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## HOLLYWOOD POWER LIST

### TYLER PERRY

For director–producer–writer–actor Tyler Perry, knowing your audience has value. After grossing more than \$75 million from his gospel plays, Perry infiltrated Tinseltown with his 2005 silver screen debut, *Diary of a Mad Black Woman* (\$50 million), followed by several successful adaptations of his stage plays including *Why Did I Get Married?* (\$55 million). Last year he inked a \$200 million deal with TBS. With this kind of creative control, chances are Perry will join the billionaire box office club real soon.

**HIS BOX OFFICE TOTAL:** \$200 million

—CORI MURRAY AND KENYA N. BYRD ▷

Box office figures based on U.S. grosses.

Source: Exhibitor Relations, Co. Inc. and IMDB Pro.

