

This Week in Black Hollywood

It's Award Season — The New York Film Critics Circle voted for its 62nd annual film awards. Harry Belafonte was voted Best Supporting Actor for "Kansas City," and "When We Were Kings" was voted Best Non-Fiction Film. The New York Film Critics Circle Awards will be presented at a dinner on January 5 in New York City. — The People's Choice Award nominees have been announced.

Nominated in the Comedy Movie category was "The Nutty Professor," and in the Dramatic Movie category, "A Time to Kill" and "Independence Day" got nods. "Cosby" got a nod in the New Television Comedy category and Bill Cosby in the Television Actor in a New Series category. Brandy got nominated for Television Actress in a New Series, and



Houston

Whitney Houston was nominated in the Female Musical Artist category. The People's Choice Awards will be announced January 12 in Santa Monica during a televised ceremony.

Eddie Murphy has signed his production company to a nonexclusive film development deal with Caravan Pictures which will give Murphy a chance to produce and direct, as well as star in the projects he develops. Holy Man (Touchstone Pictures), which begins shooting this summer, is the first project under the Murphy/Caravan banner.

Murphy's sequel to the hugely successful "The Nutty Professor" is currently in pre-production at Universal Pictures who hopes the film will begin shooting by late '98.



Murphy

Babyface and his wife, Tracey Edmonds, have inked a three-year, first-look film producing deal with Fox 2000 for their new Edmonds Entertainment company. They've also signed a three-year first-look producing deal with 20th Century Fox TV. The feature film, "Soul Food," currently filming in Chicago, is their first movie project. George Tillman Jr. ("Scenes from the Soul") is directing the film which stars Vanessa Williams, Vivica Fox and Nia Long.



Williams

Edmonds Entertainment is also producing a romantic action film, "The Big Time" (Cinergi), which is outside of the Fox deal, and will begin shooting in the spring of '97. Edmonds Entertainment is located at 8255 W. Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048, (213) 658-6750. Bridget Davis is in charge of development.

HBO has purchased the film rights to Armond White's forthcoming book, "Rebel For the Hell of It: The Life of Tupac Shakur." According to Newsday columnist Liz Smith and the New York Posts'



Shakur

'Dish' column, Quincy Jones and TriStar-Columbia had been negotiating with Shakur's family in Atlanta.

According to Smith, HBO plans to name the producer, director and star within a week or two.

Takashi Bufford ("Set It Off") has entered into a deal with Orion Pictures Corp. to write and direct Harlem Express, a hip hop comedy. This marks the writer's directorial debut.

Steven Spielberg is set to direct a historical drama tentatively titled "Amistad" (a.k.a. Black Mutiny), which will be produced by Dreamworks Pictures in association with HBO Pictures. Debbie Allen (Fame, A Different World) will produce the film, which was developed in-house after Allen brought the story to the attention of Walter Parkes and Laurie MacDonald, who will serve as Executive Producers. Amistad is the true story of a mutiny on the Slavership Amistad, led by Cinque, who, along with 39 African captives, rebelled in the spring of 1839. Amistad will be filmed on location in Los Angeles, New England and the Caribbean. Principal photography will begin in February 1997.

Quincy Jones and David Salzman, have partnered with Columbia TriStar Television Distribution (CTTD) to launch a late night, one hour syndicated entertainment talk series aimed at the urban audience and based on VIBE Magazine. The series is scheduled to begin airing in the fall of 1997. Jones and Salzman will serve as executive producers, along with Keith Clinkscales (CEO and President of VIBE), while CTTD will oversee the marketing and distribution of the series.



Jones

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