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Producer, Actress and Writer Issa Rae to Join Melinda Gates at All-Virtual Texas Conference for Women

Tickets now on sale for Oct. 1st event designed to empower and connect women during these unprecedented times

AUSTIN – Producer, actress and writer Issa Rae will join global philanthropist Melinda Gates as a second powerful keynote speaker at the 21st annual Texas Conference for Women, which will be held online October 1st.

This year's first all-virtual event is designed to empower and connect women, and promote equity for all, as the nation confronts a powerful moment of reckoning about racial injustice and a pandemic that is disproportionately impacting women and people of color.

Tickets are now on sale at www.txconferenceforwomen.org.

Rae created and stars in the hit HBO show *Insecure*, for which she received an Emmy and two Golden Globe nominations, and is *The New York Times* bestselling author of *the Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl*. She has been outspoken about the racial disparities and injustices that Black Americans face, which was also the subject of the 2018 film she starred in: *The Hate U Give*.

Other distinguished speakers who will give insights and strategies to tackle current challenges and advance equity in work and life include: [Reshma Saujani](#), founder and CEO of Girls Who Code and author of *Brave Not Perfect*; [Priya Parker](#), host of the new podcast from *The New York Times*, *Together Apart*; [James Clear](#), change expert and *New York Times* bestselling author; [Wade Davis](#), former NFL player and inclusion consultant; and [Valorie Burton](#), bestselling author and life strategist.

The highly interactive Conference also will give attendees opportunities to engage with speakers and each other; support women-owned businesses and women in business through an online marketplace; and participate in a career pavilion and job fair.

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ABOUT THE TEXAS CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

The Texas Conference for Women is part of the Conferences for Women, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is the largest nationwide network of women's conferences whose mission includes helping to drive discussion on issues of importance to women in business and small business owners. [Conferences for Women](#) in California, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Texas attract an estimated 50,000 attendees and a distinguished slate of top-tier speakers each year.

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