

Nominate Your Favorites!



The Tressie Souders Awards

Voting Hosted by
the International Black Women's Film Festival

Nominations Close March 31, 2009

In 2008, the International Black Women's Film Festival created the Tressie Souders Award ("Tressies"). The award recognizes the achievements of Black women in film, television and media. The Tressies also honor the recipients for using their craft to combat the negative stereotyping of Black women. Unlike other awards, the Tressies are open to the public, and anyone can nominate a candidate.

The Tressies is a non-compensatory competition. Awardees are given a web-award, as well as publicity on the International Black Women's Film Festival site. The awards were established to reward those who understand how to project the complex image of Black women in film, television and media.

Who is Tressie Souder?

Tressie Souder is the first recorded Black woman filmmaker. She directed, produced and wrote the film "A Woman's Error" in 1922. The award is in her honor.

Who selects the nominees?

The nominees are selected by the International Black Women's Film Festival, and the general public is allowed to nominate individuals who do not appear on the initial list. Nominations close [March 31, 2009](#) at [11:59 p.m.](#)

When do we vote on finalists?

Finalists are announced [April 1, 2009](#) at [12:00 p.m.](#) Only individuals who register with the site --or with Open ID (www.openid.net)-- will be able to vote. Registration is free. Voting for finalists ends [April 30, 2009](#).

If I'm nominated, can I campaign for votes?

Sure! Everyone will have an opportunity to campaign for votes, including, you, fans, agents, etc. There are also badges and banners on the Tressies' web-site for anyone to access.

How are nominees and winners notified?

Most nominees are notified via email, or social networking sites. For celebrity nominees, their agents are notified via email, fax or mail. Winners are notified via email and fax.

Who's hosting the voting?

The International Black Women's Film Festival is hosting the voting process for the Tressies.

Who is the International Black Women's Film Festival?

Adrienne Anderson established the International Black Women's Film Festival ("IBWFF") in 2002, in San Francisco, California. The mission of the IBWFF is to combat negative stereotyping of Black women in film. In 2006, the festival's scope expanded to

include film, television, media and music. The expansion was in response to the blurred lines between new media, music, film and television.

The IBWFF is a direct response to how Black women are presented around the world. Through the festival, everyone has an opportunity to see film by and/or featuring Black women in non-stereotypical and non-pornographic roles. Using a powerful medium like film and the accessibility of new digital media-making, the festival has presented a multitude of short films, feature films, and animated shorts.

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