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**THE 10TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERARY AWARDS SHOW**

**TO TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH IN HARLEM**

**AWARDS HOSTED BY TV PERSONALITY& AWARD-WINNING PRODUCER PATRICK L. RILEY**

**HONOREES INCLUDE MAYA ANGELOU AND JAMES EARL HARDY**

**Harlem, New York – October 13, 2014 –** The 10th Annual African American Literary Awards is set to take place on **Sunday,** **October 26, 2014 at MIST Harlem 46 W. 116th Street**. The event is the first and only awards show to recognize, honor, celebrate and promote the achievements and contributions of African-American authors, writers, publishers, artists and related entertainment industries together with their fans. This year marks the Awards’ 10th Anniversary, making this legendary awards ceremony the most anticipated literary event of the year.

The awards will be hosted by TV Personality & Award-Winning Producer Patrick Riley. He will be joined by an impressive list of presenters, including: **Wendy Williams,** **Walter Mosley, Terrie Williams, Hi Five,** (singing group), **Freddie Jackson, Shawn Bullard, Khalil Kain, Stanley Bennett Clay, Robert Christopher Riley, Tiffany Denee Jones, Bevy Smith** and **Michaela Angela Davis.**

The program will include recognition of two honorees, **Dr. Maya Angelou and James Earl Hardy**. Also in attendance and presenting will be several offspring of great literary and entertainment giants, including **Gina Belafonte (Harry Belafonte), Raoul Roach (Max Roach), Suzanne Bramford (Diahann Carroll), Trevor Baldwin (James Baldwin), Richard Pryor Jr. (Richard Pryor), Rhonda Ross (Diana Ross and Berry Gordy) and Tren'ness Woods- Black (Sylvia Woods).**

The evening will begin with a Pre-Show VIP Red Carpet Cocktail reception featuring songbird Lady Leah, followed by The Awards show that will include musical guests and Harlem sensation Farrah Burns, and special tributes to our honorees James Earl Hardy and the late Dr. Maya Angelou. Part of the evening’s proceeds will benefit the Harlem Educational Activities Fund (HEAF). **Tickets are available for purchase at www. http://literaryawardshow.com.**

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**About AALAS and Founder Yvette Hayward:**

Yvette Hayward is the president of Flowers & Hayward Publicity & Mgmt. a public relations company that has been a powerful resource in the literary and entertainment field for over seven (10) years.  She has represented well-known authors such as, Essence best-selling authors, Lolita Files, Victoria Christopher Murray, Carol Mackey, New York Times best-selling authors, Eric Jerome Dickey & Wendy Williams.

The company’s primary mission is to bring recognition to African-American authors throughout the country. With an established client base of best-selling authors, the company is able to carry out its mission through developing client specific tailored programs such as book signings, radio, television, print and promotional tours.

The African American Literary Award show is the brainchild of Ms. Hayward.  She came up with the idea in 1996 and was finally able to bring it to fruition in September 2004.

**About Harlem Educational Activities Fund:**

The Harlem Educational Activities Fund (HEAF) changes the lives of underserved young people beginning in middle school and continuing in college and beyond through a youth development approach that includes rigorous year-round academic enrichment, social and cultural exposure and constant individual attention. Founded in 1989 by philanthropist Daniel Rose, HEAF has long been at the forefront of providing high-quality supplemental education and creating pathways to higher learning for underserved minority New York City youth. We serve approximately 500 middle school, high school, and college students each year through our college access and success programs, providing the resources and guidance they need to get excited about learning, as well as pursue and complete a college education.

**Musa Jackson Productions LLC( MJP)/Producer:**

Musa Jackson, CEO of MJP is a Harlem native has been in the entertainment field for more than three decades. He has produced fashion shows for Catherine Malandrino, DVF and Betsy Johnson, written TV pilots such as “One Two Five” as well as “Pandora’s Box” a feature film for Disney’s Hollywood Pictures Division. He is one of the winners of The American Screen Gem Awards for Best Short Screenplay. MJP is a force in the Harlem community, working with non- profits like HEAF, MMPCIA and HCDC and opening and building brands like Harlem Shake, Corner Social, Barawine, Settepani, Red Rooster/Ginny’s, Cedric’s, BTL Harlem and The Apollo. For more information please visit: [www.heaf.org](http://www.heaf.org)

