

5 3 R D NAACP IMAGE AWARDS®

The full list of nominees can be found below:

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

- Jennifer Hudson
- Lil Nas X
- Megan Thee Stallion
- Regina King
- Tiffany Haddish

MOTION PICTURE CATEGORIES

Outstanding Motion Picture

- Judas and the Black Messiah (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- King Richard (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- Respect (Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pictures/United Artists Releasing)
- The Harder They Fall (Netflix)
- The United States vs. Billie Holiday (Hulu Original / New Slate Ventures / Lee Daniels Entertainment / Roth-Krischenbaum Films)

Outstanding Actor in a Motion Picture

- Denzel Washington - The Tragedy of Macbeth (Apple TV+ / A24)
- Jonathan Majors - The Harder They Fall (Netflix)
- LaKeith Stanfield - Judas and the Black Messiah (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- Mahershala Ali - Swan Song (Apple TV+)
- Will Smith - King Richard (Warner Bros. Pictures)

Outstanding Actress in a Motion Picture

- Andra Day - The United States vs. Billie Holiday (Hulu Original / New Slate Ventures / Lee Daniels Entertainment / Roth-Krischenbaum Films)
- Halle Berry - Bruised (Netflix)
- Jennifer Hudson - Respect (Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pictures/United Artists Releasing)
- Tessa Thompson - Passing (Netflix)
- Zendaya - Malcolm & Marie (Netflix)

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture

- Algee Smith - Judas and the Black Messiah (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- Daniel Kaluuya - Judas and the Black Messiah (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- Delroy Lindo - The Harder They Fall (Netflix)
- Idris Elba - The Harder They Fall (Netflix)
- LaKeith Stanfield - The Harder They Fall (Netflix)

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture

- Aunjanue Ellis - King Richard (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- Audra McDonald - Respect (Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pictures/United Artists Releasing)
- Danielle Deadwyler - The Harder They Fall (Netflix)
- Dominique Fishback - Judas and the Black Messiah (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- Regina King - The Harder They Fall (Netflix)

Outstanding Independent Motion Picture

- American Skin (Vertical Entertainment)
- Bruised (Netflix)
- CODA (Apple TV+)
- Test Pattern (Kino Lorber)
- The Killing of Kenneth Chamberlain (RedBird Entertainment)

Outstanding International Motion Picture

- 7 Prisoners (Netflix)
- African America (Netflix)
- Eyimofe (This is My Desire) (Janus Films)
- Flee (Neon / Participant)
- The Gravedigger's Wife (Orange Studio)

Outstanding Breakthrough Performance in a Motion Picture

- Ariana DeBose - West Side Story (20th Century Studios)
- Danny Boyd, Jr. - Bruised (Netflix)
- Jalon Christian - A Journal For Jordan (Columbia Pictures)
- Lonnie Chavis - The Water Man (RLJE Films)
- Sheila Atim - Bruised (Netflix)

Outstanding Ensemble Cast in a Motion Picture

- Coming 2 America (Paramount Releasing/Amazon Studios)
- Judas and the Black Messiah (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- King Richard (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- Respect (Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pictures/United Artists Releasing)
- The Harder They Fall (Netflix)

Outstanding Animated Motion Picture

- Encanto (Walt Disney Studios)
- Luca (Walt Disney Studios)
- Raya and the Last Dragon (Walt Disney Studios)
- Sing 2 (Universal Pictures)
- Vivo (Netflix)

Outstanding Character Voice-Over Performance - Motion Picture

- Andre Braugher - Spirit Untamed (Universal Pictures)
- Awkwafina - Raya and the Last Dragon (Walt Disney Studios)
- Brian Tyree Henry - Vivo (Netflix)
- Eric André - Sing 2 (Universal Pictures)
- Letitia Wright - Sing 2 (Universal Pictures)

Outstanding Short-Form (Live Action)

