

LaTanya Richardson Jackson, Anna Maria Horsford, Mahira Kakkar & Tonya Lewis Lee among Honorees at BronzeLens Film Festival



Atlanta, GA – The 2013 BronzeLens Film Festival’s “Women Superstars Luncheon” will roll out the red carpet for industry insiders, celebrities and aspiring filmmakers on hand to honor some of the most accomplished women of color working in the film and television industry. A coveted signature event during the five-day festival, the luncheon will take place Friday November 8, 2013, 12 noon – 2 PM at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel.

Hosted by former television news anchor, Monica Pearson, the 2013 BronzeLens superstars are: Anna Maria Horsford (“Friday”); actress and wife of Samuel L. Jackson, LaTanya Richardson Jackson (“The Fighting Temptations”); actress, Mahira Kakkar (“Hank and Asha”); retired Coca Cola executive Ingrid Saunders Jones; producer, Issa Rae (“Awkward Black Girl”); producer and wife of Spike Lee, Tonya Lewis Lee (“The Watsons Go to Birmingham”); producer, Valerie Benning Barney (“All Star Comedy Jam,” “Eddie Griffin: Freedom of Speech”); and costumers Mabel and Shilla Benning.

“We are excited about our powerful honorees this year. These women superstars demonstrate the diverse areas where women excel in the entertainment business,” said Kathleen Bertrand, executive producer of the BronzeLens Film Festival. “Whether behind the scenes or in front of the camera, these women

continue to play an integral role with films that impact our lives.”

Designed to empower, entertain and educate attendees from various film industry disciplines, students and the general public, the BronzeLens Film Festival offers an array of expert panels, workshops, domestic and international film screenings and signature events.

In addition to a Monologue Slam featuring renown director John Singleton, festival highlights include an encore presentation of legendary casting director and producer Reuben Cannon’s, “The Producers Roundtable” a groundbreaking session that brings together high-level entertainment executives to share their strategies for producing successful film and television projects. Participating producers include Jeff Clanagan, David Talbert, Lyn Talbert and Paul Hall.

The BronzeLens Film Festival takes place November 6-10. For more information and festival registration www.bronzelensfilmfestival.com .

Media Questions Of The Week



1. What will Janelle Monae’s music with Miguel and Prince sound like?



2. Will the Numa Perrier directed biopic of Lorraine Hansberry’s life do her legacy any justice? Will Issa Rae give an interesting portrayal of Nina Simone? And will Taye

Hansberry's take on her great-aunt offer the public any new and nuanced understanding of the writer's life?



3. Is Dr. Dre providing the music for Cynthia Mort's Nina Simone biopic starring Zoe Saldana?

Awkward Black Girl-The Waiter

[youtube]xIVhKmuKLOM[/youtube]

"The Waiter" is the latest episode of Issa Rae's *Awkward Black Girl* series.

Awkward Black Girl-The Jingle

[youtube]1hIDgZJl3Sk[/youtube]

Issa Rae's popular *Awkward Black Girl* web show is in its second season. In this episode her mother's opinion rattles her perspective on where her life is going. Pharrell Williams's i am Other creative firm picked-up the show this year and Rae's cult following continues to grow.

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