

Chris Brown, Pharrell Williams and Beyonce Win Big at SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014

Airing on CENTRIC and BET November 30, This Year's Show Honors Funk Band Kool & The Gang with the Legend Award

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014** celebrated and honored soul music's brightest new stars as well as R&B's greatest legends during the star-studded show, which aired on CENTRIC and BET on November 30, 2014. **Chris Brown** was the big winner of the night, walking away with three awards, while **Pharrell Williams** and **Beyonce** both took home two. **SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014** was hosted by talk show queen Wendy Williams and featured show-stopping performances by Chris Brown, **Jodeci**, **Nico & Vinz**, **Tinashe**, **Lil' Kim**, **Missy Elliott** and **Da Brat**, and also honored funk music icons **Kool & The Gang** with the Legend Award.



Chris Brown accepts the Best Collaboration award for Loyal onstage during the 2014 Soul Train Music Awards at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Getty Images)

SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014 kicked off with Chris Brown performing a medley of his hits, including "Yo (Excuse Me Miss)," "New Flame," and "Loyal," bringing the crowd to their feet. Moments later, Wendy Williams lit up the stage with a glitzy toast to Las Vegas as she waltzed alongside Boris Kodjoe in the opening number. Breakout performers Nico & Vinz took the stage next and belted out their smash hit "Am I Wrong" before wowing the crowd with their new single, "In Your Arms." After this performance, audience members joined We Are Toonz and their troop of dancers in a lively rendition of this year's dance craze, the Nae Nae. Later in the show, Jodeci reunited onstage to perform classic fan favorites "Freek'n You," "Come and Talk to Me," "Stay" and "Forever My Lady," in addition to debuting their new single, "Nobody Wins." To close out the show, a group of artists honored Kool & The Gang by performing some of the group's greatest hits; artists included Tamar Braxton, MC Lyte, Ma\$e, Doug E. Fresh, and hip hop emcees Lil' Kim, Missy Elliott and Da Brat, who reunited and closed out the night with a crowd-pleasing performance of their 1996 platinum single "Not Tonight" (a remix of Kool & The Gang's hit "Ladies Night").

SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014 honored artists in 12 different categories. Winners included Nico & Vinz (Best New Artist), Beyoncé (Best R&B/Soul Female Artist), Trey Songz (Best R&B/Soul Male Artist), "Beyoncé" by Beyoncé (Album of the Year), and "Happy" by Pharrell Williams (Song of the Year). The full list of winners is below.

SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014 was directed by Tony McCuin and produced by BET Event Productions and Sunseeker Media. Executive producers of the network telecast were as follows: Paxton Baker, Tami Arasli, Derek Lewis from Centric; Bart Phillips from Sunseeker and David Koff and Jerry Letter from Soul Train Holdings; Doug E. Fresh; Kevin Hunter and Wendy Williams from Wendy Williams Productions, Inc.

For more information, please visit BET.com/SoulTrain, the official site for SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014.

SOUL TRAIN AWARDS 2014 WINNERS

Best New Artist - Nico & Vinz

Centric Certified Award - Leela James

Best Gospel and/or Inspirational Song - Erica Campbell feat. Lecrae - "Help"

Best Hip-Hop Song of the Year - Chris Brown feat. Lil Wayne and Tyga - "Loyal"

The Chaka Khan Award for Best R&B/Soul Female Artist - Beyoncé

Best R&B/Soul Male Artist - Trey Songz

Album of the Year - Beyoncé - "Beyoncé"

Song of the Year - Pharrell Williams - "Happy"

The Ashford and Simpson Songwriter's Award - John Legend (Toby Gad, John Legend) - "All Of Me"

Best Dance Performance - Chris Brown feat. Lil Wayne and Tyga - "Loyal"

Best Collaboration - Chris Brown feat. Lil Wayne and Tyga - "Loyal"

Video of the Year - "Happy" (Pharrell Williams) - We are from L.A.

About CENTRIC

Centric is a 24-hour music and entertainment channel that reflects the lifestyle and sophistication of today's African-American and multicultural adult viewer. With a finger on the pulse of an ever-changing beat, its compelling music content fuses Soul, R&B, Neo-Soul, Hip Hop, Reggae, Gospel, Jazz, Old School, New School and everything in between with today's hottest artists. It is a unique mix of music, culture and lifestyle programming that embodies the lives, tastes and aspirations of the CENTRIC viewer.

About BET Networks

BET Networks, a subsidiary of Viacom Inc. (NYSE: VIA, VIA.B), is the nation's leading provider of quality entertainment, music, news and public affairs television programming for the African-American audience. The primary BET channel reaches more than 90 million households and can be seen in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, the United Kingdom and sub-Saharan Africa. BET is the dominant African-American consumer brand with a diverse group of business extensions: BET.com, a leading Internet destination for Black entertainment, music, culture, and news; CENTRIC, a 24-hour entertainment network targeting the 25- to 54-year-old African-American audience; BET Digital Networks - BET Gospel and BET Hip Hop, attractive alternatives for cutting-edge entertainment tastes; BET Home Entertainment, a collection of BET-branded offerings for the home environment including DVDs and video-on-demand; BET Event Productions, a full-scale event management and production company with festivals and live events spanning the globe; BET Mobile, which provides ringtones, games and video content for wireless devices; and BET International, which operates BET in the United Kingdom and oversees the extension of BET network programming for global distribution.

About Soul Train Holdings

SOUL TRAIN HOLDINGS, LLC was formed in May 2008 and is owned by InterMedia Partners and a partnership between Magic Johnson Enterprises and Ron Burkle's investment firm, The Yucaipa Companies. The iconic franchise and catalog consists of more than 1,100 episodes and 40 specials from Don Cornelius Productions, Inc. Soul Train is the longest running, first-run, nationally syndicated music program in television history. During its 35-year run, the show featured lasting innovations such as the Soul Train line and the legendary sign off "Love, Peace and Soul." At the heart of the show was Don Cornelius, the dancers and influential artists such as James Brown, Al Green, Ike & Tina Turner, Hall & Oates, Donna Summer, Marvin Gaye, The Jackson 5, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Whitney Houston, David Bowie, Prince, Run D.M.C. and Destiny's Child.

About the Orleans Arena

The Orleans Arena, a Boyd Gaming facility located just west of the Las Vegas Strip, is one of the nation's leading multi-purpose sports and entertainment facilities and the 2014 recipient of the Venue Excellence Award from the International Association of Venue Managers. In addition, the Orleans Arena is one of only a handful of arenas in the United States to achieve LEED Gold Certification and is part of the largest company in Nevada to achieve SHARP Certification for commitments to safe venue operations. According to Venues Today magazine, the Orleans Arena, which hosts more than 200 events each year, consistently ranks in the Top 10 for ticket sales in the United States and internationally among venues of similar size. These events include nationally touring concerts, NCAA basketball conference tournaments, family shows, motorsports and other unique events. For more information, call 702-365-7469 or visit <http://www.OrleansArena.com> Stay .connected to the Orleans Arena on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/orleansarena>) and on Twitter (@orleansarena).

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