



THE CHARTS HAVE SPOKEN!

WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR THE “2016 BILLBOARD MUSIC AWARDS”

The Weeknd is the Night’s Big Winner, Taking Home Eight Awards,

While Adele Wins Billboard’s Top Artist

Celine Dion Accepted the ICON Award, the Most Prestigious Billboard Award an Artist Can Receive and Delivered An Emotional Performance of Queen’s “The Show Must Go On”

Millennium Award Recipient Britney Spears Opened the Show with Medley of

Greatest Hits and Madonna Delivers a One-of-a-Kind Tribute to Prince

LAS VEGAS (May 22, 2016) – The “2016 Billboard Music Awards,” hosted by hip-hop artist and actor Ludacris, and TV host and international music sensation Ciara, was a must-watch night of show-stopping musical performances and exclusive television premieres from today’s hottest artists. Ludacris and Ciara’s long-standing friendship was evident as the pair’s hosting chemistry was on full display, creating some of the most buzzworthy moments of the show, which aired live from T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas on Sunday, May 22 at 8:00 p.m. ET / 5:00 p.m. PT on ABC. For the first time in Billboard Music Awards history, viewers on the West Coast were able to watch the show live with the rest of the country, allowing fans to interact like never before.

The Weeknd was the night’s big winner, taking home eight awards including Top Hot 100 Artist, Top Song Sales Artist, Top Radio Songs Artist, Top Streaming Songs Artist, Top R&B Artist, Top R&B Album, Top Streaming Song (Audio) and Top R&B Song. That is the most of any male artist in a single night since the show was revived by ABC in 2011. Adele was also a big winner, taking home five awards including Top Artist, Top Female Artist, Top Billboard 200 Artist, Top Billboard 200 Album and Top Selling Song. Rihanna won the fan voted award of the evening, The “Billboard Chart Achievement Award.” Other nominees for the fan-voted award included Adele, Drake, Little Big Town and The Weeknd. Other multiple winners of the evening included Kirk Franklin (3), Justin Bieber (2), Wiz Khalifa (2), Charlie Puth (2), twenty one pilots (2), Hillsong UNITED (2) and WALK THE MOON (2).

The night provided what are sure to be some of the most memorable music moments of the year, uniting artists and fans with feelings of love, life, and nostalgia. Britney Spears opened the show

with a medley of her most well-known hits and Billboard chart toppers “Work Bitch,” “Womanizer,” “I Love Rock N Roll,” “Breathe On Me,” “Slave For You,” and “Toxic” before accepting the Millennium Award. The evening’s ICON Award winner, Celine Dion, had the crowd on their feet with her powerful performance of Queen’s “The Show Must Go On,” before delivering an emotional acceptance speech along side son Rene Charles, reflecting on the importance that music has played in her life this past year.

In two of the night’s more poignant moments, Madonna performed a tribute to her late friend, Prince. Questlove begins the tribute by sharing a personal story about the late music legend. Madonna then took the stage to perform “Nothing Compares 2 You” and in a surprise appearance, Stevie Wonder joined Madonna for a moving rendition of “Purple Rain.” Kesha delivered a heartfelt rendition of Bob Dylan’s “It Ain’t Me Babe,” accompanied by fellow musician Ben Folds on piano.

The exclusive moments didn’t end there. Adele debuted her highly anticipated music video for her new single “Send My Love (To Your New Lover)” on the show tonight, and legendary 80’s female rock band, The Go-Go’s, took the stage to perform their hit “We Got The Beat,” which celebrates its 35th anniversary this year. The “2016 Billboard Music Awards” had amazing duet performances as well, including Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton taking the stage to sing their new song “Go Ahead and Break My Heart,” and Nick Jonas and Tove Lo singing their steamy new single “Close.”

Women ruled the stage tonight, displaying true girl power. P!nk performed her latest hit “Just Like Fire,” from the upcoming Disney film, “Alice Through The Looking Glass,” Demi Lovato jammed out to her summer smash “Cool For The Summer” and Fifth Harmony took the stage with their top 10 Billboard Hot 100 hit “Work From Home” with Ty Dolla \$ign. Ariana Grande performed a remix of her songs “Dangerous Woman” and “Into You,” while Rihanna and Meghan Trainor also performed their fan-favorites “Love on the Brain,” and “No,” respectively.

Lukas Graham delivered a stripped down performance of their song “7 Years” on a satellite stage in the crowd. KIA’s “One To Watch” performance by Troye Sivan was equally powerful, with his hit single “Youth,” and additional performers DNCE, Shawn Mendes and Justin Bieber brought the house down with fast paced, energetic performances.

