



## Big Stars, Small Screen

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**REGINA KING**, WE LOVE OUR  
PRIME-TIME TV PLAYERS

**D**iverse. That's the first word that comes to mind when describing Regina King's character choices, and if we had our way, she'd surely be clutching an Emmy Award on August 29 for her gripping portrayal of Det. Lydia Adams on TNT's *Southland*. Not surprisingly, it's a role the Los Angeles native enjoys, too. "Lydia is probably the most complex character I've played on television," she says. "I like that she straddles the line between strength and vulnerability, which is something we don't get to see so often."

There's no denying that King, 39, is maintaining a steady climb, one she attributes to hard work, focus and a dash of good fortune. Whether dissecting crime scenes in Los Angeles, voicing both of those wise-cracking boys on *The Boondocks* ("They're just awesome!" she says), or taking on the big screen in *Ray*, *This Christmas* and *Jerry Maguire*, King has been delivering stellar performances since she debuted 25 years ago at age 14 on TV's *227*. "When I first started out, the film industry looked down on people who worked in television. Back then, it was 'either/or,'" she remembers. "Thankfully, that's no longer the case, and I feel very lucky to still be relevant in both places."

—Regina R. Robertson ▸



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