

Show's finale major disappointment to Boseman fans continued from page 1

- **Leslie Odom, Jr.** Nominated for Best Actor in a Supporting Role as **Sam Cooke** (One Night in Miami); Odom also performed "Speak Now," nominated for Original Song

- **Celeste** The British-Jamaican soul artist whose real name is Celeste Epiphany Waite, performed "Hear My Voice" (also nominated for Original Song) from The Trial of the Chicago 7 - itself nominated for Best Picture, Cinematography, Film Editing and Writing - Original Screenplay

- **Daniel Kaluuya** The British and Ugandan actor won Best Actor in a Supporting Role for his portrayal of **Fred Hampton**, Illinois Black Panther Party Chairman, in Judas and The Black Messiah

- **Pete Docter, Dana Murray and Kemp Powers** Won Best Animated Feature Film and Best Music (Original Score) for Soul – which was also nominated for Best Sound with **Ren Klyce, Coya Elliott and David Parker**

- **Mia Neal and Jamika Wilson** Became the first Black women to win the Best Makeup and Hairstyling category for their work on Netflix's Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

- **Viola Davis and the late Chadwick Boseman** **Viola Davis** becomes the Oscars' most nominated Black female actor ever – now with four -- this one for her lead role in Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. Davis and her husband, Texas native **Julius Tennon**, also own a production company, JuVee Productions

- **Andra Day, Trevante Rhodes, Natasha Lyonne and Garrett Hedlund**

Actress and singer **Andra Day**, who brilliantly channeled the legendary Billie Holiday in director Lee Daniels' biopic The United States Vs. **Billie Holiday**, received an Oscar nomination for her debut film performance...marking only the fifth actress to ever



Oscar® nominee Viola Davis with Julius Tennon on the red carpet of The 93rd Oscars®. Credit: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.



Oscar® nominee H.E.R. arrives on the red carpet of The 93rd Oscars®. Credit: Matt Petit / A.M.P.A.S.

achieve this level of recognition as a new actress!

- **H.E.R., Dernst Emile II and Tiara Thomas** The artist whose real name is **Gabriella Sarmiento Wilson**, won the Oscar for Music (Original Song) for "Fight For You," with Lyrics by H.E.R., in Judas and The Black Messiah

When Gabriella Wilson spoke, she said, "Musicians, filmmakers I believe we have an opportunity and responsibility, to me, to tell the truth and to write history the way that it was and how it connects us to today and what we see going on in the world today." Kaluuya thanked his mother in his acceptance speech, "I'd like to thank my Mom. Thank you so much for pouring into me. You gave me everything. You gave me your factory settings so I can stand at my fullest height."

One disappointment was the Academy's failing to bestow upon Chadwick Boseman the honor of "Best Actor In A Leading Role" posthumously for his riveting performance in Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. Instead, the Oscar went to the legendary Anthony Hopkins for his role in The Father.

Our final highlight from the 2021 Oscars is this: Tyler Perry accepted the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, presented to him by Viola Davis. The Award, an Oscar statuette, is given to an "individual in the motion picture industry whose humanitarian efforts have brought credit to the industry." In his acceptance speech, Perry strongly emphasized: "Refuse Hate! She [his Mother] taught me to refuse hate and blanket judgment. In this time, with all of the internet and social media and algorithms that want us to think a certain way -- the 24-hour news cycle. It's my hope that we teach our kids, refuse hate. Don't hate anybody."

What a great word to end on given the times we find ourselves living in. Congratulations to all Award winners and nominees!



Chauvin juror says guilty verdicts could have come quicker

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A juror who cast one of the unanimous votes to convict a white former Minneapolis police officer of killing George Floyd said deliberations were primarily spent trying to convince one person who was uncertain about part of the jury instructions.

Brandon Mitchell is the first juror that deliberated in Derek Chauvin's trial to talk publicly about his experience. An alternate juror who was dismissed before deliberations, Lisa Christensen, spoke to reporters last week, saying she would have voted to convict Chauvin.

"I felt like it should have been 20 minutes," Mitchell, 31, said of the deliberations, which led to Chauvin's conviction

April 20 on all counts: second-degree murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Mitchell, who is Black, told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Wednesday that much of the time in deliberations was spent going over terminology and "making sure we understood what exactly was being asked." The identities of jurors and alternates are protected under a judge's order.

"I think the one juror that was kind of — I wouldn't say slowing us down — but was being delicate with the process, more so, was just kind of hung up with a few words in the instructions. They wanted to make sure they got it right," Mitchell said.

Mitchell, who first shared his story with gospel artist Erica Campbell on her podcast, wrote in his jury questionnaire he wanted to serve as a juror "because of all the protests and everything that happened after the event. This is the most historic case of my lifetime, and I would love to be a part of it."

Mitchell speculated that he was picked for the jury because he was mild mannered. He said the images during the trial trouble him.

"It was just dark. It felt like every day was a funeral and watching someone die every day," Mitchell told CNN. "It was tense every day. I wasn't nervous, but it was stressful. It was a lot of pressure."

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