- Aurinko in Adagio (Universal Pictures)
- Blackout (Netflix)
- The Ice Cream Stop (Walt Disney Studios)
- These Final Hours (Universal Pictures)
- When The Sun Sets (Lakutshon' Ilanga) (Universal Pictures)

Outstanding Short-Form (Animated)

- Blush (Apple TV+)
- Robin Robin (Netflix)
- She Dreams at Sunrise (Tribeca Studios, Procter & Gamble)
- Twenty Something (Pixar Animation Studios)
- Us Again (Walt Disney Animation Studios)

Outstanding Breakthrough Creative (Motion Picture)

- Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson - Summer Of Soul (...Or, When The Revolution Could Not Be Televised) (Searchlight Pictures, Onyx Collective, Hulu)
- Jamila Wignot - Ailey (Neon)
- Jeymes Samuel - The Harder They Fall (Netflix)
- Liesl Tommy - Respect (Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pictures/United Artists Releasing)
- Rebecca Hall - Passing (Netflix)

TELEVISION + STREAMING CATEGORIES

Outstanding Comedy Series

- `black-ish (ABC)
- Harlem (Amazon Studios)
- Insecure (HBO)
- Run the World (Starz)
- The Upshaws (Netflix)

Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series

- Anthony Anderson - `black-ish (ABC)
- Cedric the Entertainer - The Neighborhood (CBS)
- Don Cheadle - Black Monday (Showtime)
- Elisha 'EJ' Williams - The Wonder Years (ABC)
- Jay Ellis - Insecure (HBO)

Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series

- Issa Rae - Insecure (HBO)
- Loretta Devine - Family Reunion (Netflix)
- Regina Hall - Black Monday (Showtime)

- Tracee Ellis Ross - `black-ish (ABC)
- Yvonne Orji - Insecure (HBO)

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series

- Andre Braugher - Brooklyn Nine-Nine (NBC)
- Deon Cole - `black-ish (ABC)
- Kenan Thompson - Saturday Night Live (NBC)
- Kendrick Sampson - Insecure (HBO)
- Laurence Fishburne - `black-ish (ABC)

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series

- Amanda Seales - Insecure (HBO)
- Jenifer Lewis - `black-ish (ABC)
- Marsai Martin - `black-ish (ABC)
- Natasha Rothwell - Insecure (HBO)
- Wanda Sykes - The Upshaws (Netflix)

Outstanding Drama Series

- 9-1-1 (FOX)
- All American (The CW)
- Godfather of Harlem (EPIX)
- Pose (FX Network)
- Queen Sugar (OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network)

Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series

- Billy Porter - Pose (FX Network)
- Damson Idris - Snowfall (FX Network)
- Forest Whitaker - Godfather of Harlem (EPIX)
- Kofi Siriboe - Queen Sugar (OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network)
- Sterling K. Brown - This is Us (NBC)

Outstanding Actress in a Drama Series

- Angela Bassett - 9-1-1 (FOX)
- Dawn-Lyen Gardner - Queen Sugar (OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network)
- Octavia Spencer - Truth Be Told (Apple TV+)
- Queen Latifah - The Equalizer (CBS)
- Rutina Wesley - Queen Sugar (OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network)

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series

- Alex R. Hibbert - The Chi (Showtime)
- Cliff "Method Man" Smith - Power Book II: Ghost (Starz)
- Daniel Ezra - All American (The CW)
- Giancarlo Esposito - Godfather of Harlem (EPIX)
- Joe Morton - Our Kind of People (FOX)

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series

- Alfre Woodard - SEE (Apple TV+)
- Bianca Lawson - Queen Sugar (OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network)
- Chandra Wilson - Grey's Anatomy (ABC)

- Mary J. Blige - Power Book II: Ghost (Starz)
- Susan Kelechi Watson - This is Us (NBC)