**2014 AALAS NOMINEES:**

**Biography/Memoir**

Misty Copeland – Life in Motion

Janet Mock – Redefining Realness

Robin Roberts – Everybody’s Got Something

Jesymn Ward – Men We Reaped

**Christian**

ReShonda Tate Billingsley & Victoria Christopher Murray – Fortune & Fame

E.N. Joy – More Than I Can Bear

Sharel E. Gordon – Change Me For My Season

K.T. Richey – Sunday Morning Blues

**Fiction**

Elissa Gabrielle – Eye Of the Beholder

Nina Foxx – Momma: Gone

William Frederick Cooper – Unbreakable

Danielle Santiago – The Conglomerate

**Erotica**

Elissa Gabrielle - Pillow Talk in the Heat of the Night

Cairo – Slippery When Wet

Eden Davis - Dare to Be Wild

N’Tyse – Twisted Vows of Seduction

**Mystery**

Cole Riley – Little White Lies

Walter Mosley - Debbie Doesn't Do It Anymore

Eric Jerome Dickey – A Wanted Woman

Pamela Samuels Young – Anyone’s Daughter

**Romance**

Wendy Williams – Hold Me In Contempt

Derrick Jaxn – A Cheating Man’s Heart

Beverly Jenkins – Hear Of Gold

Donna Hill - Tender Loving Passion

**Street Fiction**

K’WAN – The Fix

Wahida Clark – Blood, Sweat & Payback

Tasha Macklin - Baller Dreams

Ni'chelle Genovese – Baby Momma 3

**Short Stories/Anthologies**

Nina Foxx – A Letter For My Mother

Elissa Gabrielle, Lorraine Elzia, Ebonee Monique – Pillow Talk in the Heat of the Night

Tenille Brown – Can’t Get Enough

Brian A. Smith , Pamela Samuels Young, Monique D. Mensah & Nakia R. Laushaul - The Funeral - an Anthology

**Self Help**

T.D. Jakes – Instinct

Iyanla Vanzant – Forgiveness

Russell Simmons - Success Through Stillness: Meditation Made Simple

Abiola Abrams - The Sacred Bombshell Handbook of Self-Love: The 11 Secrets of Feminine Power

**Children’s Author/Young Adult**

Nina Foxx: Catfish

Elissa Gabrielle & Angelia Vernon Menchan - Glowing Embers in a Dying Fire

Jerry Craft, Jaylen Craft & Aren Craft - The Offenders: Saving the World, While Serving Detention!

Betty K. Bynum - I'm a Pretty Little Black Girl!

**Non Fiction**

Edward Lewis - The Man from Essence: Creating a Magazine for Black Women

Marion Barry & Omar Tyree - Mayor for Life: The Incredible Story of Marion Barry, Jr.

James E. Clyburn - Blessed Experiences: Genuinely Southern, Proudly Black

Pearl Cleage - Things I Should Have Told My Daughter: Lies, Lessons, & Love Affairs

**Author Of the Year (Female)**

Elissa Gabrielle – Eye of the Beholder

Terry McMillian – Who Asked You?

Iyanla Vanzant - Forgiveness: 21 Days to Forgive Everyone for Everything

Nina Foxx – Mama Gone

**Author Of The Year Male**

K’WAN – Black Lotus

Curtis Bunn – Old Man In The Club

Walter Mosley – Debbie Doesn’t Do It Anymore

JaQuavis Coleman – The White House

**Break Out Author Of The Year**

Nikki Woods – Easier Said Than Done

Dr. Catrina Pullum - Breaking the Chains: From Hurting to Healing

Candy Jackson – Pink & Patent Leather

Khara Campbell – Not My Will

**Self-Published Author Of The Year**

Tamika Newhouse – The Words I Didn’t Say

Elissa Gabrielle – Eye of the Beholder

Joyce A. Brown--What You Can Get Away With

Monica Michelle – Lucky No. 5

**Independent Publisher of The Year**

Delphine Publications

Peace in the Storm

Live the Dream Publishing

Black House Publishing

**Publishing House Of The Year**

Kensington

Kimani Press

Simon & Schuster

Grand Central Publishing

**Literary Magazine**

Mosaic

SORMAG (Shades of Romance)

Black Pearls

Written

**Cookbook**

Pat & Gina Neely - Back Home with the Neelys: Comfort Food from Our Southern Kitchen to Yours

Carla Hall - Carla's Comfort Foods: Favorite Dishes from Around the World

Bryant Terry - Afro-Vegan: Farm-Fresh African, Caribbean, and Southern Flavors Remixed

Chef Jerome Brown - Eat Like A Celebrity: Southern Cuisine with a Gourmet Twist

**Magazine (Non-Literary)**

Ebony

Uptown

Black Enterprise

Heart & Soul

**Book Club of The Year**

Go On Girl Book Club

Sistahfriend Book Club

Lovely Essence Book Club

Booktalk ladies Book Club

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