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Brits hit it big in Hollywood

U.K. Film Council holds Breakthrough Brits event

By CAROLE HORST

HOLLYWOOD -- **Nigel Lythgoe** waved the flag for his native Britain at the U.K. Film Council's Breakthrough Brits cocktail reception Thursday at, appropriately, the London West Hollywood.

"It's a great time to be British in Los Angeles," he said in pithy introductory remarks, noting not only his success ("American Idol," "So You Think You Can Dance") but also the success of U.K. talent and execs in Hollywood. "Brits who come here are well rewarded. Any Brit who comes away from Los Angeles and says they don't like living here wasn't successful here."

This year's high-achieving Brits included actor-playwright **Kwame Kwei-Armah**, filmmaker **Noel Clarke**, directors **John Giwa-Amu** and **Osbert Parker**, writer-director **Kara Miller** and producers **Esther Douglas**, **Rita Osei**, **Barrington Robinson**, **Zoe Stewart**, **Sunandan Walia**, **Yugesh Walia** and **Karlene Page**, who quipped about the kudo: "It's an honor having someone else say 'well done,' and not just your mum!"



Kwame Kwei-Armah and Karen Bolt at the Breakthrough Brits cocktail reception.



U.K. Film Council's Maria Williams, Nigel Lythgoe and Hollywood Black Film Fest founder Tanya Kersey.



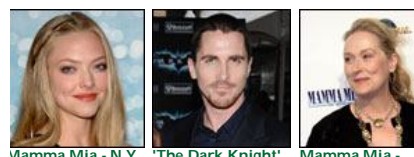
Actor Darren Darnborough and director Osbert Parker.

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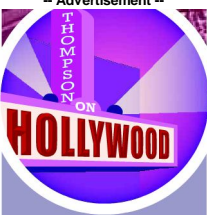
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