Outstanding Television Movie, Limited-Series or Dramatic Special

- Colin in Black & White - (Netflix)
- Genius: Aretha - (National Geographic)
- Love Life - (HBO Max)
- Robin Roberts Presents: Mahalia - (Lifetime)
- The Underground Railroad - (Amazon Studios)

Outstanding Actor in a Television Movie, Limited-Series or Dramatic Special

- Anthony Mackie - Solos (Amazon Studios)
- Jaden Michael - Colin in Black & White (Netflix)
- Kevin Hart - True Story (Netflix)
- Wesley Snipes - True Story (Netflix)
- William Jackson Harper - Love Life (HBO Max)

Outstanding Actress in a Television Movie, Limited-Series or Dramatic Special

- Betty Gabriel - Clickbait (Netflix)
- Cynthia Erivo - Genius: Aretha (National Geographic)
- Danielle Brooks - Robin Roberts Presents: Mahalia (Lifetime)
- Jodie Turner-Smith - Anne Boleyn (AMC+)
- Taraji P. Henson - Annie Live! (NBC)

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Television Movie, Limited-Series or Dramatic Special

- Courtney B. Vance - Genius: Aretha (National Geographic)
- Keith David - Black As Night (Amazon Studios)
- Tituss Burgess - Annie Live! (NBC)
- Will Catlett - True Story (Netflix)
- William Jackson Harper - The Underground Railroad (Amazon Studios)

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Television Movie, Limited-Series or Dramatic Special

- Anika Noni Rose - Maid (Netflix)
- Natasha Rothwell - The White Lotus (HBO)
- Pauletta Washington - Genius: Aretha (National Geographic)
- Regina Hall - Nine Perfect Strangers (Hulu)
- Sheila Atim - The Underground Railroad (Amazon Studios)

Outstanding News/Information (Series or Special)

- Blood on Black Wall Street: The Legacy of the Tulsa Massacre (NBC)
- NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt (NBC)
- Soul of A Nation (ABC)
- The Reidout (MSNBC)
- Unsung (TV One)

Outstanding Talk Series

- Desus & Mero (Showtime)
- Hart to Heart (Peacock)

- Red Table Talk (Facebook Watch)
- Tamron Hall (Syndicated)
- The Real (Syndicated)

Outstanding Reality Program, Reality Competition or Game Show (Series)

- Celebrity Family Feud (ABC)
- Iyanla: Fix My Life (OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network)
- Sweet Life: Los Angeles (HBO Max)
- The Voice (NBC)
- Wild 'n Out (VH1)

Outstanding Variety Show (Series or Special)

- A Black Lady Sketch Show (HBO)
- BET Awards 2021 (BET)
- Dave Chappelle: The Closer (Netflix)
- Savage X Fenty Show Vol. 3 (Amazon Studios)
- The Daily Show with Trevor Noah (Comedy Central)

Outstanding Children's Program

- Ada Twist, Scientist (Netflix)
- Family Reunion (Netflix)
- Karma's World (Netflix)
- Raven's Home (Disney Channel)
- Waffles + Mochi (Netflix)

Outstanding Performance by a Youth (Series, Special, Television Movie or Limited-Series)

- Alayah "Lay Lay" High - That Girl Lay Lay (Nickelodeon)
- Celina Smith - Annie Live! (NBC)
- Elisha 'EJ' Williams - The Wonder Years (ABC)
- Eris Baker - This Is Us (NBC)
- Miles Brown - `black-ish (ABC)

Outstanding Host in a Talk or News/Information (Series or Special) – Individual or Ensemble

- Joy Reid - The Reidout (MSNBC)
- Daniel "Desus Nice" Baker, Joel "The Kid Mero" Martinez - Desus & Mero (Showtime)
- Garcelle Beauvais, Adrienne Houghton, Loni Love, Jeannie Mai Jenkins - The Real (Syndicated)
- Jada Pinkett Smith, Adrienne Banfield-Norris, Willow Smith - Red Table Talk (Facebook Watch)
- LeBron James - The Shop: Uninterrupted (HBO)

