz and Black Thought** at the iconic annual show. Hosted by **Jamie Foxx**, the **"BET Awards" 2018 will air LIVE on Sunday, June 24 at 8 pm ET** from the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles, CA on BET.

As previously announced, **"BET Awards" 2018** will feature performances by **Nicki Minaj, Migos, Janelle Monáe, H.E.R., Ella Mai, 2 Chainz, Big Sean, YG, Miguel, Jay Rock, Yolanda Adams and SiR**, with presenters including **T.I., Kevin Hart, LL COOL J, Chloe x Halle, Yvonne Orji, Bobby Brown, Trevor Jackson, Jason Mitchell, Mike Colter, Woody McClain, Jacob Latimore, Gabrielle Dennis, Tyler Perry, Regina Hall, Amandla Stenberg, Tika Sumpter and Omari Hardwick**. Dominating this year's nominations is **DJ Khaled** with a total of 6 including 'Video of the Year,' two for 'Best Collaboration,' with **Rihanna and Bryson Tiller** for 'Wild Thoughts,' and with **Jay-Z, Future and Beyoncé** for 'Top Off,' 'Album of the Year,' and 'Coca-Cola Viewers' Choice.' **Kendrick Lamar** follows with five nods including 'Best Collaboration,' with **Rihanna** for 'Loyalty,' 'Video of the Year,' 'Album of the Year,' and 'Coca-Cola Viewers' Choice.' Other leading nominees include **Migos**, nominated for four awards including 'Best Group,' and 'Album of the Year,' and **SZA**, also nominated for four awards, including 'Best Female R&B/Pop Artist' and 'Best New Artist.'

In addition, R&B music legend, and Grammy-winning singer-songwriter, **Anita Baker** will be honored with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award at the "BET Awards" 2018. For the first time, BET has selected six individuals – James Shaw Jr., Naomi Wadler, Mamoudou Gassama, Justin Blackman, Shaun King and Anthony Borges – to be honored as Humanitarian Heroes for doing extraordinary things in some of the most disheartening of situations.

The **"BET Awards" 2018** will premiere around the world on BET's international networks. It will air in the UK on June 26th at 9:00PM BST, in Africa on June 26th at 8:00PM CAT, in France on June 26th at 9:00PM CEST and in South Korea on June 26th at 9:00PM KST. Internationally, fans in 100 countries can also stream the "BET Awards" 2018 live with BET Play, BET International's subscription video on demand application. The iOS and Android app, which also features current and classic BET television series, documentaries, stand-up comedy and legendary musical performances, will carry a live feed of the red carpet and the Awards, and is available for download now in the iTunes and Google Play stores for \$3.99 a month following a seven-day free trial.

Connie Orlando, Executive Vice-President, Head of Programming at BET will serve as Executive Producer for the "BET Awards" 2018 along with Jesse Collins, CEO of Jesse Collins Entertainment.

The **"BET Awards" 2018** will take place along with the BET Experience at L.A. LIVE in Los Angeles from June 21-24, 2018. [BET.com/betawards](http://bet.com/betawards) is the official site for the "BET Awards" and will have all the latest news and updates about this year's show. VIP Packages for the 6th year of the BET Experience weekend are better than ever and now on-sale. In addition to VIP amenities throughout the weekend and incredible seats for STAPLES Center shows, all levels of BETX VIP Packages offer guests the only opportunity to purchase tickets to the highly-anticipated BET Awards, broadcast live from Microsoft Theater. Full package amenities and pricing for the Diamond, Platinum, Gold Plus and Gold VIP Packages can be found by visiting BETExperience.com or by calling (877) 234-8425.

General tickets for the BET Experience at L.A. LIVE presented by Coca-Cola® are on sale now at <http://www.axs.com/betexperience>.

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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 African-American Woman; BET Music Networks - BET Jams, BET Soul and BET Gospel; BET Home Entertainment; BET Live, BET's growing festival business; BET Mobile, which provides ringtones, games and video content for wireless devices; and BET International, which operates BET around the globe.

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 (JCE) is a full service television and film production company founded by entertainment industry veteran Jesse Collins. For more than a decade, Collins has played an integral role in producing some of television's most memorable moments in music entertainment. Collins has produced ground-breaking and award winning television programming including the BET Awards, the GRAMMY Awards, Soul Train Awards, BET Honors, UNCF An Evening of Stars, ABFF Awards and the BET Hip Hop Awards. Collins was an executive producer of the hit TV series, *Real Husbands of Hollywood* starring Kevin Hart, the critically-acclaimed *The New Edition Story*, a biopic on the boy band that aired as a 3-part mini-series on BET in January 2017 and posted record ratings for the network and attracted nearly 30 million viewers. He is also the executive producer of VH1 shows *Dear Mama* and *Hip Hop Squares* with Ice Cube. He has appeared on the cover of *Vibe* magazine and has been featured in numerous publications including *Ebony* magazine. JCE will next produce *The Bobby Brown Story*. The mini-series will pick up where *The New Edition* mini-series left off and chronicle the talented but troubled singer's exit from the popular '80s boy band through his solo success, his affair with Janet Jackson and tabloid-fodder marriage to pop icon Whitney Houston. Spanning 30 years of Brown's life, the new project follows his story from the hard streets of Roxbury, where he turned to a life of drug dealing before being given the chance to prove himself as a solo artist. *The Bobby Brown Story* also will be a story about redemption. Through sobriety, the singer learns to be a better man, husband and father — finding love again and remarrying in 2012. It will air on BET in September 2018.

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