



Ella Mai Reigns as Most Awarded Songstress at BET PRESENTS: 2018 SOUL TRAIN AWARDS Hosted by Tisha Campbell and Tichina Arnold

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Bruno Mars, Daniel Caesar and H.E.R. Bring Home Top Honors

The Award Show Featured Stunning Throwback Performances by Legend Award Honoree Erykah Badu, Lady of Soul Honoree Faith Evans, and a Serene Soul Cypher Featuring Kelly Price, BJ The Chicago Kid, Queen Naija, Robert Glasper and Thundercat

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 25, 2018-- **BET PRESENTS: 2018 SOUL TRAIN AWARDS** celebrated the best in soul, R&B and hip hop by highlighting both living legends and breakout stars with unrivaled musical moments and show-stopping performances. The awards show, which aired this evening, November 25, 2018 at 8pm ET on BET and BET HER, was hosted by the iconic best friend duo **Tisha Campbell and Tichina Arnold**, who also brought their chemistry to the stage as the show's opening musical acts.

Ella Mai led the pack as the evening's most awarded songstress, dominating in three categories including Best R&B/Soul Female Artist, Song of the Year and The Ashford and Simpson Songwriter's Award. **Bruno Mars, Daniel Caesar and H.E.R.** follow closely with two awards each. **Daniel Caesar** and **H.E.R.** share the honor of Best Collaboration Performance for their hit duet, "Best Part" and take home additional awards for Best New Artist and Album/Mixtape of the Year, respectfully. **Bruno Mars** further solidifies his seat as a soul music star, taking home two of the night's most coveted awards for the second year in a row: Best R&B/Soul Male Artist and Video of the Year.

Honoring artists across 12 categories, the **BET PRESENTS: 2018 SOUL TRAIN AWARDS** also recognized **Drake** (Rhythm & Beats Award), **Ciara** (Best Dance Performance), **Ledisi** (Soul Train Certified) and **Lecrae** (Best Gospel/Inspirational Award) for their special contributions to the genre.

BET PRESENTS: 2018 SOUL TRAIN AWARDS welcomed a slew of talented R&B musicians starting with a nostalgic performance of the 90's favorite trio, **Bell Biv DeVoe**. **Jon B.** and **Donell Jones** kept the crowd crooning with soulful serenades of their top hits. **Jacquees** took the soul train on a route to the new school with his rendition of "B.E.D" and a performance of his 2018 record "You". Queen of Soul **Erykah Badu** shut down the stage after accepting the Legend Award with a medley of her iconic, timeless songs as the arena stood and swayed along in awe. Additional poignant performers included gospel artist **Koryn Hawthorne** and newcomers **Ari Lennox** and **Cautious Clay**. After graciously accepting the Lady of Soul Award, **Faith Evans** brought down the house with a lively performance of her chart-topping hits, her powerful voice bringing the entire crowd to its feet.

In addition to electrifying performances, the awards show brought together an array of musical talents for the fourth annual "Soul Cypher," with Erykah Badu in the conductor's seat as DJ while **Kelly Price, BJ The Chicago Kid, Queen Naija, Robert Glasper** and **Thundercat** drove it home with their vocals on display over a classic beat.

The full winners list for **BET PRESENTS: 2018 SOUL TRAIN AWARDS** is below.

2018 SOUL TRAIN AWARDS WINNERS

Best New Artist – Daniel Caesar

Soul Train Certified Award – Ledisi

Best R&B/Soul Male Artist – Bruno Mars

Best R&B/Soul Female Artist – Ella Mai

Video of the Year – Bruno Mars ft. Cardi B. – "Finesse (Remix)"

Best Gospel/Inspirational Award – Lecrae

Album/Mixtape of the Year – H.E.R. – "H.E.R."

Rhythm & Bars Award (Formerly Best Hip-Hop Song of the Year) – Drake – "In My Feelings"

Song of the Year – Ella Mai – "Boo'd Up"

The Ashford & Simpson Songwriter's Award – "Boo'd Up" – Written By: Ella Howell, Dijon McFarlane, Joelle James, Larrance Dopson (Ella Mai)

Best Dance Performance – Ciara – "Level Up"

Best Collaboration Performance – Daniel Caesar ft. H.E.R. – "Best Part"

BET Presents: 2018 SOUL TRAIN AWARDS is produced by Jesse Collins Entertainment. Executive Producers of the network telecast are as follows: Debra Lee and Connie Orlando from BET, and Jesse Collins from Jesse Collins Entertainment.

For show information, please visit BET.com/SoulTrain, the official site for **BET Presents: 2018 SOUL TRAIN AWARDS**. For photos and exclusive assets, please visit the [BET Press Room](#).

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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 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 recent debut The Bobby Brown Story aired on BET on September 4 and 5, 2018 drawing over 13MM total viewers in its premiere week.

About the Orleans Arena

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