Outstanding Host in a Reality/Reality Competition, Game Show or Variety (Series or Special) – Individual or Ensemble

- Alfonso Ribeiro - America's Funniest Home Videos (ABC)
- Amber Ruffin - The Amber Ruffin Show (Peacock)
- Cedric The Entertainer – 73rd Annual Primetime Emmy Awards (CBS)

- Iyanla Vanzant - Iyanla: Fix My Life (OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network)
- Trevor Noah - The Daily Show with Trevor Noah (Comedy Central)

Outstanding Guest Performance

- Alani "La La" Anthony - The Chi (Showtime)
- Christina Elmore - Insecure (HBO)
- Daniel Kaluuya - Saturday Night Live (NBC)
- Erika Alexander - Run the World (Starz)
- Maya Rudolph - Saturday Night Live (NBC)

Outstanding Animated Series

- Big Mouth (Netflix)
- Peanut Headz: Black History Toonz (Kweli TV)
- Super Sema (YouTube Originals)
- We The People (Netflix)
- Yasuke (Netflix)

Outstanding Character Voice-Over Performance (Television)

- Angela Bassett - Malika: The Lion Queen (FOX)
- Billy Porter - Fairfax (Amazon Studios)
- Chris "Ludacris" Bridges - Karma's World (Netflix)
- Cree Summer - Rugrats (Nickelodeon)
- Keke Palmer - Big Mouth (Netflix)

Outstanding Short Form Series - Comedy or Drama

- Between the Scenes - The Daily Show (Comedy Central)
- Dark Humor (Comedy Central / YouTube)
- Della Mae (AspireTV)
- The Disney Launchpad: Shorts Incubator (Disney+)
- Two Sides: Unfaithful (Snapchat)

Outstanding Short Form Series or Special - Reality/Nonfiction

- Life By The Horns (Snapchat)
- Memory Builds The Monument (Fifth Ward CRC)
- Widen the Screen: 8:46 Films (BET)
- Through Our Eyes: Shelter (HBO Max)
- Lynching Postcards: Token of a Great Day (Paramount+)

Outstanding Breakthrough Creative (Television)

- Angel Kristi Williams - Colin in Black & White (Netflix)
- Cierra Glaude - Queen Sugar (OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network)
- Deborah Riley Draper - The Legacy of Black Wall Street (OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network)
- Halcyon Person - Karma's World (Netflix)
- Quyen Tran - Maid (Netflix)

RECORDING CATEGORIES

Outstanding New Artist

- Cynthia Erivo - Ch. 1 Vs. 1 (Verve Records / UMG Recordings)
- Jimmie Allen - Bettie James Gold Edition (BBR Music Group)
- Saweetie - Best Friend feat. Doja Cat (ICY / Warner Records)
- Tems - If Orange Was A Place (RCA Records / Since '93)
- Zoe Wees - Girls Like Us (Capitol Records)

Outstanding Male Artist

- Anthony Hamilton - Love Is The New Black (My Music Box LLC / BMG)
- Drake - Way 2 Sexy (Republic Records)
- Giv'eon - Heartbreak Anniversary (Epic Records)
- J. Cole - The Off-Season (Dreamville / Roc Nation)
- Lil Nas X - Montero (Call Me By Your Name) (Columbia Records)

Outstanding Female Artist

- H.E.R. - Back of My Mind (RCA Records / MBK Entertainment)
- Ari Lennox - Pressure (Dreamville / Interscope Records)
- Beyoncé - Be Alive (Columbia Records / Parkwood)
- Chlöe - Have Mercy (Columbia Records / Parkwood)
- Jazmine Sullivan - Heaux Tales (RCA Records)

Outstanding Gospel/Christian Album

- Anthems & Glory - Todd Dulaney (MNRK Music Group)
- Believe For It - CeCe Winans (Pure Springs Gospel / Fair Trade Services / Red Alliance Media)
- Jonny x Mali: Live in L.A. - Jonathan McReynolds and Mali Music (Life Room Label LLC / K Approved Enterprises. Inc.)
- Overcomer - Tamela Mann (Tillymann Music Group)
- Power - Jason McGee & The Choir (My Block, Inc.)

