KELLY CLARKSON, ED SHEERAN, AND MEGHAN TRAINOR & JOHN LEGEND TO PERFORM ON THE "2015 BILLBOARD MUSIC AWARDS"

The "2015 Billboard Music Awards" Returns to ABC Sunday, May 17th at 8pm ET Live From the MGM Grand Garden Arena

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SANTA MONICA, CA (April 21, 2015) – Billboard and dick clark productions announced today that Kelly Clarkson, Ed Sheeran, and Meghan Trainor & John Legend will perform on this year's show. These stars join previously announced musical performers Fall Out Boy featuring Wiz Khalifa, Hozier, Nick Jonas and Sam Smith. The "2015 Billboard Music Awards" will be hosted by Ludacris and Chrissy Teigen and broadcast LIVE from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on Sunday, May 17, on ABC from 8:00 PM–11:00 PM ET.

Fun performer facts include:

- **Kelly Clarkson** has earned three No. 1 albums on the Billboard 200 chart, including her most recent release, *Piece By Piece*. She's also scored a whopping 20 hit singles on the Pop Songs chart – including the No. 1s "Miss Independent," "Since U Been Gone," "Because of You" and "Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You)." Clarkson also has 10 songs that reached the top 10 on the Hot 100 chart (3 hitting #1).
- **Ed Sheeran**, a finalist in five categories this year, scored his first No. 1 on the Billboard 200 last summer with his critically acclaimed second album "*x*." The platinum-certified album features a trio of hits, including "Sing," his first Billboard Hot 100 top 10 "Don't," and the highest charting single of his career so far, "Thinking Out Loud," which hit No. 1 on the Pop Songs, Adult Contemporary, Adult Pop Songs, and Digital Songs charts as well No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 for a remarkable 8 week run.
- Up for an impressive nine awards at this year's ceremony, **Meghan Trainor** roared in with her debut hit, "All About That Bass." The song spent eight weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100, becoming the longest leading No. 1 ever on the historic Epic Records, surpassing two Michael Jackson classics: "Billie Jean" and "Black Or White." Trainor's debut album *Title,* which features Meghan's newest hits "Lips Are Movin'" and "Dear Future Husband" subsequently topped the Billboard 200, making her just the 13th woman to hit No. 1 with both her first Hot 100 single and Billboard 200 album.
- With seven nominations this year, **John Legend** leapt to new heights in 2015, notching his first Billboard Hot 100 No. 1 single with "All of Me." The song also became the sultry singer's first No. 1 on Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs. It additionally led a whopping five format airplay charts and closed out the year as Billboard's No. 1 Adult Contemporary song of 2014. Recently, Legend won the Academy Award and Golden Globe for Best Original Song for "Glory" (with Common), which reached top 20 on the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart.

Billboard Music Awards finalists are based on key fan interactions with music, including album and digital songs sales, radio airplay, streaming, touring and social interactions on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Spotify and other popular online destinations for music. These measurements are tracked year-round by Billboard and its data partners, including Nielsen Music and Next Big Sound. The awards are based on the reporting period of March 10, 2014 through March 8, 2015. Since 1940, the Billboard charts have been the go-to guide for ranking the popularity of songs and albums, and are the ultimate measure of a musician's success.

Tickets are now on sale at Ticketmaster.com. Fans can also choose from multiple VIP premium ticket packages which include limited edition Billboard Music Awards merchandise, an invitation to the official Billboard Music Awards post-party and so much more! VIP premium ticket packages are available at www.cidentertainment.com/events/billboard-music-awards/.

For additional information on the "2015 Billboard Music Awards" visit us at www.billboardmusicawards.com or the Billboard hub at www.billboard.com/bbma. The "2015 Billboard Music Awards" is produced by dick clark productions. Allen Shapiro, Mike Mahan, Mark Bracco, Barry Adelman and Robert Deaton are Executive Producers.

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ABOUT "2015 BILLBOARD MUSIC AWARDS"
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