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# NIGHT BEFORE NEXT

HONORING NATE PARKER

THURSDAY  
AUG 11

## A SUMMER CELEBRATION BENEFITING SUNDANCE INSTITUTE AND ITS ARTISTS ON THE EVE OF NEXT FEST.

Celebrate the risk-taking artists whose stories shape and reflect our world.

Join us for cocktails and dinner, and for the presentation of this year's Vanguard Award recognizing a groundbreaking new independent filmmaker to NATE PARKER.

Close the night with an outdoor party with live music, interactive games and dessert reception.

6<sup>PM</sup> COCKTAILS  
7<sup>PM</sup> DINNER  
9<sup>PM</sup> PARTY

THE THEATRE  
AT ACE HOTEL

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90015

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# HONORING NATE PARKER



Nate Parker premiered his film *The Birth of a Nation* at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival, where he won both the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award. Parker wrote, directed, produced and stars in the film which tells the story of Nat Turner (played by Parker) who famously led the 1831 slave rebellion in Virginia. In his vision of the film, he expressed his deep desire to challenge the country to “heal from racial trauma through an honest confrontation with our past.”

Parker first garnered attention for his starring role in the Oprah Winfrey produced, *The Great Debaters* opposite director/actor Denzel Washington and Forest Whitaker. Washington handpicked him to play the troubled yet brilliant “Henry Lowe,” who overcomes his selfish ways and becomes the team’s leader.

Parker’s most recent efforts have gone into the launch of *The Nate Parker Foundation* (NPF) a public organization designed to provide monetary and technical support to a significant number of community-based organizations that are dedicated to transforming the lives of people of African descent both domestically and abroad.

Nate Parker has dedicated his career and life to using his platform as an artist and activist to inspire a protest in the face of community and global injustices.

# HOST COMMITTEE

Charmaine Bailey & Sean Bailey

Ryan Coogler

Lyn Lear & Norman Lear

Ava DuVernay

Cindy Harrell Horn & Alan Horn

Pat Mitchell & Scott Seydel

Amy Redford

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