Outstanding International Song

- Essence - Wizkid feat. Tems and Justin Bieber (RCA Records / Starboy / Sony Music International)
- Peru - Fireboy DML (YBNL Nation / Empire)
- Somebody's Son - Tiwa Savage feat. Brandy (Motown)
- Touch It - KiDi (Lynx Entertainment / MadeInENY / Empire)
- Understand - Omah Lay (The KeyQaad / Sire Records)

Outstanding Music Video/Visual Album

- Best Friend - Saweetie feat. Doja Cat (ICY / Warner Records)
- Essence - Wizkid feat. Tems (RCA Records / Starboy / Sony Music International)
- Fye Fye - Tobe Nwigwe feat. Fat Nwigwe (Tobe Nwigwe, LLC)
- Have Mercy - Chlöe (Columbia Records / Parkwood)
- Leave The Door Open - Silk Sonic (Atlantic / Aftermath)

Outstanding Album

- An Evening with Silk Sonic - Silk Sonic (Atlantic / Aftermath)
- Back of My Mind - H.E.R. (RCA Records / MBK Entertainment)
- Certified Lover Boy - Drake (Republic Records)

- Heaux Tales - Jazmine Sullivan (RCA Records)
- When It's All Said and Done... Take Time - Giv'eon (Epic Records)

Outstanding Soundtrack/Compilation Album

- Coming 2 America (Amazon Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) - Eddie Murphy, Craig Brewer, Kevin Misher, Randy Spendlove, Jeff Harleston, Brittney Ramsdell (Def Jam Recordings)
- Judas and the Black Messiah (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) - Mark Isham and Craig Harris (WaterTower Music)
- Respect (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) - Jason Michael Webb and Stephen Bray (Epic Records)
- The Harder They Fall (The Motion Picture Soundtrack) - JAY-Z and Jeymes Samuel (Geneva Club / Roc Nation Records, LLC)
- The United States vs. Billie Holiday (Music from the Motion Picture) - Salaam Remi, Andra Day, Raphael Saadiq, Warren "E" Felder, Downtown Trevor Brown (Warner Records)

Outstanding Gospel/Christian Song

- Believe For It - CeCe Winans (Pure Springs Gospel / Fair Trade Services / Red Alliance Media)
- Help Me - Tamela Mann feat. The Fellas (Tillymann Music Group)
- Hold Us Together (Hope Mix) - H.E.R. and Tauren Wells (RCA Records / Sony Music)
- Overcome 2021 - Kirk Franklin (Fo Yo Soul / RCA Records)
- Time for Reparations - Sounds of Blackness (Sounds of Blackness / Atomic K Records)

Outstanding Jazz Album - Instrumental

- Forever...Jaz - Jazmin Ghent (Independent Artist)
- Love Languages - Nathan Mitchell (ENM Music Group)
- Somewhere Different - Brandee Younger (Impulse! Records)
- Sounds from the Ancestors - Kenny Garrett (Mack Avenue Music Group)
- The Magic of Now - Orrin Evans (Smoke Sessions Records)

Outstanding Jazz Album - Vocal

- Dear Love - Jazzmeia Horn and Her Noble Force (Empress Legacy Records)
- Generations - The Baylor Project (Be A Light)
- Ledisi Sings Nina - Ledisi (Listen Back Entertainment / BMG)
- Let There Be Love - Freda Payne (Alain Franke Records)
- SALSWING! - Rubén Blades y Roberto Delgado & Orquesta (Rubén Blades Productions)

