



5 SECONDS OF SUMMER, MARY J. BLIGE, AND SAM SMITH TO PERFORM AT THE 2014 AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS®

**Top Artists Join Previously Announced Charli XCX and Host Pitbull
Live on the 2014 AMAs on
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd (8:00-11:00 p.m. ET/PT) on ABC**

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Los Angeles, CA (October 23, 2014) – dick clark productions announced today that top recording artists 5 Seconds of Summer, Mary J. Blige and Sam Smith will perform at the 2014 American Music Awards, the world's biggest fan-voted award show. They join previously announced performer and nominated singer/songwriter Charli XCX and second-time host and performer Pitbull on the show, which will broadcast live from the NOKIA Theatre L.A. LIVE on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd (8:00-11:00 p.m. ET/PT) on ABC. Additional performers and presenters to be announced in the coming weeks.

Hailing from a small town in the western suburbs of Sydney, Australia, 5 Seconds of Summer (@5SOS) blazed onto the scene and the charts with a collection of No. 1's, including their U.S. debut on the Billboard 200 with their self-titled album. The pop-punk sensations sold out their first U.S. tour in less than five minutes and will embark on a worldwide headlining arena and amphitheater tour in 2015. In addition to taking to the stage at this year's American Music Awards®, the band has the opportunity to walk away with a trophy, as they were nominated for "New Artist of the Year Presented by Kohl's."

Iconic Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, actress and philanthropist Mary J. Blige (@maryjblige) is a figure of inspiration, transformation and empowerment, making her one of the defining voices of the contemporary music era. With a track record of eight multi-platinum albums, nine Grammy Awards (plus a staggering 31 nominations), a 2012 Golden Globe nomination, and four American Music Awards, Blige is a global superstar. The singer/songwriter has attracted an intensely loyal fan base—responsible for propelling worldwide sales of more than 50 million albums. She will be on hand to perform her new single "Therapy" at this year's American Music Awards® ceremony. She is also in the running for "Favorite Female Artist – Soul/R&B". Her new album *The London Sessions* will be released December 2 on Capitol Records.

British soul sensation Sam Smith (@samsmithworld) will continue his breakout year with a performance of his hit single "I'm Not The Only One" on the American Music Awards® stage. His critically-lauded album, *In The Lonely Hour*, debuted at No. 1 in the UK and No. 2 on the Billboard 200 in the U.S., where it remained in the Top 10 for 13 weeks and shows no signs of slowing down. He is nominated for two awards – "New Artist of the Year Presented by Kohl's" and "Favorite Male Artist – Pop/Rock" – giving Smith the chance to walk away with his first (and second) AMA trophy.

The 2014 nominations were announced earlier this month, revealing that Iggy Azalea is up for six awards--the most of any artist. Other top contenders include John Legend, Katy Perry and Pharrell Williams, who each earned five nominations and Lorde who earned four.

As always at the American Music Awards, artists will be honored in the genres of Pop/Rock, Country, Rap/Hip-Hop, Soul/R&B, Alternative Rock, Adult Contemporary, Latin, Contemporary Inspirational, Electronic Dance Music, as well as categories for Top Soundtrack, New Artist of the Year Presented by Kohl's, Artist of the Year and Single of the Year. For a full list of nominees visit AMAvote.com.

American Music Awards nominees are based on key fan interactions as reflected in Billboard Magazine and on Billboard.com, including album and digital singles sales, radio airplay, streaming and social activity. These measurements are tracked by Billboard and its data partners, including Nielsen Entertainment and Next Big Sound.

The American Music Awards are voted on by the fans. Winners will be determined through online and Twitter voting. Voting begins on October 13 for all categories except New Artist of the Year Presented by Kohl's. Fans can vote once per day at the Coca-Cola AMA voting site, AMAvote.com, as well as once per day via Twitter by including the nominee's name, category name and #AMAs within a tweet.

Voting for New Artist of the Year Presented by Kohl's will open on November 1 and will remain open throughout the first hour of the ABC live broadcast on November 23, with the winner being announced in the final hour. Fans can vote via AMAVote.com and Twitter.

Preceding the ABC broadcast for the 6th consecutive year will be the "Coca-Cola Red Carpet LIVE! @ The 2014 AMAs" pre-show. Live coverage will stream online for fans worldwide starting at 5:00 p.m. ET / 2:00 p.m. PT on November 23rd at Yahoo Live, this year's official digital distributor of the American Music Awards Experience. The live stream can also be watched at TheAMAs.com and ABC.com.

Media can also embed the Yahoo Screen media player to provide their readers instant access to the LIVE red carpet. To request an embed code for the red carpet live stream, please contact Dana Block, dana@allisonpr.com.

The 2014 American Music Awards® is produced by dick clark productions. Allen Shapiro and Mike Mahan are Executive Producers. Larry Klein, Barry Adelman and Mark Bracco are Producers.

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Tickets are now on sale at www.axs.com.

About the American Music Awards

The American Music Awards features performances from today's hottest artists and presents fan-voted awards in the categories of Pop/Rock, Alternative Rock, Country, Rap/Hip-Hop, Soul/R&B, Adult Contemporary, Contemporary Inspirational, Latin, EDM, Soundtrack, Single of The Year, New Artist of the Year Presented by Kohl's, and Artist of the Year. The American Music Awards pays tribute to today's most influential and iconic

artists. The show is produced by dick clark productions and is seen in more than 160 countries around the world. For more information, visit www.theamas.com, www.dickclark.com or abc.go.com/shows/american-music-awards.

About dick clark productions

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