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THE 85th ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS

After a very long award season which began December 3, 2012 with the New York Film Critics Circle Awards, we are down to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 85th ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS. The awards will be held February 24, 2013 at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, California. Seth MacFarlane will host and it will be aired live on ABC.

In a tribute to 50 years of the James Bond franchise, Adele will sing "Skyfall" from **SKYFALL** and Dame Shirley Bassey will perform "Diamonds Are Forever" from **DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER**. This will be a real treat. Norah Jones and Barbra Streisand will also perform. Streisand last performed at the OSCARS 36 years ago. Presenters include Robert Downey Jr, Samuel L Jackson, Queen Latifah, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Christopher Plummer, Octavia Spencer, Meryl Streep, Channing Tatum, Charlize Theron and Mark Wahlberg.

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LINCOLN leads the nominations with 12, **LIFE OF PI** has 11, **LES MISERABLES** and **SILVER LININGS** both have 8 and **ARGO** has 7.

Based on previous awards won, I will venture the following observations...

Best Picture should go to **LINCOLN** or **LES MISERABLES**. **SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK** could be a spoiler here. It is nominated for Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress. Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress and Best Director...something rare.

Daniel Day-Lewis will win Best Actor for **LINCOLN**.

Jennifer Lawrence should take home the Oscar for **SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK**. Jessica Chastain may pull an upset for **ZERO DARK THIRTY**, but Lawrence has all the buzz.

It's hard to predict Best Supporting Actor. Tommy Lee Jones was wonderful in **LINCOLN** and Christoph Waltz was great in **DJANGO UNCHAINED**. I will go with Tommy Lee Jones.

I think Anne Hathaway from **LES MISERABLES** will edge out Sally Field

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from **LINCOLN** for Best Supporting Actress.

Who will win Best Director? Kathryn Bigalow (**ZERO DARK THIRTY**) and Ben Affleck (**ARGO**) were both snubbed at the nominations. The Academy loves Steven Spielberg, so I will go with him. But then again it could be Ang Lee for **LIFE OF PI**.

These are 6 of the 24 categories. They're the ones people usually remember. These are my predictions/guesses/ hunches and I have been wrong before.

85th ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATIONS, a partial list...

BEST PICTURE

- __ "Amour"
- __ "Argo"
- __ "Beast of the Southern Wild"
- __ "Django Unchained"
- __ "Les Miserables"
- __ "Life of Pi"
- __ "Lincoln"
- __ "Silver Linings Playbook"
- __ "Zero Dark Thirty"

ACTOR

__ Bradley Cooper, "Silver Linings Playbook"

- __ Daniel Day- Lewis, "Lincoln"
- __ Hugh Jackman, "Les Miserables"
- __ Joaquin Phoenix, "The Master"
- __ Denzel Washington, "Flight"

ACTRESS

__ Jessica Chastain, "Zero Dark Thirty"

__ Jennifer Lawrence, "Silver Linings Playbook"

__ Emmanuella Riva, "Amour"

__ Quvenzhane Wallis, "Beast of the Southern Wild"

__ Naomi Watts, "The Impossible"

SUPPORTING ACTOR

__ Alan Arkin, "Argo"

__ Robert De Niro, "Silver Linings Playbook"

__ Philip Seymour Hoffman, "The Master"

__ Tommy Lee Jones, "Lincoln"

__ Christoph Waltz, "Django Un-

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SUPPORTING ACTRESS

__ Amy Adams, "The Master"

__ Sally Field, "Lincoln"

__ Anne Hathaway, "Les Miserables"

__ Helen Hunt, "The Sessions"

__ Jacki Weaver, "Silver Linings Playbook"

DIRECTING

__ Micheal Haneke, "Amour"

__ Benh Zeitlin, "Beast of the Southern Wild"

__ Ang Lee, "Life of Pi"

__ Steven Spielberg, "Lincoln"

__ David O Russell, "Silver Linings Playbook"

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is a very busy month... Groundhog Day on the 2, Valentine's Day on the 14, President's Day on the 18. New Orleans also had a Super Bowl and of course, Mardi Gras. But it's Black History Month for 28 days.

PBS always celebrates. LIFETIME, remember they brought you "Liz and Dick", has come up with a fine made-for-television movie. "Betty and Coretta" is the story of Dr. Betty Shabazz, widow of Malcolm X and Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King Jr. It is the story of the 30 year friendship between the two women as they struggle to raise their children and assume their place in the civil rights movement.

"Betty and Coretta" was written by Shem Bitterman and Ron Huchinson, directed by Yves Simoneau.

Mary J Blige stars as Dr. Betty Shabazz and was also an executive producer. Angela Bassett is Coretta Scott King. Both women are great. Angela Bassett is always wonderful...you may be surprised by Mary J Blige's talent. Ruby Dee, long-time actor and civil rights activist, is the narrator. Her presence lends credibility to the story. Shinelle Azoroh shines as the troubled daughter, Quibillah.

