

## **“FOX SOUL’S SCREENING ROOM” TO SPOTLIGHT BLACK SHORT FEATURE FILMMAKERS**

**LOS ANGELES** – FOX Soul has announced “FOX Soul’s Screening Room,” a weekly, hour-long program meant to highlight and celebrate short films created by Black filmmakers. The debut episode will be hosted by Vivica A. Fox and premiere on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. PT.

James DuBose, Executive Producer and Head of Programming at FOX Soul, stated “We are no longer waiting for media giants or traditional greenlighting protocol to discover and share exceptional bodies of work within our own community.”

Vivica A. Fox added, “FOX Soul’s Screening Room’ coincides with the network's ability to provide a great space for Black creators and content makers in the arts and in film, and I'm thrilled to help them showcase new talent and share with the world the African American experience on this new medium.”

Each hour-long installment of “FOX Soul’s Screening Room” will contain between one and four short films, each followed by an interview with the filmmaker by the episode’s celebrity host. The program furthers FOX Soul’s goal to provide better representation of the Black community in all areas, by offering an outlet for Black filmmakers to share their creative projects for a larger audience. Vivica A. Fox will host the first three episodes, including the premiere episode, which features “WAM!,” directed by Bobby Coston, “Junebug,” directed by Winter Dunn, “Flawd,” directed by J. Snow, and animated short film “Genesis,” created by Philip Page. Since the initial announcement of this initiative on social media, FOX Soul has received over 300 submissions of short films made by Black filmmakers across North America. The films span across all genres and professional levels, from student films to Sundance Official Selections.