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film network



# Partnerships

2024-2025





# Over 28 Years of BWFN

## PREPARE AND PRESERVE

Black Women Film Network---the longest-running organization supporting and championing Black women in all aspects of film, TV and beyond---has been on the frontlines inspiring, uplifting, guiding, and celebrating voices that have been traditionally marginalized. Twenty-eight years ago, founder Sheryl Gripper, a multi-E Emmy award-winning local news executive in Atlanta, saw a void in the representation of Black women in the film and television industry and chose to fill that void.

With the support of her colleagues, film influencers, elected officials, sorority sisters, Spelman alumnae and community organizers, Mrs. Gripper launched the Black Women Film Preservation Project, Inc in 1997 (later changed to Black Women Film Network). BWFN was founded with the mission to prepare Black women for careers in film and tv and to empower these women through an annual summit, a film festival, educational programs, networking opportunities, industry connections, mentorship and scholarships.





# *Our Impact*

Each year, BWFN hosts a nationally-recognized short film festival as well as the BWFN Summit, a full day of training workshops led by established industry professionals.

Additionally, we regularly converse with our social audience through our Instagram engagement of 40K+, 15K+ on Facebook as well as our IG Live series "The Reel Rundown," where we spotlight industry influencers and experts on a variety of topics through lively conversations.

A 501(c)3 non-profit, BWFN also provides college scholarships to aspiring Black women filmmakers and to date has given over \$78,000 in funds to dozens of deserving students. Many of these students have gone on to fill executive positions at major networks (E! Entertainment, NBCUniversal, Shondaland), worked on television shows and produced independent films.

SOCIAL MEDIA  
REACH

**40K**  
INSTAGRAM

**20K**  
FACEBOOK

**5.5K**  
NEWSLETTER



**GAIL BEAN  
2024 BLACK WOMAN RISING  
AWARD HONOREE**



# Why Invest With BWFN?

Invest with us because Black women are some of the most powerful trendsetters in our economy. Investing in the future of Black women in film and television will only strengthen the industry as a whole. There are now more Black women in decision-making roles in film and tv than ever before. Yet, the work is far from over. The demand for authentic, nuanced storytelling that is inclusive and diverse has never been greater. Aligning with our talented pool of 3,000+ creatives is not just the right thing to do, it's good business.

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**Become an official sponsor across these opportunities:**

- **BWFN Summit**
- **BWFN Film Festival**
- **Year Round Engagement/Developmental classes, Panels, Mixers, and More.**







## SUMMIT OVERVIEW

The BWFN Summit will return to Atlanta on **Saturday, March 22, 2025**, for another celebration of Black women in film and television. This annual Women's History Month event will feature impactful seminars, powerful speakers, focused interviews, and enhancement activities that will connect key industry players with aspiring entertainment professionals.

## AUDIENCE

Black Women | Ages 18-54 | College-Educated

## PAST PARTICIPANTS

Mara Brock Akil | Gina Prince Bythewood | Tabitha Brown | Lena Waithe | Will Packer | Naturi Naughton | Debra Lee | Keshia Knight-Pulliam | Salli Richardson-Whitfield | Mona Scott-Young | Ashley Calloway | Ashley Holland | Jaia Thomas | Rhavynn Drummer | Miki Turner | Provi Fulp | Tisha Campbell-Martin | Cori Murray | Mikki Taylor | Tiffany Hasbourne | Robi Reed | Connie Orlando | Logan Browning | Jasmine Guy | Mo'Nique | Andra Day | Terri J. Vaughn | Omari Hardwick | Rikki Hughes | Lamman Rucker | Tracy Oliver | Meg DeLoatch | Tammy Williams | Danielle Deadwyler | Latasha Gillespie | Cas Sigers Beedles | D'Angela Proctor | Tomii Crump | Gail Bean

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## FILM FEST OVERVIEW

The BWFN Short Film Festival will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025. It is a signature event of the Black Women Film Network, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to preparing Black women to enter the film and television industries. Since 2004, the BWFN Short Film Festival has engaged hundreds of Black women filmmakers and provided a platform for these aspiring creatives to showcase their work. This is a competitive festival in which short films that are either written, produced, directed or starred in by a Black woman are judged by a jury of industry experts.

The goal of the BWFN Short Film Festival is to provide an outlet as well as spotlight on Black women in front and behind the camera. Festival participants, ranging from complete newcomers to established in the industry include: Amy Aniobi (co-executive producer, *Insecure*), Nneka Onuorah (director, *Lizzo's Watch Out for the Big Grrrls*), Winter Dunn (director, *Dear Mama*), Kia Moses (director, *Flight*), Janlatae Mullins (director, *Soul Fire*), Maya Table (director, *Hit the Road*), Sheena Carter (producer, *Social Society*), and the 2024 Best in Class winner, Christine Swanson with Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor (director, talent Fannie).





