

# Actor Omar Gooding Goes to Dallas to Talk about Surviving 25 Years in Hollywood

*Real Talk About the Entertainment Industry is Discussed at a Special Event "An Evening with Omar Gooding" at the Hall of State at Fair Park*

DALLAS, TX, USA, June 7, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- What does it take to have longevity in the entertainment industry? Actor [Omar Gooding](#) will answer this question and many more when he makes a special appearance to discuss his 25-year successful navigation in the entertainment industry at "An Evening with Omar Gooding," on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at [The Hall of State at Fair Park](#) located at 3939 Grand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210. The free event begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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I want to share my story about the "Hollywood life," auditioning tools and techniques, as well as my personal experiences about the struggle as a black actor while holding on to my moral compass.”

*Omar Gooding, an award-winning actor and NAACP Image Award nominee*

"I have extensive knowledge on "Hollywood life" as well as ,many auditioning tools and techniques. I will share stories about the struggle in Hollywood as a black actor and an actor, in general, trying to hold on to my moral compass," said Gooding. "I have seen and learned a lot through trial and error."

The community event will give audiences an "up close and personal" look into more than 25 years of Gooding's career in various aspects of the entertainment industry, Gooding has successfully networked with industry leaders in entertainment and television. As the younger brother to an Oscar winner Cuba, Jr. and the son of two entertainers, he has seen the ups and downs of both worlds - music and TV/Film. Growing up as a young successful actor, he has a wealth of experience in the Hollywood industry.

An Evening with Omar includes:

- The art of networking in Hollywood
- Sustaining a 25+ year career in TV and Entertainment.
- Being an influential actor in Hollywood.
- Coming from an award winning family in Entertainment and TV.
- Being a child actor in Hollywood.
- Being a successful actor for multiple generations.

What Attendees Will Take Away from the experience:

- Leadership Qualities
- How to Prepare for the Future
- Networking and Career Building
- Success through Adversity
- Hollywood Stories

A Q&A will follow. Gooding will be available for an autograph session.

Admission and parking is free. Early arrival is recommended. For more information or directions, contact 214.421.4500 or visit <http://www.hallofstate.com>. This is a media-friendly event.

Gooding grew up in a household of entertainers. He is the son of an African American and Barbadian or "Basian" from Barbados father, Cuba Gooding, Sr., and an African American and Irish mother who were both singers and entertainers. "My dad was the lead singer of the R&B group, "The Main Ingredient," and traveled the world," said Gooding. "My brother Cuba, Jr. took acting classes and was signed to an agent."

Gooding, at ten years old, was sent to his brother's agent's office to pick up a script. "My life was instantly changed when Cuba's agent the Coralie Jr Theatrical Agency discovered me," he said. "After months of begging my mom, I was allowed to go on an audition." With no prior theatrical training, Gooding landed two auditions in one day and booked one of them.

"The rest, as they say, is history," said Gooding. He has played in memorable roles that are iconic in pop culture and has influenced generations.

Gooding's career took off when he landed a series regular role for three years on a Nickelodeon TV show, "Wild and Crazy Kids," followed by a five-year run on the ABC network series, "Hanging with Mr. Cooper," and then a three-year run on the WB network series, "Smart Guy." After years on television, it was a natural progression for Gooding to act in the movies.

"The turning point in my career was when I starred in a major motion picture for Paramount Pictures, "Baby Boy," opposite Ving Rhames, Tyrese Gibson, Snoop Dogg, and Taraji P. Henson," said Gooding. He received critical praise for his role as "Sweatpea." The movie and TV roles continued for Gooding and he became a household name.



An Evening with Omar Gooding - Surviving 25 years in the Entertainment Industry!



Omar Gooding Stars in Bounce TV's "Family Time," now in its fifth season.

Currently, Gooding plays Tony Stallworth, the star of the highly rated sitcom "Family Time," on Bounce TV, now in its fifth season. He is also a writer and producer on the show. In 2016, Gooding founded and launched [Modo Entertainment TV Network](#) in collaboration with One Shot Network and Celebrity Virtual Television Network. The trio of networks airs original programming along with other TV/Film projects on familiar platforms, such as, Google TV; Roku; Apple TV; Amazon Fire TV; and more.

For interviews or booking Gooding for special appearances and speaking engagements, please contact Marie Lemelle for Platinum Star PR at 213-276-7827 or [info@platinumstarpr.com](mailto:info@platinumstarpr.com). For press credentials, contact Marie Lemelle. On-site event contact is Esmael Modabberi at 214-934-7722.

### About Omar Gooding

Omar Gooding, an American actor and producer, is the youngest son of an African American and Barbadian or "Basian" from Barbados father, Cuba Gooding, and an African American and Irish mother who were both singers and entertainers. His recently deceased father was the lead singer of the internationally known R&B group, "The Main Ingredient."



Omar Gooding, a quadruple threat in the entertainment industry, is an actor, rapper, producer, owner of Modo Entertainment TV network.

As the younger brother to an Oscar winner Cuba, Jr. and the son of two entertainers, you can say Gooding was born into the world of the entertainment industry.

It all started when his older brother Cuba, Jr. had a dream of being an actor so his mother took the family "on the road" and they settled 5 miles from Hollywood in a town called Toluca Lake. His brother took acting classes and was signed to an agent. At ten, Gooding was sent to his brother's agent's office to pick up a script, where he was "discovered" by the Coralie Jr Theatrical Agency. After months of begging his mom, Gooding was allowed to go on an audition. With no prior theatrical training, Gooding had two auditions in one day and booked one of them.

The rest is history as Gooding's career spanned more than 25 years in both TV and film.

Gooding became a series regular for three years on a Nickelodeon TV show, "Wild and Crazy Kids," followed by a five year run on an ABC network series, "Hanging with Mr. Cooper," and a three-year run on a series for the WB network, "Smart Guy." His next move was in movies. He starred in a major motion picture for Paramount Pictures, "Baby Boy," opposite Ving Rhames, Tyrese Gibson, Snoop Dogg, and Taraji P. Henson. Gooding received critical praise for his role as Sweatpea.

He has also followed in his father's footsteps musically, as a rapper. Gooding's stage name is "Big O," and he has released an album with a record label in Los Angeles, California.

Gooding is the lead on Bounce TV's "Family Time," now in its fifth season. He is also a producer and a writer on the popular show.

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