



Queen Latifah Named Godmother Of Carnival Cruise Line's Newest Ship, Carnival Horizon

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Grammy-Award Winning Artist to Preside Over Ship's Official Naming Ceremony in New York Featuring 'Lip Sync Battle: Horizon' and Honoring St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®

MIAMI, March 1, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Queen Latifah – Grammy award-winning musical artist, acclaimed television and film actress, label president, author and entrepreneur – has been named the godmother to [Carnival Cruise Line's newest ship](#), Carnival Horizon.



Latifah will participate in the ship's official naming ceremony as well as a special "Lip Sync Battle: Horizon" showcase that is part of the line's authentic shipboard reproduction of the hit Paramount Network series. The event will be held during an invitation-only overnight gala onboard Carnival Horizon in [New York City](#) on May 23, 2018.

Currently starring in the FOX series "STAR," Latifah is an incredible talent earning an Oscar nomination, a Golden Globe nomination and a SAG Award nomination for her portrayal as Mama Morton in Chicago. She also received an Emmy nomination, a Golden Globe win and a SAG Award win for performances in both "Life Support" and "Bessie," an HBO biopic on the legendary jazz artist Bessie Smith as well as accolades for her performance as the title character in NBC's The Wiz Live!

The first hip-hop artist to be honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Latifah has earned six Grammy nominations and a Grammy Award for Best Solo Rap Performance. Her production company, Flavor Unit Entertainment, has quickly grown to prominence, producing award-winning television shows, blockbuster hits and independent films for a variety of Hollywood studios.

"With her fun-loving spirit and positive, can-do attitude, Queen Latifah embodies our brand and knows how to 'Choose Fun' in everything she does," said Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line. "Knowing that she is a long-time supporter of St. Jude and has performed and won 'Lip Sync Battle' made her the ideal candidate to serve as godmother to our newest ship," she added.

"Carnival is an iconic American brand and it's an honor to be named godmother of Carnival Horizon and take part in the event on May 23, honoring the special children of St. Jude – a cause that is very near and dear to my heart," said Latifah.

The May 23 gala will recognize long-time Carnival partner St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with a check presentation from funds raised via various activities and events, both on board and ashore, leading up to the event. Additionally, Carnival will unveil special custom-designed artwork created by more than 30 St. Jude patients that will appear on the Carnival Horizon's "Dreamscape," a stunning three-deck-high LED sculpture that takes center stage in the ship's atrium.

Following the event, Carnival Horizon begins her summer schedule from New York that runs through September followed by the launch year-round Caribbean cruises from Miami later that month.

As the line's newest ship, Carnival Horizon will introduce a number of one-of-a-kind innovations, including Guy's Pig & Anchor Bar-B-Que Smokehouse|Brewhouse with BBQ favorites created by Food Network star Guy Fieri in addition to the first Dr. Seuss-themed water park, part of the line's exclusive partnership with Dr. Seuss Enterprises, the groundbreaking bike-ride-in-the-sky attraction called SkyRide, an IMAX Theatre, and more.

A wide range of accommodations will also be offered, including spa cabins with exclusive privileges at the luxurious Cloud 9 Spa, extra-roomy staterooms in Family Harbor, and tropics-inspired Havana staterooms and suites with exclusive daytime access to a Cuban-themed bar and pool.

For additional information and reservations, contact any travel agent, call 1-800-CARNIVAL or visit carnival.com. Carnival also can be found on: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#). Journalists also can visit Carnival's media site, carnival-news.com or follow the line's PR department on Twitter at twitter.com/CarnivalPR.

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