

Hip-Hop Well Represented at BET Awards '05

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BET will honor superlative achievement in music, entertainment and sports with a star-studded "live" telecast of BET AWARDS '05 on Tuesday June 28 at 5:00 PM PT/8:00 PM ET.

The top-rated and most-watched awards show among African-American viewers, the BET AWARDS will be helmed this year by Hollywood power couple; actor/hip-hop rap artist Will Smith and his wife actress/writer Jada Pinkett Smith, making their BET AWARDS hosting debut family-style!

The show format includes star-studded red carpet arrivals, exciting on-stage performances and stirring tributes by the hottest names in entertainment at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre.

Special honorees this year will include Denzel and Pauletta Washington, recipients of the Humanitarian Award and Gladys Knight, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Other BET AWARDS '05 nominees include everyone from hip-hop rap artists, R&B singers and gospel greats.

The nominee list contains Jay-Z, Ludacris, Snoop Dogg, Pharell, T.I., Kanye West, Ciara f/ Missy Elliott, The Game and 50 Cent, Jadakiss, Anthony Hamilton, Amerie, Mariah Carey, Fantasia, Alicia Keys, Jill Scott, John Legend , Mario, Prince, Usher, Destiny's Child, Lil Jon and the Eastside Boyz, The Roots, Terror Squad f/ Fat Joe , Ruben Studdard, CeCe Winans, Halle Berry, Kimberly Elise, Regina King, Queen Latifah, Gabrielle Union, Don Cheadle, Jamie Foxx , Morgan Freeman, Mos Def , Will Smith, Laila Ali , Gail Devers , Serena Williams, Venus Williams, Allen Iverson, LeBron James, Donovan McNabb, Shaquille O'Neal, Tiger Woods.