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## ABOUT BWFN YEAR-ROUND ENGAGEMENT: DEVELOPMENTAL CLASSES, PANELS, MIXERS, & MORE

One of our foundational tenets is meeting our membership where they are in order to enrich their development in areas where they need it most—for free or reasonable fees that they can manage in this challenging economy. Additionally, we host mixers in various cities, including Atlanta and NYC, to encourage and connect our members on various levels. Some of our engagement includes: Mental Health panel featuring actress and advocate Kat Graham along with producers, psychotherapists, and set therapists; Production Assistants Pathway classes taught by industry leaders; Tax seminar; Line Producing seminar; and Career Transition seminar. Additionally, we host mixers in Atlanta and NYC to help our members connect with each other and potential mentors.





# Sponsor/Partner Levels + Benefits

RUBY DEE

\$2,500



- Table of ten (10) tickets to Summit Awards Brunch

LENA HORNE

\$5,000



- Remarks at Summit
- Promotional video exhibited at top of panel at Summit
- One (1) dedicated social media post
- Video recap from Summit
- 5 tickets to Awards Brunch
- Remarks during Film Fest & Awards
- Sizzle reel presentation at Film Fest & Awards
- Five (5) seats at Film Fest & Awards

DOROTHY DANDRIDGE

\$10,000



- Remarks at Summit
- Promotional video exhibited at top of panel at Summit
- Table of ten (10) tickets to Awards Brunch
- Two (2) dedicated social media posts
- Video recap from Summit
- Dedicated Room for Networking, Interviews, Company Q&A at Summit
- Eight (8) VIP seats to Film Fest
- Remarks during Film Fest & Awards
- Sizzle reel presentation at Film Fest & Awards
- Mention in Press Release for Summit
- Logo placement for all 2025 Programming

DAHANN CARROLL

\$15,000



- Remarks at Summit
- Promotional video exhibited at top of panel at Summit
- Table of ten (10) tickets to Awards Brunch
- Three (3) dedicated social media posts
- Video recap from Summit
- Dedicated Room for Networking, Interviews, Company Q&A at Summit
- IG Live conversation with company representative / ambassador week leading up to Summit
- Ten (10) VIP seats to Film Fest
- Remarks during Film Fest & Awards
- Sizzle reel presentation at Film Fest & Awards
- Mention in Press Release for Summit
- Logo placement for all 2025 Programming

HATTIE MCDANIEL

\$25,000



- Presenting sponsor for Keynote Speaker / Conversation
- Remarks at Summit
- Promotional video exhibited at top of Summit
- Two Tables of ten (20) tickets to Awards Brunch
- Four (4) dedicated social media posts
- Video recap from Summit
- Scholarship Award with company branding
- Dedicated Room for Networking, Interviews, Company Q&A at Summit
- IG Live conversation with company representative / ambassador week leading up to Summit
- Fifteen (15) VIP seats to Film Fest
- Remarks during Film Fest & Awards
- Sizzle reel presentation at Film Fest & Awards
- Mention in Press Release for Summit
- Logo placement for all 2025 Programming

CICELY TYSON

\$50,000



- Presenting sponsor for the **Summit, Film Fest, Panels, and Mixers**
- Meet & Greet with Honorees before Awards Brunch
- Remarks at Summit
- Promotional video exhibited at top of Summit
- Two Tables of ten (20) tickets to Awards Brunch
- Five (5) dedicated social media posts
- Video recap from Summit
- Scholarship Award with company branding
- Dedicated Room for Networking, Interviews, Company Q&A at Summit
- IG Live conversation with company representative / ambassador week leading up to Summit
- Twenty (20) VIP seats to Film Fest
- Remarks during Film Fest & Awards
- Sizzle reel presentation at Film Fest & Awards
- Mention in Press Release for Summit
- Logo placement for all 2025 Programming



