

Resources Sheet

Film: One Night in Miami Director: **Regina King**



Regina King: "A couple of months after the pandemic hit, [George Floyd died in police custody], and for all the producers and everyone involved, we were like, 'This needs to come out now.' I feel like fate always had it planned out this way, but maybe we're lucky and we're going to have the opportunity to be a piece of art out there that moves the needle in a conversation about transformative change."



Trivia / Fun Facts:

- Regina King is the first Black female director to have a film at the Venice Film Festival. The world premiere of *One Night in Miami* at the Venice Film Festival on September 7, 2020 made it the first film in the festival's 77-year history directed by an African American woman.
- Leading up to the filming of *One Night in Miami* during King's successful awards campaign for *If Beale Street Could Talk*, she pledged to work only on projects with a 50/50 gender split.
- King describes the film as a "love letter to the Black man's experience."
- The screenplay was written by Kemp Powers, who also wrote the one-act stage play the upon which the film is based.
- Although set in Miami, Florida, the film was shot in New Orleans, Louisiana. King said, "it's the only place that still looks like 1964."
- Leslie Odom, Jr., of *Hamilton* fame, plays Sam Cooke and co-wrote "Speak Now", an original song for the film.
- Although the pandemic threatened to halt production, America's reckoning with racial justice made releasing the film this fall a matter of urgency. Final scenes with Eli Goree (Cassius Clay) and Leslie Odom Jr. (Sam Cooke) were shot with a small crew of 60 and COVID-19 testing.

Festival Appearances:

- Venice Film Festival
- Toronto International Film Festival
- Zurich Film Festival
- BFI London Film Festival
- AFI Fest
- Hamptons International Film Festival
- Mill Valley Film Festival
- Middleburg Film Festival
- Chicago International Film Festival
- Montclair Film Festival



Video Material:

Regina King and 'One Night in Miami' Cast Talk Recreating History at Variety's Virtual TIFF Studio	<u>Variety</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2VxBaf 5_yQ
One Night in Miami Q&A: TIFF 2020	TIFF Originals	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2VxBaf 5 yQ
Football Legend Jim Brown Tells Us About the 'One Night in Miami'	Celebrity Page	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDsgcUZ n7dA
Jim Brown reflects on night with Muhammad Ali & Malcom X in 'Miami '64'	NFL TV	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A- uq1K_gAXU

Interviews:

Regina King: 'One Night in Miami' Response Can 'Open or Close Doors' for Black Female Directors	<u>Variety</u>	https://variety.com/2020/film/global/regina- king-one-night-in-miami-black-female- directors-venice-1234761327/
Regina King Takes the Director's Chair for 'One Night in Miami'	Jemele Hill is Unbothered	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g0dRsB YqE
Why Leslie Odom Jr. was	Entertainment	https://ew.com/movies/film-festivals/leslie-
hesitant to play Sam Cooke in <i>One Night in</i> <i>Miami</i>	Weekly	odom-jr-one-night-in-miami-tiff-interview/
Regina King Talks 'One Night in Miami' at TIFF: Extended	ET	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nafGhxS r7ic



Reviews:

'One Night in Miami' Review: A Quartet of African-American Legends Talk the Night Away in Regina King's Captivating Directorial Debut (Owen Gleiberman)		https://variety.com/2020/film/reviews/one- night-in-miami-review-regina-king- 1234761095/
'One Night in Miami' Review: Regina King's Directorial Debut is a Vibrant, Reflective Slice of History (Kate Erbland)	<u>IndieWire</u>	https://www.indiewire.com/2020/09/one- night-in-miami-review-regina-king- 1234584340/
One Night in Miami review- a pivotal moment for black America (Jonathan Romney)	The Guardian	https://www.theguardian.com/film/2020/sep/07/one-night-in-miami-review-regina-king
'One Night in Miami': Venice Review (Fionnuala Halligan)	ScreenDaily	https://www.screendaily.com/reviews/one- night-in-miami-venice- review/5152923.article
One Night in Miami: London Film Festival 2020 (Rosamund Kelby)	The Upcoming	https://www.theupcoming.co.uk/2020/10/12 /london-film-festival-2020-one-night-in- miami-review/
One Night in Miami Review (Kristy Puchko)	IGN	https://www.ign.com/articles/one-night-in- miami-review