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### CHRISTIAN EPPS: BIOGRAPHY

Christian Epps is a lighting designer who has spanned more than three decades in major motion pictures, broadcast television, commercials, live theater, dance, music videos and special events. Directors include Ava DuVernay, and Spike Lee. Talent includes 1st Lady Michelle Obama, Pres. Bill Clinton, Michael Jackson, Barbra Streisand, Whitney Houston, Nick Cannon, and Kevin Hart. As a gaffer for the critically acclaimed and award winning film, "Selma", featuring Oprah Winfrey and projects for HBO and The Olympics. In 2006 he began designing concerts and television in Nigeria and countries in Africa. Christian recently lit NETFLIX's first Original African production, QUEEN SONO' in Johannesburg and Netflix's first production in Nigeria (unnamed). Recent projects include commercials for Nike featuring Lebron James, in Cadillac featuring Spike Lee, Lovecraft Country (HBO), and 'Sylvie's Love' featuring Tessa Thompson (Amazon).

In 2014 he and others, founded Lights, Camera, Diaspora!, a Hollywood-based social enterprise nonprofit that bridges the gap between the African and African-Diaspora entertainment production industries. Since 2015, LCD! has conducted over 25 technical workshops and masterclasses in 8 countries in Africa. 2017 he received Africa Diaspora Awards' Creative Person Of The Year Award. MULTICHOICE, the largest broadcaster in Africa, has partnered with LCD! to do masterclasses in South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana and Zambia. LCD! Recently donated lighting equipment to the Zambian film community facilitated by the Los Angeles-Lusaka Sister City, placed a Nigerian cinematographer on an HBO show shooting in Hollywood as a training, placed 10 trainees in various departments on a U.S. based music project shooting in South Africa, and two trainees on Netflix's first project in Nigeria.

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