

MYKAL KILGORE IS BLACK, GAY, GIFTED AND VYING FOR THE TOP SPOT IN R&B

The Singer Earns 2020 'Outstanding New Artist' NAACP Image Awards® Nomination for Freshman Album, A Man Born Black



Los Angeles, CA - January 16, 2020 - Mykal Kilgore was recently named Outstanding New Artist nominee for the 51st NAACP Image Awards®. Since the 2019 debut of his freshman album *A Man Born Black*, Mykal has swooned into the hearts of thousands of fans across the world. The award-winning Broadway performer, who is proud to be both Black and gay, is using his voice to share his truths with any listening ear and open heart. Mykal joins four other rising talents in this breakout category, including Lil Nas X, who is also openly LGBTQ identified. The NAACP Image Awards® will take place on February 21-22, with a live broadcast on BET on February 22nd. Mykal's fans can vote for him at <https://vote.naacpimageawards.net/Register>. Voting ends on February 7.

Mykal has been compared to many of the great voices of jazz, blues, R&B, funk and gospel including Billie Holiday, Donnie Hathaway, Aretha Franklin and others. His debut album, *A Man Born Black*, has been revered as 32 minutes of pure, unfiltered, musical emotion. With lead single "Let Me Go", Mykal delivers a soulful, timeless ballad for all to relate. The project, which quickly made its way to five Billboard charts and #2 on iTunes, enabled Mykal to leave all of his being exposed for the world to listen and ponder. "This album was my opportunity to be transparent, unapologetic and intentional about the life that I live. To be nominated by my peers and recognized by such a historical organization is such an honor. I am very thankful to those who have welcomed me and my music," said Mykal.

In addition to Mykal's nomination, he also announced his 2020 *Born Black* tour. The seven city tour will stop in New York, Atlanta, Annapolis, Nashville, Chicago, Philadelphia and Cincinnati. While this is Mykal's first album and tour, he is no stranger to the stage. Under the tutelage of

GRAMMY®, Emmy and Tony award winner Billy Porter, Mykal has been a shining star in the theater world. His most recognized work includes *Motown the Musical*, *Book of Mormon*, *Hair*, NBC's *The Wiz Live!* and *Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert*. Mykal is also known from his viral video "Reclaiming My Time" inspired by Congresswoman Maxine Waters.

For more information on Mykal, his music and tour, please visit www.mykalkilgore.com. For media inquiries or interview opportunities, please contact Keisha Boyd - keisha@pickettpr.com.

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