The musical acts weren’t the only stars taking over the stage at this year’s show. Presenters throughout the broadcast included Jessica Alba, Kate Beckinsale, Kristen Bell, Miss America 2016 Betty Cantrell, Priyanka Chopra, Laverne Cox, Mark Cuban, DJ Khaled, Ashton Kutcher, JoJo Fletcher, Kathryn Hahn, Lucy Hale, Halsey, Heidi Klum, Mila Kunis, Idina Menzel, Keke Palmer, Thomas Rhett, Rebecca Romijn, Kelly Rowland, Seal, Serayah, Steven Tyler, Lindsey Vonn, Pete Wentz, Wiz Khalifa and Zendaya.

See below for a full list of winners.

ARTIST AWARDS

TOP ARTIST:

****Adele**

Justin Bieber

Drake

Taylor Swift

The Weeknd

Top New Artist:

****Fetty Wap**

OMI

Charlie Puth

Silentó

Bryson Tiller

Top Male Artist:

****Justin Bieber**

Drake

Fetty Wap

Ed Sheeran

The Weeknd

Top Female Artist:

****Adele**

Selena Gomez

Ariana Grande

Rihanna

Taylor Swift

Top Duo/Group:

Maroon 5

****One Direction**

twenty one pilots

The Rolling Stones

U2

Top Billboard 200 Artist:

****Adele**

Justin Bieber

Drake

Taylor Swift

The Weeknd

Top Hot 100 Artist:

Justin Bieber

Drake

Fetty Wap

Taylor Swift

****The Weeknd**

Top Song Sales Artist:

Adele

Justin Bieber

Drake

Fetty Wap

****The Weeknd**

Top Radio Songs Artist:

Justin Bieber

Ellie Goulding

Ed Sheeran

Taylor Swift

****The Weeknd**

Top Streaming Songs Artist:

Justin Bieber

Drake

Fetty Wap

Silentó

****The Weeknd**

Top Social Media Artist:

****Justin Bieber**

Selena Gomez

Ariana Grande

Demi Lovato

Taylor Swift

Top Touring Artist:

Madonna

One Direction

The Rolling Stones

****Taylor Swift**

U2

Top R&B Artist:

Chris Brown

Jeremih

Rihanna

Bryson Tiller

****The Weeknd**

Top Rap Artist:

****Drake**

Fetty Wap

Future

Wiz Khalifa

Silentó

Top Country Artist:

Zac Brown Band

****Luke Bryan**

Sam Hunt

Chris Stapleton

Carrie Underwood

Top Rock Artist:

Fall Out Boy

Elle King

****twenty one pilots**

WALK THE MOON

X Ambassadors

Top Latin Artist:

Banda Sinaloense MS De Sergio Lizárraga

Juan Gabriel

Nicky Jam

Los Plebes Del Rancho de Ariel Camacho

****Romeo Santos**

Top Dance/Electronic Artist:

The Chainsmokers

DJ Snake

****David Guetta**

Major Lazer

Zedd

Top Christian Artist:

Casting Crowns

Lauren Daigle

****Hillsong UNITED**

MercyMe

Chris Tomlin

Top Gospel Artist:

Anthony Brown and group therAPy

Tasha Cobbs

****Kirk Franklin**

Travis Greene

Marvin Sapp

ALBUM AWARDS

Top Billboard 200 Album:

****Adele “25”**

Justin Bieber “Purpose”

Ed Sheeran “x”

Taylor Swift “1989”

The Weeknd “Beauty Behind The Madness”

Top Soundtrack:

“Empire: Original Soundtrack from Season 1”

“Fifty Shades of Grey”

“Furious 7”

“Guardians of the Galaxy: Awesome Mix Vol. 1”

****“Pitch Perfect 2”**

Top R&B Album

Chris Brown “Royalty”

Rihanna “Anti”

Bryson Tiller “T R A P S O U L”

Tyrese “Black Rose”

****The Weeknd “Beauty Behind The Madness”**

Top Rap Album:

Drake “If You’re Reading This It’s Too Late”

Drake & Future “What A Time To Be Alive”

Dr. Dre “Compton

Kendrick Lamar “To Pimp A Butterfly”

****Meek Mill “Dreams Worth More Than Money”**

Top Country Album:

****Chris Stapleton “Traveller”**

Luke Bryan “Kill The Lights”

Sam Hunt “Montevallo”

Zac Brown Band “Jekyll + Hyde”

Carrie Underwood “Storyteller”

Top Rock Album:

Alabama Shakes "Sound & Color"

David Bowie "Blackstar"

Coldplay "A Head Full Of Dreams"

Mumford & Sons "Wilder Mind"

****twenty one pilots "Blurryface"**

Top Latin Album:

****Juan Gabriel "Los Dúo"**

Juan Gabriel "Mis Número 1...40 Aniversario"

Maná "Cama Incendiada"

Gerardo Ortiz "Hoy Más Fuerte"

Romeo Santos "Formula, Vol. 2"

Top Dance/Electronic Album

David Guetta "Listen"

