

bowfn black women
film network

Summit

&
Short Film Festival

LOUDERMILK CONFERENCE CENTER - ATLANTA, GA

MARCH 23 - 24



OVER 27 YEARS OF BWFN

[prepare and preserve]

Long before it was a catchphrase, Black Women Film Network -- the longest-running organization dedicated to preserving the stories of African American women -- recognized the power of "black girl magic." Twenty-five years ago, founder Sheryl Gripper, a multi-Emmy award-winning local news executive in Atlanta, saw a void in the representation of Black women in the film and television industry.

With the support of her colleagues, film influencers, elected officials, sorors, Spelman alums 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 upon the mission to prepare Black women for careers in film and tv and to empower these women through educational programs, networking opportunities, industry connections and scholarships.



GINA PRINCE-BYTHEWOOD

2023 RAINMAKHER HONOREE

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 engage in regular dialogue with our social media audience through our Instagram Live series "The Reel Rundown" where we interview industry influencers and experts on a variety of topics.

A 501(c)3 non-profit, BWFN also provides college scholarships to aspiring Black women filmmakers and to date has given over \$75,000 in funds to dozens of deserving students. Many of these students have gone on to fill executive positions at major networks (E! Entertainment), worked on television shows and produced independent films.

SOCIAL MEDIA
REACH

37.5K

INSTAGRAM

19K

FACEBOOK

5K

EMAIL



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The BWFN Summit & Film Fest will return to Atlanta on **Saturday, March 23-24, 2024**, at the **Loudermilk Conference Center** for another celebration of Black women in film and television. This annual Women's History Month event will feature short films, seminars, and activities that will connect key industry players with aspiring entertainment professionals.

AUDIENCE

African-American Women | Ages 18-54 | College-Educated

PAST PARTICIPANTS

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

PAST SPONSORS



2023 BWFN SUMMIT & FILM FEST BY THE NUMBERS

1,500
REGISTRANTS

650
PARTICIPANTS

30
SPEAKERS

12
SPONSORS

6
HONOREES



**CAS
SIGERS-BEEDLES**

**2023 STORYTELLER
AWARD HONOREE**

SUMMIT PROGRAMMING

The BWFN Summit brings out best in class experts from various aspects of the industry, including casting, producing, screenwriting, legal and more.



TAMRA SIMMONS

EXECUTIVE
PRODUCER

2023 WORKSHOPS & PANELS

MUSIC SUPERVISING PRESENTED BY
AMAZON MUSIC

SHOOT YOUR SHOT:
AUDITION 101

PITCH PERFECT:
TURNING MY IDEA INTO REALITY

MIC CHECK:
PODCASTING & PRODUCING

I NEED REPRESENTATION

IT'S THE HAIR, MAKEUP &
COSTUME FOR ME

INSIDE THE WRITER'S ROOM

WHERE THE MONEY RESIDES:
FUNDING YOUR FILM



MELISSA INGRAM,
ESO
HEAD OF INDUSTRY
RELATIONS
"AMP, AMAZON"



KAYE
SINGLETON
CREATOR,
"COVENANT"



RAVEN GOODWIN

ACTRESS

We are proud to offer aspiring young women of color the opportunity to pursue a career in film and television through the BWFN Scholarship.

WHY BWFN?

Because Black women are some of the most powerful trendsetters in our economy. Because 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.



LILLIEPEARL
SCHULTZ

SPELMAN COLLEGE

2022 SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENT

PARTNERING OPPORTUNITIES

RUBY DEE

\$2,500



- Table of ten (10) tickets to Awards Brunch

LENA HORNE

\$5,000



- Remarks at event
- Promotional video exhibited at top of panel
- One (1) dedicated social media post
- Video recap recording
- 5 tickets to Awards Brunch

DOROTHY DANDRIDGE

\$10,000



- Remarks at event
- Promotional video exhibited at top of panel
- Two (2) dedicated social media posts
- Networking breakout room with Q&A
- Video recap recording
- Five (5) VIP seats to Film Fest
- Table of ten (10) tickets to Awards Brunch

DIAHANN CARROLL

\$15,000



- Remarks at event
- Promotional video exhibited at top of panel
- Three (3) dedicated social media posts
- Networking breakout room with Q&A
- Video recap recording
- IG Live conversation with company representative / ambassador week leading up to event
- Eight (8) VIP seats to Film Fest
- Table of ten (10) tickets to Awards Brunch

HATTIE MCDANIEL

\$25,000



- Presenting sponsor for keynote speaker / conversation
- Remarks at event
- Promotional video exhibited at top of event
- Four (4) dedicated social media posts
- Scholarship award with company branding
- Networking breakout room with Q&A
- Video recap recording
- IG Live conversation with company representative / ambassador week leading up to event
- Ten (10) VIP seats to Film Fest
- Table of ten (10) tickets to Awards Brunch

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Thank You!



