

**NAACP+ Lounge**  
**Room 175 B&C**

**Saturday, July 18, 2026**

- 1:00pm – 5:00pm     **NAACP+ Lounge is Open**
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm     **BLOCK A – Hour One**  
**2017 Cinematic Shorts**  
*JustUs* – Directed by Erin Gaddis & Mecca Lewis  
*Colour Blind* – Directed by Emmanuel Pickens & Shaqueal Malik  
*Going Nowhere Fast* – Directed by Tykhari Christopher Coles & Michelle Carter  
*NAACP+ Studios Short Film – ODDS* – Directed by Jeffery Jackson
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm     **BLOCK B – Hour Two**  
**Image Unscripted Podcast – Episode 1 – Jokes, Joy, and Laughter**  
Host Jemele Hill kicks back with Kalen Allen, KevOnStage, and Scott Evans – and find a laugh over their love of the Hailey Bieber Erewhon smoothie. In this raw conversation the trio discusses building from the ground up and how we can better claim the digital era.
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm     **BLOCK C – Hour Three**  
**2018 Cinematic Shorts**  
*Rise* – Directed by Nadia Gonzales  
*My Future & Me* – Directed by Sultan Ali  
*The Conference* – Directed by Darrell Wayne Goodloe Jr. (A.K.A: Dat Mayne DeeWayne)
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm     **BLOCK D – Hour Four**  
**Climate in Color Film Program**  
*AVA* – Directed by Leon Lozano  
Panel Discussion

**Sunday, July 19, 2026**

1:00pm – 5:00pm      **NAACP+ Lounge is Open**

1:00pm – 2:00pm      **BLOCK A – Hour One**

**2022 Cinematic Shorts**

*Say Your Grace* – Directed by Bree Webber

*#ThroughOurLens* – Directed by Shiko Njoroge & Timothy Richardson

*Strike A Match* – Directed by Mackenzie River Foy & Asia E. Marche

One on One Conversation with 2022 Filmmaker

2:00pm – 3:00pm      **BLOCK B – Hour Two**

**Image Unscripted Podcast – Episode 2 – Hollywood’s Rising Stars**

Jemele Hill sits down on the couch with artists who embody humanity on screen, Miles Caton (Sinners); Jaz Sinclair (Gen V) and rising film star Tyriq Withers (Him, I Know What You Did Last Summer, and Reminders of Him)... and it gets artsy! It's a powerful conversation on vulnerability, identity, artistry, and the responsibility that comes with representation.

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**2023 Cinematic Shorts**

*Worthy* – Directed by Amy Tiong & Payton Mack

*Paper Route* – Directed by Tyla Barnes & Jeffery ‘J-Squared’ Jackson

*The Sun That Didn’t Shine* – Directed by Alana I. Smith & Clarke Phillips

Panel Discussion with 2023 Filmmakers

4:00pm – 5:00pm      **BLOCK D – Hour Four**

**Films and Discussions**

*NAACP+ Studios Short Film* – Carolina Cowboys – Directed by Tyla Barnes

Conversation with Filmmaker

Film or Discussion TBD

**Monday, July 20, 2026**

1:00pm – 5:00pm      **NAACP+ Lounge is Open**

1:00pm – 2:00pm      **BLOCK A – Hour One**

**2024 Cinematic Shorts**

*Danny Boy* – Directed by MyQueal Lewis & Luke Harris

*A Time To Remember* – Directed by Belle Guillory & Colton Nixon

*Oasis* – Directed by Daniel Croix & Jonathan Logan

Film TBD or Panel Discussion

2:00pm – 3:00pm      **BLOCK B – Hour Two**

**Image Unscripted Podcast – Episode 5 – Owning Our Reality**

Jemele Hill sits down with competition reality standouts and TV personalities Taylor Hale (Winner of Big Brother Season 24) and Chelly Bissanthe (Season 7 of Love Island) for a candid conversation about competition reality television and the highs and lows of visibility.

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**Films and Discussions**

*Documentary TBD*

4:00pm – 5:00pm      **BLOCK D – Hour Four**

**2026 NAACP Image Award Winning Short Documentary**

*The Ebony Canal* – Directed by Emma Alaquiva

Panel Discussion

**Tuesday, July 21, 2026**

- 1:00pm – 5:00pm      **NAACP+ Lounge is Open**
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm      **BLOCK A – Hour One**  
**2025 Cinematic Shorts**  
*Borrowed Time* – Directed by Mekhai Lee & Demi Anais  
*Infinite* – Directed by Auriyana Armour & Kyvon Edwin  
*Bleached* – Directed by Kerri Garrett & Ralph Parker III  
Film TBD or Panel Discussion
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm      **BLOCK B – Hour Two**  
**NAACP Inside the Industry – Mario Van Peebles**  
Host Ariana Drummond interviews Mario Van Peebles
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm      **BLOCK C – Hour Three**  
**Films – Health and Equity Theme**  
*NAACP+ Studios – Jeremiah’s Big Christmas Party* –  
Directed by Luke Harris  
NAACP+ Guest Instructor – *Basement People* –  
Directed by Christine Swanson
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm      **BLOCK D – Hour Four**  
**Cinematic Award Winning Films**  
*Manboobs* – Directed by Luke Harris  
(HBO Short Film, American Black Film Festival )  
*Them That’s Not* – Directed by Mekhai Lee  
(Gold Hugo Award, Chicago Film Festival)  
*Catalina* – Directed by Martin R. Johnson (LA Shorts)

**Wednesday, July 22, 2026**

1:00pm – 5:00pm **NAACP+ Lounge is Open**

1:00pm – 2:00pm **BLOCK A – Hour One**  
**2026 Cinematic Shorts Competition Films**

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