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RECORD NUMBER OF CABLE NETWORKS WIN NAMIC VISION AWARDS

Los Angeles, CA – April 19, 2006 – A record number of cable networks were victorious at the **12th Annual NAMIC Vision Awards**, held Tuesday, April 18, 2006. Presented by **NAMIC** (National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications) and **NAMIC – Southern California**, the black-tie gala was staged at the Regent Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills, California. Hosted by comedian **D.L. Hughley**, the evening was highlighted by the impressive roster of stars in attendance, such as **Louis Gossett, Jr.**, **Jimmy Smits**, **Wendy Raquel Robinson**, **Paul Rodriguez**, **Robert Townsend**, **Cesar Milan**, **Sheryl Underwood**, **Kym Whitley**, the cast of Disney Channel's "**That's So Raven**," winner for Best Children's program and more.

Eleven networks garnered single wins in 11 programming categories for their achievements in multi-ethnic, original programming. Comedy Central, the only network garnering multiple honors, received a dual win for "**Mind of Mencia**" and "**Weekends at the DL**," which tied for Best Comedy. Hughley and comedian **Carlos Mencia**, accepted the awards, while feting the audience of over 500 attendees with their comedic genius. Comedian **Steve Harvey**, host of **BET's "2005 Comedy Awards"** took top honors for Best Comedy Performance.

HBO's original movie, "**Lackawanna Blues**" written by actor-writer-producer, **Ruben Santiago-Hudson** won for Best Drama. Best Dramatic Performance honors were awarded to **Irene Bedard** for her role in the TNT epic, "**Into The West**."

Among the evening's many memorable moments, was the presentation of NAMIC's most coveted honors, the **North Star**, **Legacy** and **Quasar Awards**. Smits presented the North Star Award to Santiago-Hudson, recognized for his long-term commitment to advancing the cause of diversity. Motivational speaker, author and media personality, **Yyanla Vanzant** presented the Legacy Award to writer-producer, **Kyle Bowser**, co-founder of the NAMIC Vision Awards. The Legacy Award pays homage to a trailblazing individual or body of work that has made and indelible impact on the diversity landscape. **Mark Lazarus**, president of Turner Entertainment Group accepted the Quasar Award on behalf of **Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.**, honored for its achievements in promoting the cause of diversity in the past year.

Warner Bros. is the lead sponsor of the **12th Annual NAMIC Vision Awards**. A complete list of winners follows. For more information on **NAMIC** or the **NAMIC Vision Awards**, log onto www.namic.com.

12TH ANNUAL NAMIC VISION AWARD WINNERS

BEST COMEDY (tie)

Mind of Mencia - Comedy Central

Weekends at the DL - Comedy Central

BEST COMEDIC PERFORMANCE

Steve Harvey - 2005 Comedy Awards - BET

BEST DRAMA:

Lackawanna Blues - HBO

(more)

BEST DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE

Irene Bedard - Into The West - TNT

BEST CHILDREN'S

That's So Raven - Disney Channel

BEST DOCUMENTARY

Save Our History: Voices of Civil Rights - History Channel

BEST FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Coming Full Circle - Zee TV

BEST LIFESTYLE:

Sheila Bridges: Moroccan Style - Fine Living

BEST MUSIC/VARIETY:

Cinema AZN - AZN

BEST NEWS/INFORMATIONAL

ESPN SportsCenter: Ten Bears - ESPN

BEST REAL LIFE SERIES:

Dog Days – Jackson State - College Sports Television Network

NORTH STAR

Ruben Santiago-Hudson

QUASAR

Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.

LEGACY

Kyle D. Bowser

About NAMIC

NAMIC is the premier organization focusing on ethnic diversity in the communications industry. Founded in 1980 as a non-profit trade association, today NAMIC is comprised of nearly 2,000 professionals belonging to a network of chapters nationwide. Through initiatives that focus on education, advocacy and empowerment, NAMIC champions equity and inclusion in the workforce, with special attention given to ensuring that the leadership cadres of our nation's communications industry giants reflect the multi-ethnic richness of the populations they serve.

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