

ENTERTAINMENT

Jill Scott dominates Soul Awards

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Newcomer Jill Scott captured four awards, including entertainer of the year, at the Seventh Annual Soul Train Lady of Soul Awards.

Several entertainers at Tuesday night's ceremony dedicated their performances and awards to up-and-coming singer Aaliyah, who was killed with eight others in a plane crash in the Bahamas on Saturday.

"I know, with her talent, she would've gotten this award too," Patti LaBelle said as she dedicated her Lena Horne Award for outstanding career achievement to the young star's memory.

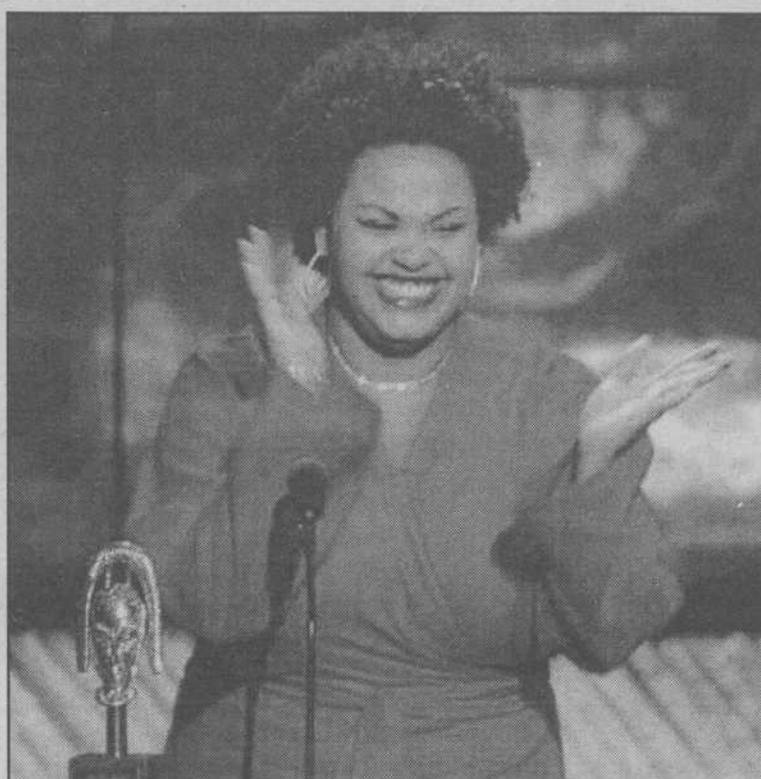
Aaliyah, 22, was nominated for rhythm and blues, soul or rap song of the year but lost to Yolanda Adams.

Co-hosts for the awards program were Luther Vandross, Leeza Gibbons, Eve and Shemar Moore.

The program, taped at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, was to be broadcast Saturday.

Scott's album, "Who Is Jill Scott?" Words and Sounds, Vol. 1, took Soul/R&B Album of the Year. Her "A Long Walk," won two solo artist awards: R&B/soul single and R&B/soul or rap new artist.

The other winners were: R&B/soul single, for group, band or duo:



Jill Scott reacts as she accepts her second award of the night for rap new artist during the Soul Train Lady of Soul awards in Santa Monica, Calif. Scott was also honored with Aretha Franklin Entertainer of the Year award.

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"Survivor," by Destiny's Child. R&B/soul album of the year, for group, band or duo: "3LW," by 3LW. R&B/soul or rap song of the year: "Open My Heart," by Yolanda Adams. R&B/soul or rap new artist, for group, band or duo: "No

More (Baby I'ma Do Right)," by 3LW. R&B/soul or rap music video: "Get Ur Freak On," by Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. Gospel album: "Thankful," by Mary Mary. Lena Horne Award for outstanding career achievement: Patti LaBelle.

Erykah Badu mistakenly receives Jill Scott's Soul Train Award

By Teri vanHorn  
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Good thing Erykah Badu wasn't around to pick up her Album of the Year trophy at last week's Soul Train Lady of Soul Awards — she'd have to mail it to Jill Scott.

Show organizers said Thursday (August 30) that Badu's Mama's Gun was erroneously announced as Soul/R&B Album of the Year during the taping of the ceremony at Santa Monica (California) Civic Auditorium, and the award actually belongs to Scott for Who Is Jill Scott? Words & Sounds Vol. 1.

