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Philadelphia Independent Film Awards
Invites the Public to Pick
Recipients of the 2018 IFAP Impact Award
Online Voting Starts March 8 and ends May 13

Philadelphia, PA (March 6, 2018) - In a change from previous years, the Philadelphia Independent Film Awards organizers are inviting the public into the awards selection process. Members of the public are invited to pick the winners of the 2018 IFAP Impact Award. The award goes to one male and one female recipient who has made significant contributions to the tri-state area independent and mainstream film, TV, theatrical, and media communities.

The award is named for the Independent Film Association of Philadelphia (IFAP), the non-profit 501(c)3 organization that produces the Philadelphia Independent Film Awards. Last year's recipient was actor/comedian Kevin Hart who was honored for his charitable contributions to schools and community organizations within the Philadelphia area. There was no female recipient.

This year's nominees include:

IFAP Impact Award, Male

- **Kaliek Hayes** - Kaliek Hayes is co-founder of Childhoodslost Foundation, a non-profit organization established in 2015 which assists traumatized youth in creating original stage plays in order to give voice to their pain.

- **Christopher Mann** - Actor Christopher Mann has appeared in multiple mainstream and independent film and TV projects including “Loving”; “The Bourne Legacy”; “House of Cards”; “The Wire”; “Heroes”; “Law and Order”; “The Underground Kings”; “The North Star” and “What Death Leaves Behind.”
- **Brian Wilson** - Actor Brian Wilson began his film career in the supporting lead role of 'Woody' in Kevin Costner's 1997 film, "The Postman" and has since appeared in more than 140 film and TV projects, including “Ocean’s 8”; director Ryan Coogler’s “Creed”; as well as “Glass”; “How to Get Girls”; “Limitless”; “Blue Bloods”; and “The Jim Gaffigan Show.”

IFAP Impact Award, Female

- **Sharon Battle** - former educator and current Fortune 100 executive Sharon Battle is the CEO and founder of Children of the Arts Foundation (C.O.T.A.), a non-profit community-based organization which supports artistically inclined youth who want to pursue the performing arts but whose families can’t afford the expensive music and theater coaching required.
- **Roz Fulton** - Casting director Roz Fulton is co-founder of Direction and Exposure Access (DEA) which specializes in casting for hard-to-find actors, including seniors and children. Her company has provided casting for an array of film and TV projects including “National Treasure”; “The Sixth Sense”; “Rocky I, II, III, and V”; “Beloved”; and “The Age of Innocence”; as well as “Hack”; “Jersey Girl”; and “Mafia Wars.”
- **Tiffany Green** - Actress, model and entrepreneur Tiffany Green is co-founder of the Actors Agenda workshop, a seminar designed to help actors develop effective marketing and branding strategies to help them create a sustainable and self-directed acting career. She has appeared in multiple TV and film projects including “Silver Linings Playbook”; “Myra’s Angel”; and “The Tragedy of Herman Stone.”

Nominees were announced Sunday, March 3 on the Philadelphia Independent Film Awards Facebook page. Members of the public can go to the voting page on the Philadelphia Independent Film Awards website to cast their vote. Voting begins March 8 and will continue online until Sunday, May 13, 2018. The male and female winners will be announced during the awards ceremony on Sunday, May 20 at International House in Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Independent Film Awards was established in 2015 to honor the best in independent film and filmmakers. The submissions are open only to independent filmmakers, who can submit from any country around the world. The 2018 awards will be held Sunday, May 20 at the International House at 3701 Chestnut St. in Philadelphia, PA from 6 pm to 10 pm. Tickets will be available starting March 15. Nominees will be announced on March 18. Screenings of nominated films will be held May 16-19. Screening locations will be announced in May.

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