

ICON MANN Brings Out Men of Color in Hollywood During Emmy Week

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Sept. 24, 2013 /PRNewswire-iReach/ -- Emmy™ award winning actor Wayne Brady (*Let's Make A Deal*), Laz Alonso (*Jumping The Broom*) and Richard Roundtree (*Being Mary Jane*) were just a few of the stars that attended ICON MANN™'s Black Men in Entertainment & Multimedia Pre-Emmy™ dinner on Friday, September 20, 2013 at The Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills.

Numerous other notable men of color gathered to celebrate the trailblazing contributions of black men to television, film and media. Attendees included: actors Aldis Hodge (*Leverage*), Blair Underwood (*Ironside*), David Oyelowo (*The Butler*),

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Dorian Missick

(
Southland

),
Gary Dourdan

(
Mistresses

),
Glynn Turman

(
House of Lies

),
James Pickens Jr.

(
Grey's Anatomy

),
Jason George

(
Grey's Anatomy

),
Jay Ellis

(
The Game

),
Lance Reddick

(
Fringe

), Mykelti Williamson (
Justified

),
Omari Hardwick

(
*Being
Mary Jane*

) and
Rockmond Dunbar

(
The Game

); producer Cash Warren (
Being

Terry Kennedy

); directors

Ryan Coogler

(
Fruitvale Station

) and

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Anthony Hemingway

(
The Newsroom

); TV anchors

Kevin Frazier

(
OMG! Insider

) and

Don Lemon

(CNN); talent agents

Charles King

(WME),

Cameron Mitchell

and

Ryan Tarpley

(CAA); film executive

James Lopez

(Screen Gems); marketing agency owner

Aaron Walton

(
Walton Issacson

); magazine executive editor Datwon Thomas (Vibe magazine); television executive Jubba

Seyyid (TV One); tech innovators

Tristan Walker

and

Hamet Watt

; Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences executive Vicangelo Bulluck and the National Executive Director for SAG-AFTRA™,

David P. White

, who co-hosted the dinner with Brady.

"Television, through the years, has given us some of the most diverse representations of black life, as well as black male characters, than any popular medium. It is only natural that ICON MANN™ creates the platform to celebrate these men, and their contributions, on-screen and behind-the-scenes," says Tamara N. Houston, Founder and CEO of ICON MANN™. "The opportunity to bring the ICON MANN™ spirit represented by some of the most powerful and impressive black men of today, as Marvin Gaye said, 'makes me want to holler' - with sheer delight!"

ICON MANN™'s philanthropic partnership with Peace4Kids, a scholarship program benefitting young black boys in foster care, was announced and will debut in 2014. The theme for the dinner was inspired by the film *Coming to America* and the vision was brought to life by event

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Special Events. Target, Morgan Stanley and SAG-AFTRA™ were the official sponsors of the star-studded experience.

About ICON MANN™

The ICON MANN™ organization defines an ICON MANN™ as one who uses his power to create great and significant change by unapologetically conquering everything he envisions. With their Black Men in Entertainment and Multimedia (IMBMIE) platforms, they champion the accomplishments and positive dialogue surrounding men of color throughout the Diaspora. Being the best at what they do places them on the list for the exclusive celebrations comprised of the most influential black men in entertainment, art and media who are committed to philanthropy. ICON MANN™'s corporate pledge is to provide educational advancement for black boys, ages 13-18, in foster care, empowering them with the tools to compete and excel beyond their circumstances. ICON MANN™ spotlights success, changes a mindset, celebrates philanthropy, encourages mentorship and champions legacy creation. Author and talent manager Tamara N. Houston is Founder & CEO. Entertainment attorney Adrienne S. Alexander is Partner.

The official presence of the organization online,

www.IconMann.com

, will launch in early 2014. For video go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuHePezLWOMdzjaxe8A08-Q>

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