



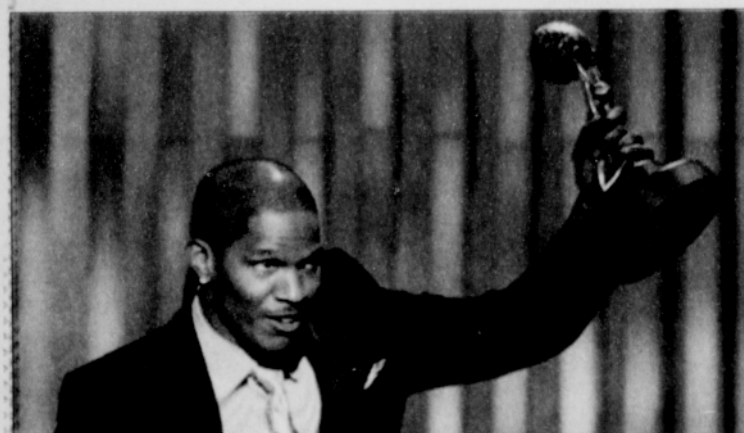
“Hat Queens” Reign Supreme

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The benefit, presented by Portland Center Stage and co-sponsored by the Portland Observer, will take place Tuesday, March 14 at Portland Center for the Performing Arts Newmark Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway. A \$50 donation includes the private reception at 5 p.m., followed by the performance at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at Niche, 503-920-0108; Portland Center Stage Box Office, 503-274-6588 (code #1156 for benefit reception tickets); Talking Drum, 503-288-4070; Novella's Beauty Supply, 503-643-3553 or by visiting www.pcs.org/crownedjewels.html.

Crowns is scheduled to officially open Friday, March 17 and continue with performances through April 9. Tickets are \$15 to \$56.



Jamie Foxx accepts the award for Outstanding Male Artist during the 37th NAACP Image Awards in Los Angeles. (AP photo)

Foxx Wins NAACP Image Award Ceremony will air Friday on Fox

(AP) — Jamie Foxx's quest for musical stardom got a boost Saturday at the 37th Annual NAACP Image Awards, where the Oscar-winning actor was picked as best male musical artist. The ceremony hosted by Cuba Gooding Jr. will air Friday on Fox, KPTV Channel 12.

Foxx, who received an Oscar last year for portraying Ray Charles in the movie "Ray," has begun performing tracks from his album "Unpredictable."

"It's good to be surrounded by black folks," Foxx said. "Black folks are music."

"The Bernie Mac Show" took top honors in three categories. Mac was picked as comedy series best actor, while co-star Camille Winbush took home best supporting actress and director Millicent Shelton got the top television directing nod.

Chris Rock, whose life-story-based "Everybody Hates Chris" won best television series.

"I want to thank all the white kids who beat (me)," said Rock, joking with the crowd. "I'm rich!"

The awards honor black artists in movies, television, music and literature.

"Crash," about racial tensions in Los Angeles, took the top movie award. The hometown film led movie contenders with six nominations, including best picture, four of the

five supporting-actor slots — for Terrence Howard, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Don Cheadle and Larenz Tate — and for Thandie Newton as supporting actress.

Howard beat out his colleagues for the supporting actor nod, and also took best actor in a TV movie or miniseries for "Lackawanna Blues."

Samuel L. Jackson took best actor award for "Coach Carter," a story of a basketball coach who forced his players to emphasize studying over hoops.

Mariah Carey, nominated for four awards, kept her comeback streak going when her "Emancipation of Mimi" won best album. Carey's win came just weeks after she took home three Grammy Awards.

Alicia Keys, who tied Carey for Image Award nominations, took home three awards: top female musical artist, top song and video awards for "Unbreakable."

Two stars of the long-running soap opera "The Young and the Restless" won honors, with Shemar Moore and Victoria Rowell taking awards for daytime drama.

Moore talked about feeling moved after meeting Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King Jr. who died Jan. 30. "I think she is sitting up there with her husband smiling as we continue to chase the dream," Moore said.

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