Outstanding Soul/R&B Song

- Damage - H.E.R. (RCA Records / MBK Entertainment)
- Be Alive - Beyoncé (Columbia Records / Parkwood)
- Have Mercy - Chlöe (Columbia Records / Parkwood)
- Leave The Door Open - Silk Sonic (Atlantic / Aftermath)
- Pick Up Your Feelings - Jazmine Sullivan (RCA Records)

Outstanding Hip Hop/Rap Song

- Best Friend - Saweetie feat. Doja Cat (ICY / Warner Records)
- Fye Fye - Tobe Nwigwe feat. Fat Nwigwe (Tobe Nwigwe, LLC)
- Industry Baby - Lil Nas X feat. Jack Harlow (Columbia Records)
- My Life with 21 Savage and Morray - J. Cole (Dreamville / Roc Nation)
- Way 2 Sexy - Drake (Republic Records)

Outstanding Duo, Group or Collaboration (Traditional)

- Anthony Hamilton feat. Jennifer Hudson - Superstar (My Music Box LLC / BMG)
- Chlöe x Halle - Georgia On My Mind (Columbia Records / Parkwood)
- Jazmine Sullivan feat. H.E.R. - Girl Like Me (RCA Records)
- Leela James feat. Anthony Hamilton - Complicated (Remix) (SheSangz Music, Inc. / BMG)
- Silk Sonic - Leave the Door Open (Atlantic / Aftermath)

Outstanding Duo, Group or Collaboration (Contemporary)

- Chris Brown feat. Young Thug, Future, Lil Durk and Latto - Go Crazy (Remix) (RCA Records)
- Doja Cat feat. SZA - Kiss Me More (RCA Records / Kemosabe Records)
- Drake feat. Future & Young Thug - Way 2 Sexy (Republic Records)
- H.E.R. feat. Chris Brown - Come Through (RCA Records / MBK Entertainment)
- Tobe Nwigwe feat. Fat Nwigwe - Fye Fye (Tobe Nwigwe, LLC)

DOCUMENTARY CATEGORIES

Outstanding Documentary (Film)

- Attica (Showtime)
- Barbara Lee: Speaking Truth to Power (Greenwich Entertainment)
- My Name Is Pauli Murray (Amazon Studios in association with Participant)
- Summer of Soul (...Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised) (Searchlight Pictures, Onyx Collective, Hulu)
- Tina (HBO Documentary Films)

Outstanding Documentary (Television)

- 1971: The Year That Music Changed Everything (Apple TV+)
- American Masters: How It Feels to Be Free (PBS)
- Blood Brothers: Malcolm X & Muhammad Ali (Netflix)
- High on the Hog: How African American Cuisine Transformed America (Netflix)
- Insecure Documentary (HBO)

WRITING CATEGORIES

Outstanding Writing in a Comedy Series

- Ashley Nicole Black - Ted Lasso - "Do the Right-est Thing" (Apple TV+)
- Issa Rae - Insecure - "Everything's Gonna Be, Okay?!" (HBO)
- Leann Bowen - Ted Lasso - "Lavender" (Apple TV+)
- Maya Erskine - Pen15 - "Blue in Green" (Hulu)

- Temi Wilkey - Sex Education - "Episode #3.6" (Netflix)

Outstanding Writing in a Drama Series

- Aurin Squire - Evil - "C Is For Cop" (Paramount+)
- Davita Scarlett - The Good Fight - "And the Firm Had Two Partners..." (Paramount+)
- Malcolm Spellman - The Falcon and the Winter Soldier - "New World Order" (Disney+)
- Nkechi Okoro Carroll - All American - "Homecoming" (The CW)
- Steven Canals, Janet Mock, Our Lady J, Brad Falchuk, Ryan Murphy - Pose - "Series Finale" (FX Network)

