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## ANTHONY ANDERSON TO HOST 38<sup>TH</sup> COLLEGE TELEVISION AWARDS

(NoHo Arts District, Calif. — March 8, 2017) — The Television Academy Foundation announced today that Emmy\$-nominated actor, comedian, and writer Anthony Anderson will host the  $38^{th}$  College Television Awards held on Wednesday, May 24, in the Academy's Wolf Theatre at the Saban Media Center.

In the tradition of the Emmy Awards, the College Television Awards recognize excellence in student-produced television across 19 categories, including four new categories this year for Writing and Directing in a Drama and Comedy. The submitted work is judged online by Television Academy members, the same voting body that selects Emmy recipients each year.

"With his quick wit and vast experience in the television industry, we are certain Anthony will be the perfect host for this event celebrating student storytellers who represent the best and most diverse new content creators in the nation," said Madeline Di Nonno, chair of the Television Academy Foundation. "The College Television Awards fulfills a critical part of our mission to celebrate storytelling excellence and spotlight the next generation of television leaders."

"I was lucky to have had so many extraordinary opportunities, teachers and mentors in my early career," said Anderson. "Now I'm honored to take part in a program that welcomes and shines the spotlight on talented newcomers to our industry."

Since its inception, the College Television Awards has celebrated a diverse group of student television producers and content creators representing thousands of colleges and universities nationwide.

All nominees will be flown to Los Angeles for the awards ceremony and a two-day television summit where they will meet with leading industry professionals and participate in professional development workshops. The competition is renowned for launching countless successful careers in the entertainment industry at companies such as DreamWorks Animation, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox and NBC.

Anderson is the star and executive producer of ABC's hit series *black-ish*, now in its third season. His critically-acclaimed work on the show has earned him two Emmy nominations for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series. Prior to starring in *black-ish*, Anderson starred in his own WB sitcom, *All About the Andersons*, the Fox sitcom *The Bernie Mac Show*, NBC's *Law & Order*, and has had major roles in numerous feature films including *Transformers* and *The Departed*. Anderson is also the host of ABC's panel game show *To Tell the Truth*.

## **About the Television Academy Foundation**

Established in 1959 as the charitable arm of the Television Academy, the Television Academy Foundation is dedicated to preserving the legacy of television while educating and inspiring those who will shape its future. Through renowned educational and outreach programs such as the <a href="Archive of American Television">Archive of American Television</a>, College Television Awards and <a href="Student Internship Program">Student Internship Program</a>, the foundation seeks to widen the circle of voices our industry represents and to create more opportunity for television to reflect all of society. For more information on the foundation, please visit <a href="TelevisionAcademy.com/Foundation">TelevisionAcademy.com/Foundation</a>.

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