Katie Jones, supervising producer at Don Cornelius Productions, said the winner was "read incorrectly" during the award's presentation. She said she had not yet determined how the error occurred.

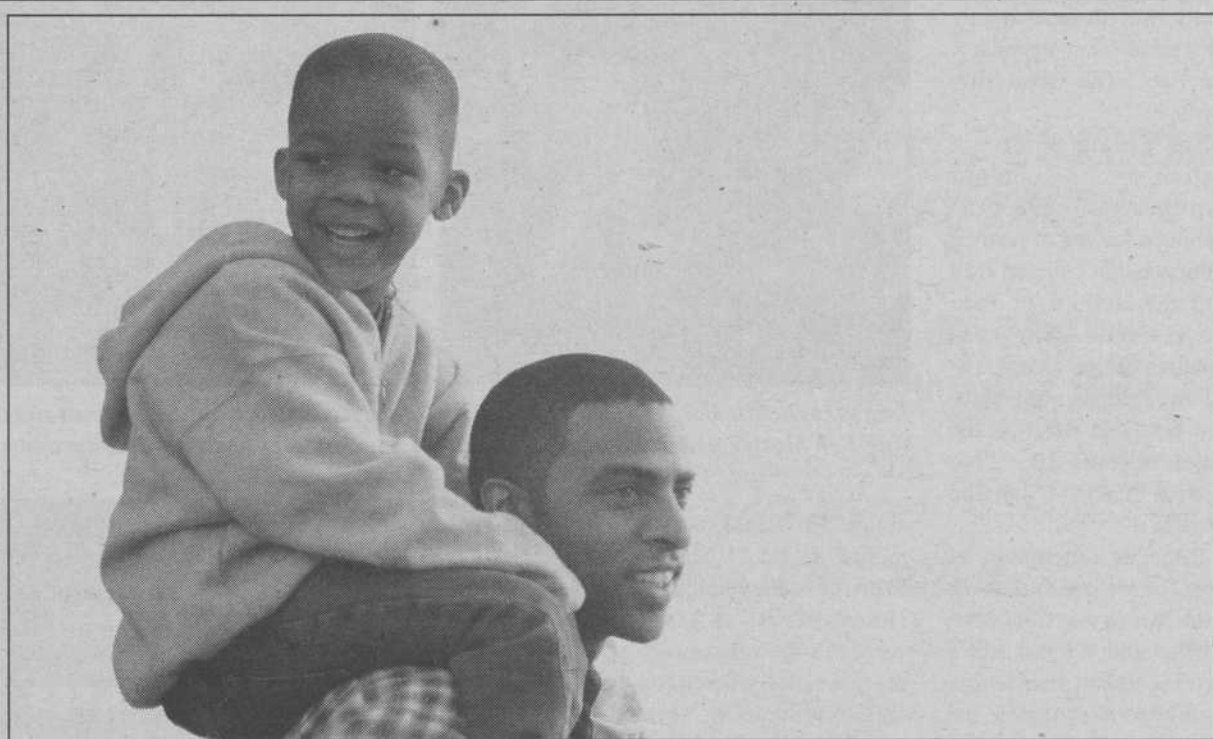
Fans watching the ceremony at home when it airs in syndication will see an edited version of the presentation with an announcer replacing Badu's name with Scott's, according to Karen Sundell, a show spokesperson at the Rogers & Cowan publicity firm. Both Scott and Badu have been informed of the change, she said.

A source, who requested anonymity, claimed organizers intentionally switched the names because Scott left the ceremony to catch a flight before the category was presented. "It [looks bad] for her to be there all night and then not be around to accept her final award," the source said. Reporters hoping to interview Scott Tuesday night were told the singer had to leave the ceremony early for the airport.

Sundell had no comment on the allegation, saying, "A mistake was made and has been fixed." A spokesperson for Scott could not be reached.

The Album of the Year honor gave Scott a total of four Lady of Soul awards. She also received awards for Best R&B/Soul or Rap New Artist (Solo) and Best R&B/Soul Single (Solo) for "A Long Walk" as well as the Aretha Franklin Award for Entertainer of the Year.

Badu did not attend the ceremony because she is on tour. Her Motown spokesperson confirmed the singer had been informed she did not win a Lady of Soul award after all and said Badu had no immediate comment. Badu's official Web site still featured a post as of late Thursday afternoon congratulating her on the award.



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