Outstanding Writing in a Television Movie or Special

- Abdul Williams - Salt-N-Pepa (Lifetime Movie Network)
- Mario Miscione , Marcella Ochoa - Madres (Amazon Studios)
- Monique N. Matthew - A Holiday In Harlem (Hallmark Channel)
- Sameer Gardezi - Hot Mess Holiday (Comedy Central)
- Sherman Payne - Black As Night (Amazon Studios)

Outstanding Writing in a Motion Picture

- Janicza Bravo, Jeremy O. Harris - Zola (A24)
- Jeymes Samuel, Boaz Yakin - The Harder They Fall (Netflix)
- Shaka King, Will Berson, Kenny Lucas, Keith Lucas - Judas and the Black Messiah (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- Virgil Williams - A Journal for Jordan (Columbia Pictures)
- Win Rosenfeld, Nia DaCosta, Jordan Peele - Candyman (Universal Pictures)

DIRECTING CATEGORIES

Outstanding Directing in a Comedy Series

- Bashir Salahuddin, Diallo Riddle - South Side - "Tornado" (HBO Max)
- Melina Matsoukas - Insecure - "Reunited, Okay?!" (HBO)
- Neema Barnette - Harlem - "Once Upon A Time in Harlem" (Amazon Studios)
- Prentice Penny - Insecure - "Everything's Gonna Be, Okay?!" (HBO)
- Tiffany Johnson - Black Monday - "Eight!" (Showtime)

Outstanding Directing in a Drama Series

- Anthony Hemingway - Genius: Aretha "Respect" (National Geographic)
- Barry Jenkins - The Underground Railroad - "Indiana Winter" (Amazon Studios)
- Carl Seaton - Snowfall - "Fight or Flight" (FX Network)
- Carl Seaton - Godfather of Harlem - "The Bonanno Split" (EPIX)
- Hanelle Culpepper - True Story - "Like Cain Did Abel" (Netflix)

Outstanding Directing in a Television Movie or Special

- Jaffar Mahmood - Hot Mess Holiday (Comedy Central)
- Kenny Leon - Robin Roberts Presents: Mahalia (Lifetime)
- Mario Van Peebles - Salt-N-Pepa (Lifetime)
- Maritte Lee Go - Black As Night (Amazon Studios)

- Veronica Rodriguez - Let's Get Merried (VH1)

Outstanding Directing in a Motion Picture

- Denzel Washington - A Journal for Jordan (Columbia Pictures)
- Jeymes Samuel - The Harder They Fall (Netflix)
- Lin-Manuel Miranda - tick tick...BOOM! (Netflix)
- Reinaldo Marcus Green - King Richard (Warner Bros. Pictures)
- Shaka King - Judas and the Black Messiah (Warner Bros. Pictures)

Outstanding Directing in a Documentary (Television or Motion Picture)

- Andre Gaines - The One and Only Dick Gregory (Showtime)
- Dawn Porter - Rise Again: Tulsa and the Red Summer (National Geographic)
- Sam Pollard - MLK/FBI (IFC Films)
- Samantha Knowles, Yoruba Richen, Geeta Gandbhir, Nadia Hallgren - Black and Missing (HBO)
- Spike Lee - NYC Epicenters 9/11→2021½ (HBO Max)

LITERARY CATEGORIES

Outstanding Literary Work - Fiction

- Harlem Shuffle - Colson Whitehead (Penguin Random House)
- Libertie - Kaitlyn Greenidge (Algonquin Books)
- Long Division - Kiese Laymon (Simon & Schuster)
- The Man Who Lived Underground - Richard Wright (Library of America)
- The Perishing - Natasha Deón (Counterpoint Press)

Outstanding Literary Work - Nonfiction

- Dance Theatre of Harlem - Judy Tyrus, Paul Novosel (Kensington)
- Just As I Am - Cicely Tyson (Amistad)
- My Remarkable Journey - Katherine Johnson (Amistad)
- Renegades: Born in the USA - Barack Obama, Bruce Springsteen (Penguin Random House)
- The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story - Nikole Hannah-Jones (Penguin Random House)

