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National Black Movie Association Awards Over \$8000 for National Black Movie Day™

Washington, DC – The National Black Movie Association (NBMA) today awarded over \$8000 to recipients of the organization’s first annual observation of National Black Movie Day™. The celebratory event to be observed on Saturday, February 15, 2020 kicked off with a program and private screening of *The Photograph* featuring Issa Rae and LaKeith Stanfield at Regal Cinema Gallery Place in Washington, DC. Recipients of financial awards included a local filmmaker, a local community-focused organization with programs to enhance arts and entertainment as well as a local college student attending Howard University. The award recipients are as follows:

- Desirae Lee – Student Filmmaker of the Year - \$5000 Scholarship
- The Federal City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated – Community Organization of the Year - \$2000 Award
- Monda Raquel Robinson – Filmmaker of the Year - \$1000 Award

The National Black Movie Association Founder and President, Agnes Moss, created National Black Movie Day™ to recognize over a century of Black excellence in the film industry. The first National Black Movie Day™ will be observed in Washington, DC with plans to expand to other cities in 2021. “National Black Movie Day™ is about the rich legacy Black Americans have as storytellers. Our stories are much more than entertainment. Movies bring our culture to the big screen where we can celebrate our lives, our experiences and our stories,” says Agnes Moss. The three recipients of National Black Movie Association’s first annual awards are continuing our legacy and are deserving of the support and recognition for their accomplishments in creating, sharing and supporting Black stories.”

National Black Movie Day will launch on February 15, 2020 in Washington, DC. Visit www.blackmovieday.com for more information on the celebration and to learn how the general public can participate in efforts to raise awareness of Black storytelling, to support scholarship initiatives for aspiring Black filmmakers and to provide mentorship opportunities to students interested in pursuing careers in the film industry.

About National Black Movie Association:

Founded in 2019, National Black Movie Association is a nonprofit organization providing marketing, research and data for Black films, Black filmmakers and Black movie consumers. National Black Movie Day™ organizers are a group of Black filmmakers, Black film advocates, educators, psychologists, social influencers, journalists and moviegoers with the intent to increase recognition and contributions of Black Americans to the film industry.