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Trumpet Awards Celebrate Black Achievement; Show Syndicated For 1st Time, To Air On TV One



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More than 20 of the best and brightest achievers in the Black community were honored during the recent Trumpet Awards ceremony that airs this week on TV One.

Famed actor Samuel L. Jackson and his wife, actress LaTanya Richardson, hosted the show, often referred to as "the Oscars for Black America," that was taped at the Atlanta Civic Center.

Among the celebrities honored were Halle Berry (Entertainment & Pinnacle Award); Danny Glover (Humanitarian); Najee (Arts); and Ludacris (Usher Raymond Altruism Award).

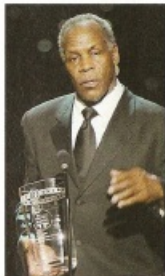
Black achievement also was saluted in every field including law, business,

medicine, politics and public service. Xernona Clayton, founder of the Trumpet Awards, and president and CEO of the Trumpet Awards Foundation, celebrates the show's success with hosts actor Samuel L. Jackson and his wife, LaTanya Richardson.

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Xernona Clayton, founder of the Trumpet Awards and president and CEO of Trumpet Awards Foundation, told JET: "The 2008 Trumpet Awards was very successful. Although we are not governed by numbers, there were 4,300 people who were in attendance and basked in the success stories of some very great African-Americans. This year's television program was syndicated for the first time and broadcast around the country, in addition, to being aired in 177 countries around the world. We are ecstatic over the fact that good news is spreading."

Actor Danny Glover accepts the Humanitarian award during the show taped at the Atlanta Civic Center. Jazz musician Najee, the Arts award recipient, thanks the Trumpet Awards Foundation.



Rapper and actor Ludacris accepts the Usher Raymond Altruism Award, which was named after superstar performer Usher who presented the honor. Michelle Obama, wife of presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, addresses the audience. Making award presentation are Rep. John Lewis, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rep. Maxine Waters and former ambassador Andrew Young.

Other 2008 Trumpet Award honorees were: Sheila C. Johnson, (Entrepreneur); Shareef Abdul-Rahim (Community Service); Dr. T. B. Boyd III (Business); the Honorable Judge Paul L.

Brady (Legal); Brian O. Jordan (Athlete/Developer); Dr. Vance and Dr. Vincent Moss (Medicine) and Don Thompson (Corporate Executive).

This year, the Trumpet Awards' Tower of Power honorees are Georgians and include: Thurbert Baker, Georgia Attorney General and president, National Association of Attorneys General; Rep. Sanford Bishop Jr.; Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard Jr.; Rep. Hank Johnson; Khalil Johnson, chief operating officer, Georgia World Congress Center Authority; Rep. David Scott; State Rep. Georganna Sinkfield; State Rep. Calvin Smyre, president, National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Michael Thurmond, commissioner, Georgia Department of Labor and State Rep. Al Williams.

The 16th annual awards ceremony aired in syndication in March and will air April 13 on TV One at 8 p.m. EST (check local listing for time). □

India.Arie, is among the performers on the show.

Below left, the Honorable Judge Paul L. Brady expresses thanks for the Trumpet (Legal) Award.

Twin brothers, Dr. Vance and Dr. Vincent Moss, are honored for their medical work.