

## Hidden Figures (2016)

**Director:** Theodore Melfi

**Screenplay:** Allison Schroeder, Theodore Melfi (based on the book by Margot Lee Shetterly)

**Music:** Hans Zimmer, Pharrell Williams, Benjamin Wallfisch

### Cast

**Taraji P. Henson** as Katherine Johnson

**Octavia Spencer** as Dorothy Vaughan

**Janelle Monáe** as Mary Jackson

**Kevin Costner** as Al Harrison

**Kirsten Dunst** as Vivian Mitchell

**Jim Parsons** as Paul Stafford

**Mahershala Ali** as Jim Johnson

### Awards

#### Oscar Nominations (3)

1. Best Picture
2. Best Adapted Screenplay
3. Supporting Actress (Octavia Spencer)



## **Plot Synopsis**

*Hidden Figures* tells the inspiring true story of three African-American women—Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson—who worked as mathematicians at NASA during the 1960s Space Race. Despite facing racial segregation and gender discrimination, they use their brilliance and determination to overcome barriers in a male-dominated, segregated workplace. Katherine's exceptional math skills become crucial in calculating launch and landing trajectories for astronaut John Glenn's historic mission. Dorothy fights to gain recognition and a promotion as a supervisor, while Mary battles to become NASA's first Black female engineer. Together, they break down social and professional barriers, making vital contributions to the success of the U.S. space program.