

Wendy Raquel Robinson & Tank to Host 2019 Bounce Trumpet Awards



Actress Wendy Raquel Robinson and R&B singer Tank will host the 2019 Bounce Trumpet Awards. The black-tie ceremony will take place at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre in Atlanta Georgia on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Bounce will premiere the show on Sunday, February 17th, 2019 at 9:00 PM ET.

Ashanti, Da Brat, India.Arie, YoYo, Keyshia Cole and more are scheduled to perform.

Honorees for the 2019 Bounce Trumpet Awards:

- The inaugural *Xernona Clayton Award* will be presented to GRAMMY® Award-winning rapper, actor, entrepreneur and activist Tip “T.I.” Harris by Trumpet Awards founder and civil rights leader Ms. Clayton herself. Harris will be recognized for his extensive charitable work and numerous contributions to economic development and job creation within his hometown of Atlanta.
- The *Living Legend/Lifetime Achievement Award* will be presented to actor, comedian, film director and writer Robert Townsend. With a multi-faceted career spanning over 40 years, Townsend is best-known for *Hollywood Shuffle*, *The Five Heartbeats*, *The Parent ‘Hood*, *Meteor Man* and more. In addition to his professional work, Townsend is also an active humanitarian, working with the UNCF, NAACP and numerous organizations on a variety of projects.
- The *Rising Star Award Sponsored by McDonald’s* will be

presented to singer, dancer and actor JD McCrary. Presently appearing in *The Paynes* on the Oprah Winfrey Network, he will be starring as the voice of Young Simba in the live-action remake of *The Lion King*. 2018 Rising Star honoree Rhyon Brown will present this award.

- *The Trailblazer Award* will be presented to GRAMMY® Award-nominated rapper MC Lyte. Long considered as one of hip-hop's pioneer feminists, she paved the way for future female artists and has collaborated with Missy Elliott, Jermaine Dupri, Sean Combs and Janet Jackson, among many others.
- *The Music Excellence Award* will be presented to four-time GRAMMY® Award-winning record producer, rapper and songwriter Rodney Jerkins aka Darkchild. In a career spanning nearly 25 years, he has produced and written hits for Michael Jackson, Britney Spears, Whitney Houston, Toni Braxton and Cher among many others.
- *The Vanguard Award* will be presented to a fashion designer and haberdasher Dapper Dan (Daniel Day). Owner of the influential store, Dapper Dan's Boutique, Day is most associated with introducing high fashion to the hip hop world, with clients including Jay-Z, LL Cool J and Salt-N-Pepa.
- *The Education Excellence Award* will be presented to educator Tim King, President and CEO of Urban Prep Academies, a nonprofit organization which provides high-quality and comprehensive college-preparatory educational experience for young men resulting in graduates succeeding in college.

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