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T. HOWARD FOUNDATION WINS THREE TELLY AWARDS FOR 27TH ANNUAL DIVERSITY AWARDS VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

National Organization Dedicated to Increasing Diversity in Media Wins Silver Recognition for Best Branded Content General-Virtual Events and Experiences and Two Bronze Awards for Branded Content-General Not-For-Profit and Remote Production

Silver Spring, MD, June 4, 2021 – The T. Howard Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting diversity in media and entertainment, announced today that its first-ever virtual production has won one silver and two bronze awards in the 42nd Annual Telly Awards. The Telly Awards honor excellence in video and television across all screens and is judged by leaders from video platforms, television, streaming networks, production companies including Netflix, Complex Networks, A+E Networks, Hearst, Nickelodeon, ESPN Films, Vimeo and more.

The [T. Howard Foundation](#) was founded in 1993 to increase diversity in media. It accomplishes this goal through comprehensive programs and services, including an internship program that provides professional work experience and knowledge of industry careers and opportunities; a talent development program for young professionals and recent college graduates designed to prepare them to meet employment and advancement opportunities; and a diversity advancement program that helps partner companies attract, identify, secure and retain the best diverse talent.

The [27th Annual Diversity Awards](#) was a celebration of the Foundation's mission in a most unusual year. Regularly held in New York City, the Foundation pivoted to a virtual environment to honor Ayo Davis, **executive vice president, creative development and strategy, Disney Branded Television**, Jonathan Hargis, **executive vice president and chief marketing officer, Charter Communications**; DeDe Lea , **executive vice president, global public policy and government relations, ViacomCBS**; and Jason Collins, **NBA Cares community ambassador, National Basketball Association**.

The 75-minute event, which is available for viewing on [YouTube](#), included appearances by **Tracee Ellis-Ross, John Leguizamo, Grant Hill** and **Trevor Noah** as well as messages from former T. Howard Foundation interns who are now in successful media industry careers.

“We are so proud of our programs and our mission, and the Diversity Awards Dinner is an annual opportunity to celebrate those who are truly delivering on the promise of the T. Howard Foundation,” said Jo Pamphile, [president and chief executive officer, T.](#)

[Howard Foundation](#). “Last year was a scramble as we, like so many others, turned what has historically been a warm and emotional gathering into a virtual presentation. These awards affirm that all the effort, which was a collaboration between so many talented colleagues, was as dynamic and engaging as our in-person events have always been.”

“In the face of a year like no other, the T. Howard Foundation has continued to defy the limitations of our new world, in continuing to create compelling and engaging work,” said Sabrina Dridje, executive director, Telly Awards. “This year’s submissions doubled down on what we already know about the industry. Creativity cannot be stopped. Collaboration will always prevail. New ideas and stories will always find a way to break through to an audience.”

This year’s Telly Awards saw the continued expansion of categories to reflect and celebrate new forms of producing work in light of the past months’ restrictions and limitations. New categories included Remote Production, Virtual Events & Experiences and an increase in animation categories. The full list of the 42nd Annual Telly Awards winners can be found at www.tellyawards.com/winners.

The T. Howard Foundation is looking forward to hosting its 28th Annual Diversity Awards Dinner on **Tuesday, September 28th**. Stay tuned for more details to come!

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