

Top 10 People To Watch In 2010

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OPRAH WINFREY

All eyes will be on Oprah as the talk show queen ends the hugely successful *Oprah Winfrey Show* in 2011 after 25 seasons. She is having a spectacular farewell season that has included two My Favorite Things giveaway shows. No one captivates America quite like Oprah.

What's next? OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network, a cable channel network, a joint venture between Winfrey and Discovery Communications.

JENNIFER HUDSON

She remains one of the most fascinating young women to watch. Music lovers cheered her on when she was a finalist on *American Idol* and then celebrated her rise to superstardom in her Oscar-winning performance in *Dreamgirls*. Along the way she picked up a Grammy. In 2011, she takes on probably one of her most challenging movie roles: portraying activist Winnie Mandela, the former wife of Nelson Mandela. A new CD is also in the works.



ERIC JAMISON/AP



PAUL KOLNIK/AP

ROBERT BATTLE

Judith Jamison passes the mantle as artistic director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater company to Robert Battle. Jamison, who retires in June 2011, has been grooming Battle for the position. He says he will lead in the spirit of company founder, Alvin Ailey, who often said, "Dance comes from the people and it should always be delivered back to them."