# MARKETING SNAPSHOT

# **Objectives**

- → Generate buzz and awareness around the forthcoming film "MY FIRST LOVES" across key target segments utilizing cast/filmmakers whenever possible
- → Drive opening weekend attendance for "MY FIRST LOVES" in theatrical exhibition markets & sustain momentum, which ultimately drives performance across ancillary platforms (DVD, TV)

### Strategies

- → Seamlessly and authentically embed "MY FIRST LOVES" within targeted communities and their respective lifestyles
- → Connect with consumers in their environment to deliver the "MY FIRST LOVES" message and spark excitement & buzz around the film

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- → Black/Urban/Mainstream
- → Men/Women/Young/Old

# Advertising Tactics

- → Paid schedule TBD for TV, print, radio, and online
  - TV ads run 4-6 weeks out on BET, MTV, VH1, FUSETV, TV One, ESPN, E! & Style Channel
  - Print ads to run in VIBE, O, Fader, King, Black Enterprise, Essence & Uptown, etc.
  - Major market (NY, LA, CHI, ATL, HOU, PHI, DC, MIA) newspaper ads placed in national, local, and targeted community publications 4-6 weeks out from release
  - Partnership with Clear Channel, Radio One, and Emmis Communications affiliates for major market promotions 2-4 weeks out from release; strategic alignment with TBD syndicated morning show; placements on top digital radio networks (Sirius & XM Radio)
  - Outdoor ad placements in NY & LA, 4 weeks out from release, on buses, at bus shelters, in subways (platforms/cars), on billboards & wild posting walls, all focused on high traffic commuter areas
  - Online banner ads 4 weeks out from release, utilizing a mix of both niche and mainstream websites, including essence.com, clutchmag.com, hbcuconnect.com, blackfilm.com, uptown.com, crèmemagazine.com, vibe.com, bet.com, mtv.com, bossip.com, ybf.com, et. al.
- → In-the ater previews aligned with appropriate films playing to target audiences

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### Promotion Tactics

### **Television**

- → Leverage publicity team's relationships with daily morning shows, late night talk shows entertainment news magazines, and fashion/sports related programming
- → Develop an innovative branded promotional campaign with BET and/or TV One

### Radio

- → Leverage publicity team's relationships with morning/evening "drive time" radio shows, including syndicated, personality-driven programs (e.g. Tom Joyner, Michael Baisden) to schedule interviews with cast members
- → Partner with top radio stations in exhibition markets to run on-air promotions related to the "who was your first love?" theme; contests to include call-ins for "most romantic first love story..."

#### Online

- → Launch teaser campaign prior to film's 4-6 week marketing plan implementation through viral marketing efforts; leverage Crème's expanding web presence to sell tickets to the film, both pre and post theatrical release
- → Blog mentions with organic integration of "MY FIRST LOVES" among the power digerati commentary, sharing "The Making of My First Loves"...
- → Email blasts featuring My First Loves key art, markets, release date, etc.
- → Web contests awarding most romantic "first love" story with trip/tix to LA or NY premiere
- → Video postings of film clips on YouTube, Google Video and numerous additional online outlets
- → MySpace, FaceBook & Twitter presence for movie/characters

#### Grassroots

- → Event presence at strategically identified conferences, art shows, award shows, integrating talent appearances for film plugs; where budget permits, "MY FIRST LOVES" will assume a sponsorship role with a customized activation (e.g. after party, booth, celebrity appearances); possible events include:
  - a. Top College Tours including the HBCU connection, in addition to all female colleges like Agnes Scott or Simmons College in Boston, MA.
  - b. BET Awards, Soul Train Awards, Black Girls Rock! Award Show and various presenter opportunities
  - c. Private tastemaker dinner & advance screenings in key markets
- → Palm card distribution at bridal boutiques, hair/nail salons, restaurants, fashion boutiques, check cashing, bill paying centers, etc.
- → Music marketing partnerships with record labels/retailers & iTunes to promote/distribute the "MY FIRST LOVES" soundtrack.

### Publicity

- → Engaged publicist(s) to drive development & execution of film's public relations campaign
- → Cast members & filmmakers booked on radio/TV, as well as pitched for editorial coverage
- → Diverse media presence at red carpet premieres in NY & LA, 1-2 weeks prior to theatrical release