Some question why the children weren't consulted until after filming. Producers say it's natural for families to want to protect their legacies. "Betty and Coretta" is a LIFETIME movie, not a documentary. "Based on a true story" doubles for "all this ain't true". The term "artistic license" comes up in conversation. The basic facts must be there....I haven't heard of any lawsuits.

I learned things from "Betty and Coretta". I knew very little about Malcolm X, even less about his wife, Dr Betty Shabazz. After watching the movie and doing a little research, I understand more. The movie humanized Mrs King. I had always considered her an "ice queen", but the movie shows her public and private persona's.

I guess "Betty and Coretta" is a success. It entertains and educates. A perfect combo for Black History Month. It's on LIFETIME, check your local listings. I've seen it three times, so it's in heavy rotation.

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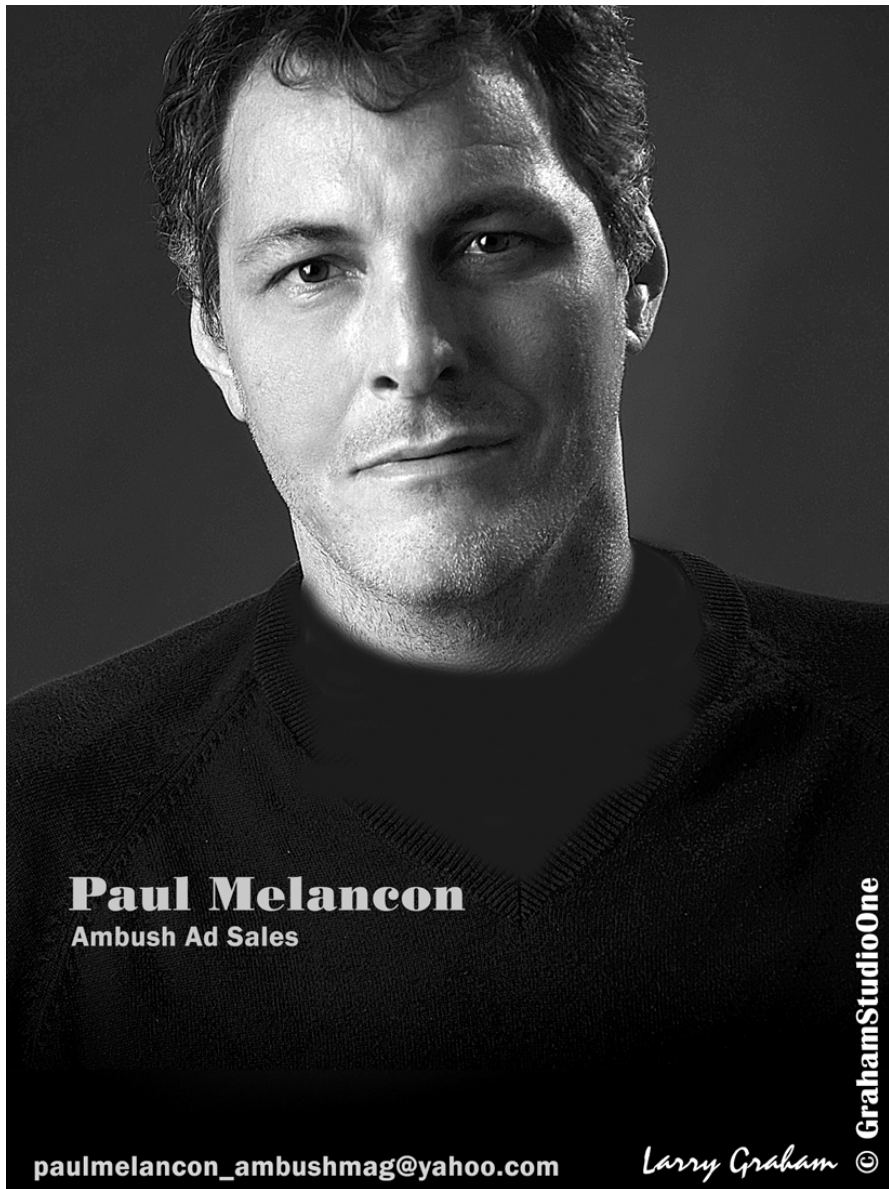
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It is important to note that there are still a few areas of the country with homes available for sale that are sitting on the market for awhile ~ some of this is due to economic reasons, and some due to it being the dead of winter.

You may find that purchasing a short sale or foreclosure is the way to go, if you have the stomach to compete with all the investors you'll be competing with. Many banks have the have realized the quickly improving market conditions, and are not as aggressive on pricing as they used to be. Some work may be needed on foreclosures and short sales, just as with any other home that is for sale, so be sure to do a thorough inspection.

More and more people are buying to get away from renting, which makes homes more in demand, so be prepared to pay market value or more to get your perfect home in this market. It is a competitive market with rising prices and rising interest rates, so if you are looking to buy, it is wise to act fast. Always put in your very best offer to prevent losing the house that you

really want.

Buying a home is still a wise investment in 2013; and with the direction of home process, it seems continue to be the best investment available for your cash, whether purchasing a primary residence, or rental property.

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