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Black Girl Missing series ‘Abducted at an HBCU: A Black Girl Missing Movie’ premieres as Lifetime mystery thriller

LOS ANGELES, CA, MAY 22, 2024 – Following last year’s critically acclaimed Black Girl Missing movie executive produced and starring **Garcelle Beauvais**, **Naturi Naughton** (Queens, Power) and **Tanyell Quian** (Queen Sugar, Lace) will headline the upcoming Black Girl Missing movie. Abducted at an HBCU: A Black Girl Missing Movie will premiere on television July 20 on Lifetime and serves to highlight the growing epidemic of missing Black women and girls particularly those who come from disadvantaged communities.



(L to R) Naturi Naughton, Tanyell Quian, and Garcelle Beauvais star in “HBCU: A Black Girl Missing Movie.” (Photo/courtesy: Lifetime)

Abducted at an HBCU: A Black Girl Missing Movie follows the story of Shannon (Tanyell Quian), an ambitious college student who is struggling to pay her college tuition and eventually stops attending classes. The only person who notices Shannon’s sudden disappearance is her college counselor Ellen (Naturi Naughton). Ellen’s concerns are dismissed by Shannon’s professors, campus administration, students and even her own boyfriend. Instead of answers, Ellen is met with careless comments about how “girls like that” from underserved communities often drop out of school. Determined to find Shannon, Ellen inadvertently uncovers a trafficking ring targeting students in need like Shannon. With time running out, Ellen must fight tirelessly to gain the support she needs to rescue Shannon and bring down the trafficking ring.

Naturi Naughton most notably starred in the Starz Network’s #1 hit series Power, executive produced by 50 Cent. She is a two-time recipient of the 2017 and 2018 NAACP “Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series” award for her work on Power. Naughton has reprised her role in various Power spin-offs. She was also one of the

leads opposite Eve and Brandy in the ABC series Queens. Other film credits include 88, Notorious, Fame and Lottery Ticket Mad Men, It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia, The Playboy Club and The Client List. Naughton also appeared on Broadway in the Tony Award-winning musical Hairspray.

Tanyell Quian got her first big break in 2016 when she landed the recurring role of “Keke” in the Ava DuVernay series Queen Sugar. She has also graced the big screen with roles opposite award-winning actors like Octavia Spencer in the Blum House feature MA, Cuba Gooding Jr in Bayou Caviar, Lin Shaye in Gothic Harvest and Ethan Hawke, Wyatt Russel, Sam Rockwell, Kris Kristofferson and many more in Blaze. Quian can currently be seen in a recurring role in the AMC series The Driver/Parish opposite Giancarlo Esposito.

Named one of People Magazine’s highly coveted 50 Most Beautiful, Haitian-born award-winning actress and executive producer **Garcelle Beauvais** has charmed audiences of varied backgrounds for years. Using her dramatic and comedic abilities, she has been seen in TV series

and films such as The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, The Jamie Foxx Show, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Spider-Man: Homecoming, Coming to America (1&2), White House Down and co-hosted on the multi-award-winning talk show Fox’s The Real. Continuing to cement her status as a media queen, she launched her production company Garcelle

Productions, released a memoir titled Love Me as I Am (Harper Collins) and proudly became the first Black cast member on Bravo’s hit series The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills. Abducted at an HBCU: A Black Girl Missing Movie is produced for Lifetime by Johnson Production Group in association with Motion Content Group.

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the prestige of the league.

“The UFL Championship Trophy symbolizes the culmination of dedication, perseverance, and teamwork that is the foundation of the UFL,” said Russ Brandon, President and CEO of the UFL. “This magnificent trophy represents not only the hard work and sacrifices made throughout the season but also the spirit of the game itself. It will serve as a beacon of inspiration for our players, reflecting their passion for football and their relentless pursuit to prove to themselves and the world that they can be champions. The trophy stands as a testament to the commitment, unity, and resilience that define our league, motivating every player to strive for greatness and achieve their dreams.”

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The 2024 UFL season will conclude with the Championship game, presented by the U.S. Army, on June 16th, hosted at The Dome at America’s Center in St. Louis. About the United Football League

The United Football League (UFL) is the premier spring football platform, formed by the

merging of the XFL and USFL in 2024 under the combined ownership of RedBird Capital Partners, FOX, Dany Garcia and Dwayne Johnson. The UFL has eight teams in Arlington (TX), Birmingham (AL), Detroit (MI), Houston (TX), San Antonio (TX), Memphis (TN), St. Louis (MO), and Washington D.C.

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The NFL wins six big Sports Emmy Awards



NEW YORK — May 22, 2024 — The National Football League won six Sports Emmy Awards on May 22 for its work across NFL Network, NFL Films, the League office and Mundo NFL.

NFL Network’s series “NFL 360” – which had received the most nominations for a single program this year – won two Sports Emmy Awards in the categories of Outstanding Short Feature (“Heroes”) and The Dick Schaap Outstanding Writing Award – Short Form (“Still Here”).

NFL Films won two Emmy Awards, one in the category of Outstanding Edited Event Coverage (“NFL GameDay All Access – Super Bowl LVIII”) along with YouTube, and the other in the category of Outstanding Edited Special (“You Are Looking Live!”) along with CBS. In its history, NFL Films has won 138 Sports Emmy Awards.

The NFL also won The George Wensel Technical Achievement Award for “Toy Story Funday Football” and in the category of

- Outstanding Feature Story in Spanish (“Mundo NFL Originals – El Sueno de Cieneguitas”).
- Following is a complete list of the NFL’s Sports Emmy Awards:**
- Outstanding Edited Event Coverage**
NFL GameDay All Access – Super Bowl LVIII (YouTube/NFL Films)
- Outstanding Edited Special**
You Are Looking Live! (CBS/NFL Films)
- Outstanding Short Feature**
NFL 360 – Heroes (NFL Network)
- The Dick Schaap Outstanding Writing Award – Short Form**
NFL 360 – Still Here (NFL Network)
- The George Wensel Technical Achievement Award**
Toy Story Funday Football (D r a g o n F l y Tech/Disney+/ESPN+/NFL/Next Gen Stats/Beyond Sports/Hawk-Eye)
- Outstanding Feature Story in Spanish**
Mundo NFL Originals – El Sueno de Cieneguitas (Mundo NFL/Sway)

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