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BronzeLens Women SuperStars Honorees Announced

BronzeLens Launches 2025 Season Celebrating the Groundbreaking Work of Veteran Film, Television, and Stage Actress Valarie Pettiford, Executive Producer and Host Egypt Sherrod, and Executive Producer and Showrunner Myeshia Mizuno

BronzeLens Women SuperStars Awards Program takes place on Saturday, March 1, 2025

ATLANTA—--February 12, 2025—Today, BronzeLens Film Festival producers proudly announce that **Valerie Pettiford, Egypt Sherrod**, and **Myeshia Mizuno** will receive its prestigious Legendary, Vanguard, and Behind the Lens BronzeLens Women SuperStars Awards, respectively. The BronzeLens Women SuperStars Honors awards celebrate women who have broken barriers, excelled in their fields, and paved the way for future generations of women of color to become industry leaders. These exceptional women will accept their awards during the BronzeLens Women SuperStars Honors event on March 1, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Atlanta's historic Rialto Center for the Arts.

"We are thrilled to honor these remarkable women who have demonstrated extraordinary strength, determination, and brilliance," said Kathleen Bertrand, BronzeLens founder and Executive Producer. "Their contributions are a testament to the power of women of color in leadership, and they are role models for innovators and changemakers of the future."

The 2025 BronzeLens *Legendary Women SuperStar* is **Valarie Pettiford**. With an acclaimed career spanning nearly five decades, Pettiford is what show-biz folks call a 'triple threat' - a dancer, actor, and singer whose work has earned her multiple NAACP Image Awards and Tony and Grammy Award nominations. In a business that now interchanges the words 'influencer' and 'celebrity,' her credits include the television series *Half and Half*, *Being Mary Jane*, *The Black List*, *The Equalizer*, *Black-ish*, *How to Die Alone*, *Home Economics*, *The Mandalorian*, and *The Discovery of Witches*. Additionally, she starred in films such as "*Stomp the Yard," "Glitter," and "Jumping the Broom."* Pettiford currently plays the deliciously dynamic Chippy Duncan for five - soon to be six - seasons of BET's hit series *The Family Business* and recently joined *The Young and The Restless* as Amy Lewis

Egypt Sherrod is the *Vanguard Women SuperStar*. Sherrod is a true powerhouse whose multifaceted career spans real estate, design, entrepreneurship, and media. Sherrod has carved out a dynamic space in these industries as a renowned real estate broker, designer, author, life coach, and serial entrepreneur. She is perhaps best known as the host and executive producer of HGTV's top-rated show *Married to Real Estate*, which drew over 19 million viewers in its debut season. Now in its fourth season, the show ranks among HGTV's top five programs and is set to broadcast in more than 82 countries. Sherrod's television presence also includes hit shows like *Flipping Virgins* and the long-running *Property Virgins*, where her expertise continues to captivate audiences. Sherrod is a trusted authority on

wealth education and real estate. She is the Founder & CEO of the Indigo Road family of companies, which encompasses Indigo Road Realty, a leading residential brokerage; Indigo Road Design Group, offering premier design services; and Indigo Road Home Furnishings, her signature home decor line.

Myeshia Mizuno is the *Behind the Lens Women SuperStar*. Mizuno is an EMMY-winning powerhouse producer, executive, and visionary who has redefined what it means to lead in television. With a successful career of over 25 years, she is the showrunner and executive producer of the legendary syndicated *Family Feud* and the first black female showrunner of a primetime network gameshow, ABC's megahit *Celebrity Family Feud*. Mizuno is also the creative force behind ABC's *Judge Steve Harvey*. Her career began in the fast-paced advertising world at the boutique agency Donat & Wald, where she produced commercials for major clients like 1-800-DENTIST, Dermalogica, and George Foreman. Those early moments on set ignited her passion for television and set her on a path to becoming one of the most sought-after producers in the industry.

An 'In Conversation' with all the 2025 honorees will be a special highlight during the awards program. Animator, Director, Writer, Producer, and 2018 BronzeLens Women SuperStar Aoyoka Chenzira will moderate. Portia Bruner of the nationally distributed lifestyle show *Portia* will be the event host and violinist Carey Durham will perform.

The BronzeLens Women SuperStars Honors event is the primary fundraising component for the BronzeLens Creators Scholarship. This year, two scholarships worth $10,000 each will be awarded to students selected from participating HBCUs. The 2025 Scholarship recipients will be announced in late May.

For more information regarding the BronzeLens Film Festival, visit www.bronzelens.com.

BronzeLens 2025 Women SuperStars Honorees Media Assets (Photos, Bios, etc.)

About the BronzeLens Film Festival
BronzeLens Film Festival of Atlanta, Georgia, is a non-profit organization founded in 2009 that is dedicated to bringing national and worldwide attention to Atlanta as a center for film and film production for people of color. Its mission is two-fold: to promote Atlanta as a film mecca for people of color, showcase films, and provide networking opportunities to develop the next generation of filmmakers. BronzeLens is an *Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences* qualifying film festival for the Short Film Awards category. The short film that receives the BronzeLens Best Short Award may now be eligible to enter the Academy's Short Subject competition for the concurrent season.

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