Major Lazer "Peace Is The Mission"

ODESZA "In Return"

Skrillex & Diplo "Skrillex and Diplo Present Jack Ü"

****Zedd "True Colors"**

Top Christian Album:

****Lauren Daigle "How Can It Be"**

Hillsong UNITED "Empires"

Joey + Rory "Hymns That Are Important To Us"

TobyMac "This Is Not A Test"

Chris Tomlin “Adore: Christmas Songs of Worship”

Top Gospel Album:

Anthony Brown & group therAPy “Everyday Jesus”

Tasha Cobbs “One Place Live”

****Kirk Franklin “Losing My Religion”**

Jonathan McReynolds “Life Music: Stage Two”

Marvin Sapp “You Shall Live”

SONG AWARDS

Top Hot 100 Song:

Adele “Hello”

Fetty Wap “Trap Queen”

****Wiz Khalifa ft. Charlie Puth “See You Again”**

The Weeknd “Can’t Feel My Face”

The Weeknd “The Hills”

Top Selling Song:

****Adele “Hello”**

Wiz Khalifa ft. Charlie Puth “See You Again”

OMI “Cheerleader”

Rachel Platten “Fight Song”

The Weeknd “The Hills”

Top Radio Song:

Adele "Hello"

Wiz Khalifa ft. Charlie Puth "See You Again"

Mark Ronson Featuring Bruno Mars "Uptown Funk!"

****WALK THE MOON "Shut Up And Dance"**

The Weeknd "Can't Feel My Face"

Top Streaming Song (Audio):

Justin Bieber "Sorry"

Justin Bieber "What Do You Mean"

Fetty Wap "Trap Queen"

****The Weeknd "The Hills"**

Drake "Hotline Bling"

Top Streaming Song (Video):

Fetty Wap "Trap Queen"

Wiz Khalifa ft. Charlie Puth "See You Again"

Mark Ronson Featuring Bruno Mars "Uptown Funk!"

****Silentó "Watch Me"**

The Weeknd "The Hills"

Top R&B Song:

Alessia Cara "Here"

Omarion Featuring Chris Brown & Jhene Aiko "Post To Be"

The Weeknd "Can't Feel My Face"

The Weeknd "Earned It (Fifty Shades of Grey)"

****The Weeknd "The Hills"**

Top Rap Song:

Drake "Hotline Bling"

Fetty Wap "Trap Queen"

Fetty Wap "679" feat. Remy Boyz

Silentó "Watch Me"

****Wiz Khalifa ft. Charlie Puth "See You Again"**

Top Country Song:

Sam Hunt "Break Up In A Small Town"

Sam Hunt "Take Your Time"

Little Big Town "Girl Crush"

****Thomas Rhett "Die A Happy Man"**

Chris Young "I'm Comin' Over"

Top Rock Song:

Fall Out Boy "Uma Thurman"

Elle King "Ex's & Oh's"

twenty one pilots "Stressed Out"

****WALK THE MOON "Shut Up And Dance"**

X Ambassadors "Renegades"

Top Latin Song:

J Balvin "Ginza"

Ariel Camacho y Los Plebes del Rancho "Te Metiste"

****Nicky Jam & Enrique Iglesias "El Perdón"**

Maluma "Borro Cassette"

Romeo Santos "Propuesta Indecente"

Top Dance/Electronic Song:

The Chainsmokers ft. ROZES "Roses"

DJ Snake & AlunaGeorge "You Know You Like It"

David Guetta feat. Nicki Minaj, Bebe Rexha & Afrojack "Hey Mama"

****Major Lazer & DJ Snake ft. MØ "Lean On"**

Skrillex & Diplo "Where Are Ü Now" with Justin Bieber

Top Christian Song:

****Hillsong UNITED "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"**

Hillsong UNITED "Touch The Sky"

MercyMe "Flawless"

NEEDTOBREATHE Featuring Gavin DeGraw "Brother"

Chris Tomlin "Good Good Father"

Top Gospel Song:

Anthony Brown & group therAPy "Worth"

Erica Campbell feat. Big Shizz "I Luh God"

****Kirk Franklin "Wanna Be Happy?"**

Travis Greene "Intentional"

Brian Courtney Wilson "Worth Fighting For"

Fan Voted Billboard Chart Achievement Award

Adele

Drake

Little Big Town

****Rihanna**

The Weeknd

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About “2016 Billboard Music Awards”

The “2016 Billboard Music Awards” are set to return to ABC and will be broadcast live from T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas on Sunday, May 22 at 8:00pm ET / 5:00pm PT. The show will showcase this year’s hottest and biggest music stars. Billboard Music Awards finalists are based on key fan interactions with music, including album and digital songs sales, radio airplay, streaming, touring and social engagement. 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 23, 2015 through March 17, 2016. The “2016 Billboard

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