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**NAACP IMAGE AWARDS REVEALS SECOND ROUND OF WINNERS DURING THE  
53RD NAACP IMAGE AWARDS NON-TELEVISED VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE**

**NIGHT TWO WINNERS INCLUDE ISSA RAE, KENNY LEON, SHAKA KING, BARRY  
JENKINS, AND MORE!**

**SCOT X. ESDAILE PRESENTED WITH THE ACTIVIST OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**APPEARANCES FROM CLINT COLEY, DEMETRIUS SHIPP JR AND MARCEL  
SPEARS**

**BEVERLY HILLS, CA (February 22, 2022)** – Tonight, the NAACP celebrated the second night of the 53rd NAACP Image Awards announcing the next round of winners in the non-televised award categories, which featured categories short form series, directing and writing across film and television, as well as the esteemed Activist of the Year Award, which was presented to **Scot X. Esdaile**. The winners were revealed tonight during the NAACP Image Awards' Virtual Experience presented by Wells Fargo and hosted by Affion Crockett at [naacpimageawards.net](https://naacpimageawards.net) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

Tonight's winners included **Issa Rae** for Outstanding Writing in a Comedy Series, **"When The Sun Sets (Lakutshon' Ilanga)"** for Outstanding Short-Form (Live Action), **Shaka King, Will Berson, Kenny Lucas & Keith Lucas- (Judas and the Black Messiah)** for Outstanding Writing in a Motion Picture, **Bashir Salahuddin & Diallo Riddle - "South Side" – "Tornado" (208)** for Outstanding Directing in a Comedy Series, **Shaka King- "Judas and the Black Messiah"** for Outstanding Directing in a Motion Picture, **Samantha Knowles, Yoruba Richen, Geeta Gandbhir, Nadia Hallgren- "Black and Missing"- Ep 103** for Outstanding Directing in a Documentary, **Us Again** for Outstanding Short-Form (Animated).

As previously announced, President of the Connecticut State Conference and of NAACP Branches, **Scot X. Esdaile** was honored with the Activist of The Year Award which was presented by NAACP President, **Derrick Johnson** to spotlight his commitment to uplifting youth and community and his passion for social justice.

The night additionally featured appearances from presenters including **Clint Coley, Demetrius Shipp Jr. and Marcel Spears**.

The week-long 53rd NAACP Image Awards Virtual Experience from February 21-25, will invite fans to join the Image Awards in a celebration of the outstanding achievements and performances of people of color across more than 80 competitive categories.

The “**53rd NAACP Image Awards**,” hosted by seven-time NAACP Image Awards winner **Anthony Anderson**, will air **Saturday, February 26 at 8:00 PM on BET**, featuring a performance by nine-time Grammy Award-winning singer and two-time Academy Award-nominated actress and producer **Mary J. Blige**.

The full list of winners from tonight can be found below:

**Outstanding Short-Form Series – Comedy or Drama**

“Between the Scenes” - The Daily Show

**Outstanding Short-Form Series or Special – Reality/Nonfiction**

"Token of a Great Day" - Lynching Postcards:

**Outstanding Short-Form (Live Action)**

“When The Sun Sets (Lakutshon' Ilanga)”

**Outstanding Short-Form (Animated)**

“Us Again”

**Outstanding Writing in a Comedy Series**

Issa Rae- “Insecure” - Episode #510 "Everything's Gonna Be, Okay?!"

**Outstanding Writing in a Drama Series**

Davita Scarlett- “The Good Fight” – 505

**Outstanding Writing in a Television Movie or Special**

Abdul Williams- “Salt-N-Pepa”

**Outstanding Writing in a Motion Picture**

Shaka King, Will Berson, Kenny Lucas, Keith Lucas- “Judas and the Black Messiah”

**Outstanding Directing in a Comedy Series**

Bashir Salahuddin, Diallo Riddle - “South Side” – “Tornado” (208)

**Outstanding Directing in a Drama Series**

Barry Jenkins- “The Underground Railroad”

**Outstanding Directing in a Television Movie or Special**

Kenny Leon- “Robin Roberts Presents: Mahalia”

**Outstanding Directing in a Documentary**

Samantha Knowles, Yoruba Richen, Geeta Gandbhir, Nadia Hallgren- “Black and Missing”- Ep 103

**Outstanding Directing in a Motion Picture**

Shaka King- “Judas and the Black Messiah”

### **Special Award: Activist of The Year**

Scot X. Esdaile

Be sure to tune into the 53rd NAACP Awards Virtual Experience this week on [naacpimageawards.net](http://naacpimageawards.net) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/), including:

- The non-televised awards program will be hosted nightly by actor and comedian **Affion Crockett** and celebrity presenters **Aida Rodriguez, Asiahn Bryant, Clint Coley, Cory Hardrict, Courtney Nichole, Demetrius Shipp Jr., Derrick Johnson, Karen Boykin-Towns, Khleo Thomas, Lauren Wesley Wilson, Leon W. Russell, Lori Harvey, Luke Lawal, Jr., Marcel Spears, Matt Cedeno, Melissa L. Williams, Wendy Raquel Robinson, and Wisdom Cole.**
- The *Diaspora Perspectives* series exploring the global nature of the film industry, the diversity of stories and experiences available on content platforms, featuring Nollywood, Ghollywood, and Britain’s biggest stars and innovators **Koshie Mills, Tope Oshin, Jimmy Jean-Louis, Aml Ameen, Mamoudou Athie, and more.**

The “**53rd NAACP Image Awards**” are presented by Wells Fargo and sponsored in part by AT&T Humanity of Connection, Google, T-Mobile, Bank of America, Gushers, FedEx, and Airbnb.

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### **NAACP**

Founded in 1909 in response to the ongoing violence against Black people around the country, the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is the largest and most pre-eminent civil rights organization in the nation. We have over 2,200 units and branches across the nation, along with well over 2M activists. Our mission is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

In media attributions, please refer to us as the NAACP.

NOTE: The Legal Defense Fund – also referred to as the NAACP-LDF was founded in 1940 as a part of the NAACP, but separated in 1957 to become a completely separate entity. It is recognized as the nation's first civil and human rights law organization, and shares our commitment to equal rights.

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