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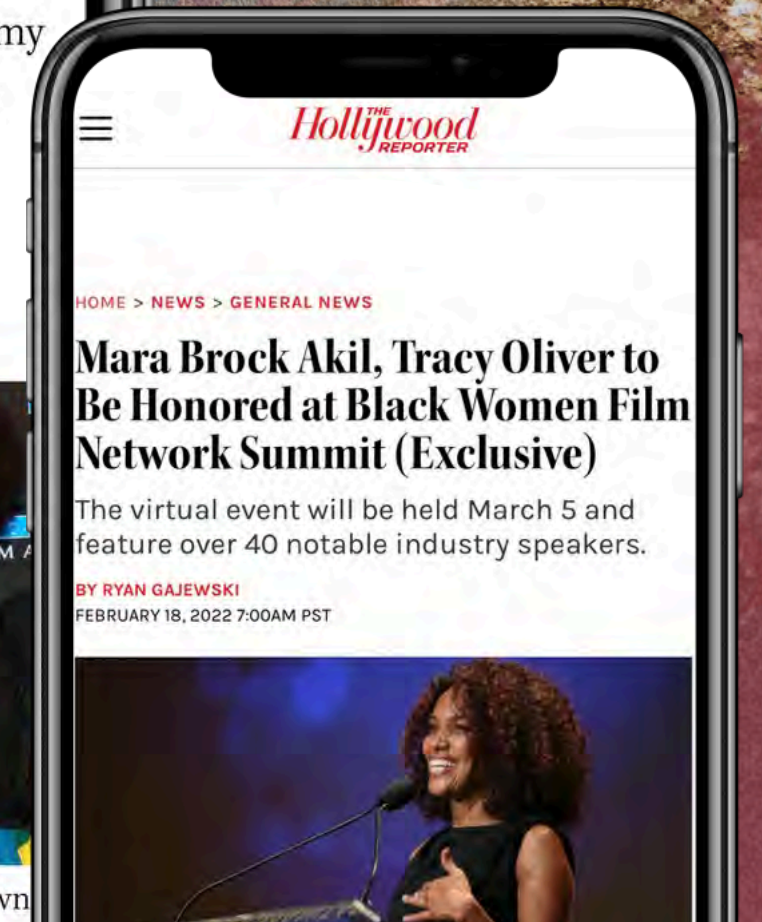
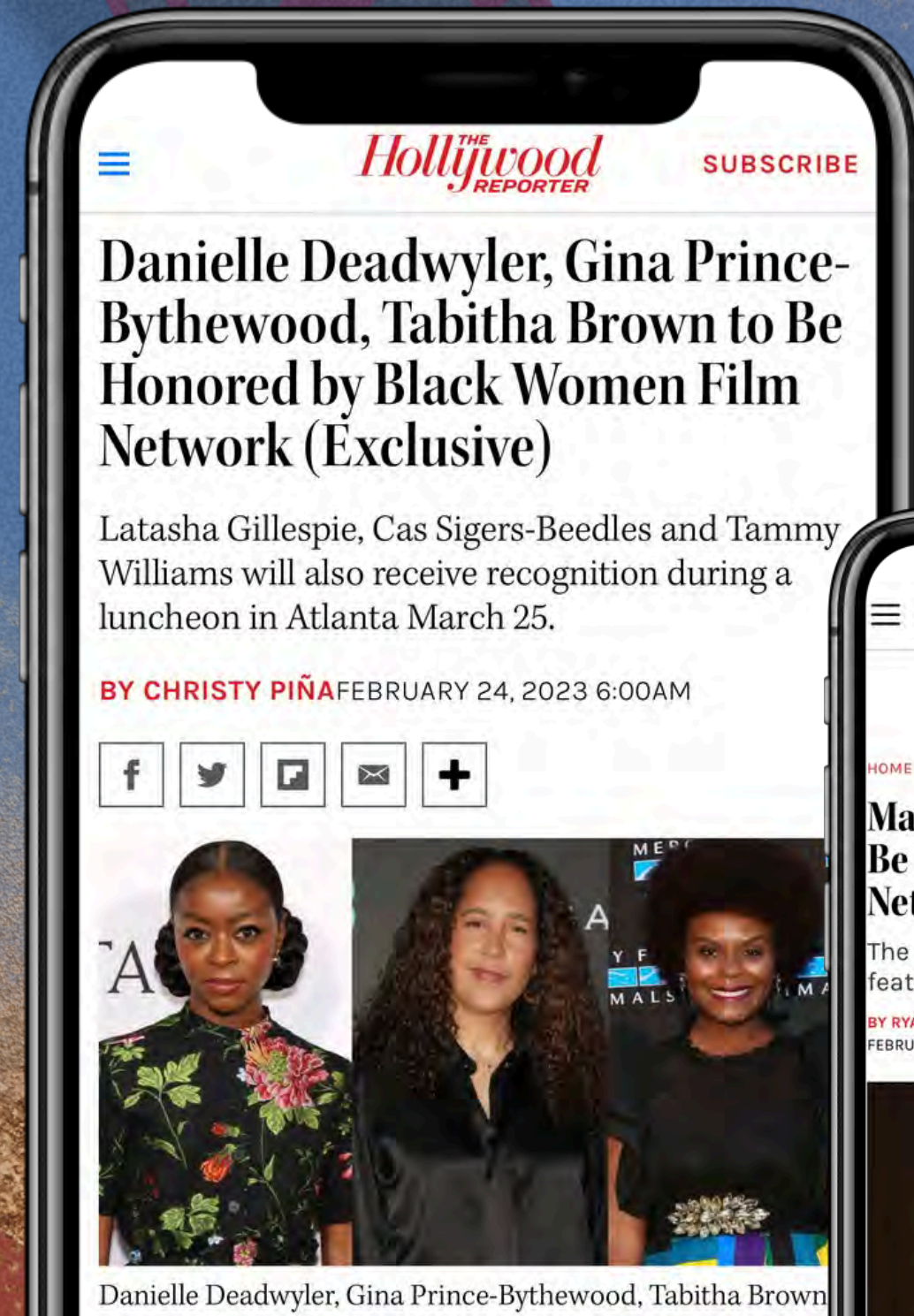


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