

# VANITY FAIR


October 2014

No. **20** | **TYLER PERRY**  
**Filmmaker**

AGE: **44**

LAST YEAR'S RANKING: **19**  
(*DISRUPTERS*)

YEAR AHEAD: ↗



→ **STAGE OF GLOBAL CONQUEST:** The OWN network may have Oprah Winfrey's name on it, but the real star is Perry. The season finale of *The Haves and the Have Nots*—a sort of contemporary *Upstairs, Downstairs*—rated slightly higher than the network's most popular broadcast of all time, Oprah's 2012 interview with Whitney Houston's daughter, Bobbi Kristina Brown, and was the second-most-popular show on cable that night. Later this year, Perry will add to his already prolific OWN slate with his fourth scripted series, *If Loving You Is Wrong*. → **EXTRA-SCRIPTURAL AFFAIRS:** In June, Perry prevailed in a six-year battle to secure a trademark for the phrase "What Would Jesus Do?" for TV, live shows, and movies.

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