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...AND THE WINNER IS

This past awards season turned out to be an historical feat for African Americans in the entertainment business. There have never been as many celebrated awards handed out in one year to so many talented African American's EVER! Let's put this into perspective, Jennifer Hudson, who after being voted off of the all too successful American Idol went on to achieve a dream by not only being in Dream Girls, but she became the Dream Girl as Effie in her supporting role. It gets even better; she went on to not only be nominated to just about every award an actor can receive accept for an EMMY. But, in fact she actually won all of them. The Oscar, The Golden Globe, The Stage Actors Guilds, NAACP, and a slew of others far too many to mention, keep in mind no other African American actor have receive this many awards in one season, and no other African American actress have won all these awards for a single role EVER!

The excitement did not stop with Jennifer Hudson; other notable entertainers received honors as well. Eddie Murphy for the first time in his highly illustrious and successful career was recognized for his role in Dream Girls along with Ms. Hudson for his supporting role. Forest Whitaker finally got his due winning top honors for his role as General Idi Amin Dada. Actors were not the only ones to be recognized for their show stopping talents. Ms. Mary J. Blige received numerous awards for her musical success. She received Grammy Awards, American Music Awards, Billboard Awards, NAACP Award, Soul Train Award, and a few more. Just about every award issuing music authority awarded Ms. Blige with a statue this past year.

Other notable mentions would be the beautiful, sophisticated Vanessa L. Williams, her role in the uber successful television series Ugly Betty did not go unnoticed; she was awarded handsomely to the ends of having her own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which means she is a true star forever! Isaiah Washington received an honor from the NAACP for his role on Grey's Anatomy, he would have received a few more honors if only Hollywood didn't put a greater value on what an actor does off screen as oppose to the outstanding work perform on screen. Nevertheless, it is what it is. It was truly exciting to see all those shade of brown receiving their due for the things they do.



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