

Ciclo de cine Collado Villalba

Fact Sheet



Title in Spanish: Figuras Ocultas.

Original title: Hidden Figures.

Director: Theodor Melfi.

Script: Allison Schroeder. Libro: Margot Lee Shetterly.

Cast: Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, Kevin Costner, Jim Parsons, Marhershala Ali, Ariana Neal, Maria Howell, Alkoya Brunson, Jaiden Kaine.

Music: Benjamin Wallfisch, Pharrell Williams, Hans Zimmer.

Original language: English

Duration: 127 minutes

Country: U.S.A.

Premier: 13 January 2017

Sinopsis

It narrates the never-told-before story of three brilliant African-american female scientists who worked for NASA in the early 60's (amid the space race and a the fight for the civil rights of African-americans) in the ambitious project to sent astronaut John Glenn to space.

2016: Oscar Awards: 3 nominations, including Best Film and Best Supporting Actress (Spencer)

2016: BAFTA Awards: Nominated to the Best Adapted Screenplay

2016: National Board of Review (NBR): Best 10 Films of the Year and Best Casting



Interview with

Taraji P. Henson



Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monáe agree on one thing: they had the responsibility to make justice to the leading characters in *Hidden Figures*. The film, which for the moment has received 2 nominations for the Golden Globes Awards, is

based on the real story of three black women in the 60's which were key to the advance of the United States in the space race. However, their names are not mentioned in History books.

"I play an unrecognized heroine, a person who made great contributions to our technology. Therefore, it is my duty to make sure I do it right", Octavia Spencer claims. Her partner Monáe adds: **"These women were absolutely genius, they were American heroines and many people feel they have not been credited for their work for a long time"**.

Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson are the names behind this amazing story which has been hidden up to this moment. "All those women were considered experts, they could perfectly work in each mathematical field, they were that bright", Spencer affirms.

In addition, Taraji P. Henson points out that, apart from brilliant minds, they are women who did not like to boast what they had achieved: "When I met her [Katherine Johnson], she never used the Word "I" when, actually, she was the only mind who could decipher the numbers. She always used "we". I asked her about the atmosphere of science careers at that time and she said "Well, it was what it was". **She never used those obstacles as excuses.** She loved numbers, that all she knew."

Besides Henson, Spencer and Monáe, the cast includes **Kevin Costner** (*Batman v. Superman*), **Kirsten Dunst** (*Fargo*) and **Jim Parsons** (*The Big Bang Theory*).

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