



Deondray and Quincy Gossfield Culture & Arts Award



“I can’t bear to be without him even if he’s the one I have the problem with” - Deondray Gossfield

Known to many as the creators and directors of the 2008 GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding Television Anthology, “THE DL CHRONICLES,” Deondray and Quincy LeNear Gossfield have been friends, collaborators, partners and now husbands for over 18 years. During that time, they have created engaging cinematic depictions of Black Gay Men, providing a window into a world many had not seen.

The Gossfields were introduced to each other by mutual friends and began a secret courtship that didn’t become public for years. Their relationship mirrored the reality of many Black Gay men – often hiding their relationship for fear of ridicule and ostracism. It was through the process of making THE DL CHRONICLES that they decided to publicly recognize their relationship. That public recognition culminated in their

marriage on the Grammy Awards in 2014.

The Gossfields are also two of the producers for the hit reality competition shows, Randy Jackson’s America’s Best Dance Crew (MTV), The Sing Off (NBCUniversal), Face Off (SyFy), and were Supervising Producers for the pilot of Marlon Wayans’ sketch comedy competition show, Funniest Wins (TBS). Their latest show, The World Dog Awards (The CW) won fans over this past January and is getting renewed for a second special in 2016.

From 2008-2014, the Gossfields directed, wrote, and produced the star-studded HEROES IN THE STRUGGLE Award Show at the Roy Disney Concert Hall and DGA Theater for the Black AIDS Institute. They were also the directors, producers, and writers of the Black AIDS Institute’s and Kaiser Family Foundation’s “Greater than AIDS” PSA; the first nationally televised AIDS awareness campaigns ever done specifically focusing on people of color.

Most recently, the Gossfields independently produced, THE DL CHRONICLES RETURNS and completed its 15-city festival tour in early 2014 (now available as a Vimeo on-demand rental). “Thomas” the first installment and has already won numerous awards and continues to receive rave reviews.

Better Brothers Los Angeles and The DIVA Foundation are proud to present Deondray and Quincy Gossfield with the inaugural “**Culture & Arts**” Truth Award.