Outstanding Literary Work - Debut Author

- Just As I Am - Cicely Tyson (Amistad)
- My Remarkable Journey - Katherine Johnson (Amistad)
- Other Black Girl: A Novel - Zakiya Dalila Harris (Simon & Schuster)
- The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois - Honorée Fanonne Jeffers (HarperCollins Publishers)
- Wake: The Hidden History of Women-Led Slave Revolts - Rebecca Hall (Simon & Schuster)

Outstanding Literary Work - Biography/Autobiography

- Just As I Am - Cicely Tyson (Amistad)
- Unbound: My Story of Liberation and the Birth of the Me Too Movement - Tarana Burke (Macmillan / Flatiron Books)
- Unprotected: A Memoir - Billy Porter (Abrams Press)

- Until I Am Free - Keisha Blain (Beacon Press)
- Will - Will Smith (Penguin Random House)

Outstanding Literary Work - Instructional

- Diversity Is Not Enough: A Roadmap to Recruit, Develop and Promote Black Leaders in America - Keith Wyche (Kandelle Publishing)
- Feeding the Soul (Because It's My Business) - Tabitha Brown (HarperCollins Publishers)
- Permission to Dream - Chris Gardner (Amistad)
- Teaching Black History to White People - Leonard N. Moore (University of Texas Press)
- The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth About Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations - Robert Livingston (Penguin Random House)

Outstanding Literary Work - Poetry

- Perfect Black - Crystal Wilkinson (University Press of Kentucky)
- Playlist for the Apocalypse - Rita Dove (W. W. Norton & Company)
- Such Color: New and Selected Poems - Tracy K. Smith (Graywolf Press)
- The Wild Fox of Yemen - Threa Almontaser (Graywolf Press)
- What Water Knows: Poems - Jacqueline Jones LaMon (Northwestern University Press)

Outstanding Literary Work - Children

- Black Ballerinas: My Journey to Our Legacy - Misty Copeland (Aladdin)
- Change Sings - Amanda Gorman, Loren Long (Penguin Young Readers)
- Stacey's Extraordinary Words - Stacey Abrams, Kitt Thomas (HarperCollins)
- Time for Bed, Old House - Janet Costa Bates, A.G. Ford (Candlewick Press)
- When Langston Dances - Kaija Langley, Keith Mallett (S&S Books for Young Readers)

Outstanding Literary Work - Youth/Teens

- Ace of Spades - Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé (Feiwel & Friends / Macmillan)
- Happily Ever Afters - Elise Bryant (HarperCollins)
- The Cost of Knowing - Brittney Morris (Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- When You Look Like Us - Pamela N. Harris (HarperCollins)
- Wings of Ebony - J. Elle (S&S Books for Young Readers)

PODCAST CATEGORIES

Outstanding News and Information Podcast

- #SundayCivics
- After the Uprising: The Death of Danyé Dion Jones
- Blindspot: Tulsa Burning
- Into America
- Un(re)solved

Outstanding Lifestyle/Self-Help Podcast

- Checking In with Michelle Williams
- The Homecoming Podcast with Dr. Thema
- The SonRise Project Podcast
- Two Funny Mamas: Sherri Shepherd & Kym Whitley
- Under Construction w/ Tamar Braxton

Outstanding Society and Culture Podcast

- Beyond the Scenes - The Daily Show
- Jemele Hill is Unbothered
- Professional Troublemaker
- Questlove Supreme
- Super Soul Podcast

Outstanding Arts and Entertainment Podcast

- Club Shay Shay podcast with Shannon Sharpe
- Jemele Hill is Unbothered
- Questlove Supreme
- Reasonably Shady
- The History of Sketch Comedy with Keegan-Michael Key

SOCIAL MEDIA PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

- @Euniquejg - Eunique Jones Gberson
- @KevOnStage - Kevin Fredericks
- @Laronhinesofficial - Laron Hines
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