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**THE “AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS®” ANNOUNCES 2017 NOMINEES**

**WORLD’S LARGEST FAN-VOTED AWARDS SHOW TO**

**CELEBRATE 45 YEARS OF GIVING FANS THE VERY BEST IN MUSIC**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, ON ABC**

**Bruno Mars Earns 8 Nominations, While The Chainsmokers, Drake, Kendrick Lamar,**

**Ed Sheeran and The Weeknd Tie with Five Nominations Each**

**2017 Artist of the Year Nominees Include Bruno Mars, The Chainsmokers,**

**Drake, Kendrick Lamar and Ed Sheeran**

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**Los Angeles, CA (October 12, 2017)** – The “2017 American Music Awards” will mark the 45th anniversary of the legendary music awards show that has brought fans the biggest musical superstars and most compelling live performances over the last four decades. As the kick-off to this year’s highly anticipated show, international music sensation Ciara today announced six categories from the “2017 American Music Awards” nominees live on ABC’s “Good Morning America,” followed by a full reveal of all nominees via Facebook Live on the American Music Awards and Billboard pages.

The “2017 American Music Awards” will broadcast live from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 8:00pm ET on ABC. The American Music Awards, the world’s largest fan-voted awards show, is where music enthusiasts watch their favorite artists and pop culture icons come together to honor idols, newcomers and record-breakers in the contemporary music scene. From Pop and Rock, to Country, Hip Hop and beyond, this year’s show will celebrate 45 years of the best moments in music with appearances by today’s brightest stars and live performances from the biggest names in music.

Bruno Mars leads with eight nominations, including Artist of the Year, Video of the Year, and Favorite Male Artist – Pop/Rock. The Chainsmokers, Drake, Kendrick Lamar, Ed Sheeran and The Weeknd tied with five nominations each. Justin Bieber, Daddy Yankee and Luis Fonsi received four nominations each. Additionally, Keith Urban earned three nominations.

The Artist of the Year nominees are Bruno Mars, The Chainsmokers, Drake, Kendrick Lamar and Ed Sheeran. Voting for Artist of the Year opened today and will close on Thursday, November 16 at 8:59:59pm PT. Voting for all other editorial categories closes on Monday, November 13 at 8:59:59am PT.

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

The American Music Awards winners are voted entirely by fans. Voting opened today in all categories except New Artist of the Year presented by T-Mobile and Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, which will both open on Wednesday, November 1.

For New Artist of the Year presented by T-Mobile and Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, fans can vote for each award 100 times per day, per voting platform in one or both of the ways below. Fans can vote for all other awards once per day, per voting platform.

* Via web at [billboard.com/amas](http://billboard.com/amas) and [theamas.com/vote](https://www.theamas.com/vote)
* Posting a tweet on Twitter that includes the nominee's name or Twitter handle, the [category name](https://www.theamas.com/2017-vote-categories/) and #AMAs within the tweet

**2017 AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS TOP NOMINATED ARTISTS CHART FACTS:**

* Celebratedmusician **Bruno** **Mars’** third full-length studio album, *24K* *Magic*, debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 chart, granting the performer his third top 10 effort. The album spun off a trio of top 40-charting hits on the Billboard Hot 100, so far: “24K Magic,” “That’s What I Like” and “Versace On the Floor.” In 2017, “That’s What I Like” became Mars’ seventh No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100, following his previous leaders “Uptown Funk!” (Mark Ronson featuring Mars), “When I Was Your Man,” “Locked Out of Heaven,” “Grenade,” “Just the Way You Are” and “Nothin’ On You” (B.o.B featuring Mars).
* Debuting at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart in December of 2016, **The** **Weeknd’s** *Starboy* album marked his second straight No. 1, following 2015’s Beauty Behind the Madness. *Starboy* yielded a No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hit with its title track, as well as a No. 4 smash with “I Feel It Coming.” Both tracks feature Daft Punk. All 18 songs from Starboy charted on the Billboard Hot 100.
* R&B singer **Drake’s** *More* *Life* was his seventh straight album to debut at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart. *More* *Life* became the first album to earn over 375 million on-demand U.S. audio streams of its tracks in a single week, according to Nielsen Music. The album set the record in the week ending March 24. Drake wrapped a record 431 consecutive weeks on the Billboard Hot 100 in August, which dates back to his first appearance in 2009. The streak is the longest among all artists in Hot 100 history. Drake placed a record 24 titles on the Hot 100 at once, on the chart dated April 8, 2017. Drake linked 51 straight weeks in the Hot 100’s top 10, the longest streak by a male act. His run began on Oct. 3, 2015 with “Hotline Bling” and ended on Sept. 24, 2016, when “One Dance” fell from the tier. Drake has placed a record 157 songs on the Billboard Hot 100 in his career.
* Rapper and song-writer **Kendrick** **Lamar** earned his first Billboard Hot 100 No. 1 hit as a lead act with “Humble.” in 2017. He scored his second No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 with *DAMN.*, which had the best first-sales week of his career (353,000 copies sold in its first week, according to Nielsen Music). Lamar was the first artist of 2017 to post two concurrent titles in the Hot 100’s top five with “Humble.” and “DNA.” on May 6.
* **Ed** **Sheeran** scored his first Billboard Hot 100 No. 1 in 2017 with "Shape of You," which debuted at No. 1 and reigned for 12 weeks. "Shape of You" broke the record for the most time spent in the Billboard Hot 100's top 10: 33 weeks. Sheeran became the first artist to debut two titles in the Billboard Hot 100's top 10 simultaneously, with "Shape of You" and "Castle on the Hill." Sheeran earned his second Billboard 200 No. 1 album with *÷ (Divide)*. Upon its No. 1 debut on the Billboard 200, *÷ (Divide)* generated 13 simultaneous entries on the Billboard Hot 100 songs chart.
* Music duo of Drew Taggart and Andrew Pall, **The Chainsmokers,** charted three songs in the Billboard Hot 100's top 10 in the past year, including the chart-topping “Closer,” featuring Halsey. “Closer” became just the 17th song in the Hot 100's history to spend at least 12 weeks at No. 1. “Closer” spent 27 weeks at No. 1 on Hot Dance/Electronic Songs, breaking the 26-week record previously held by Avicii's "Wake Me Up!" The Chainsmokers earned three No. 1 hits on the Hot Dance/Electronic Songs chart over the past year: "Closer," "Paris" and "Something Just Like This," with Coldplay. Their debut full-length set *Memories...Do Not Open*opened at No. 1 on the Billboard 200. It was the first No. 1 for a dance/electronic album in three-and-a-half years.
* Popsuperstar **Justin** **Bieber** joined Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee on the No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hit "Despacito." It tied the record for the longest run at No. 1 — 16 weeks. With "Despacito," Bieber jumped to his first No. 1 on *Billboard*'s Hot Latin Songs chart. Bieber banked his first No. 1 on both the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs and Hot Rap Songs charts as featured on DJ Khaled's all-star "I'm the One." Bieber became the first artist ever to tally new No. 1s on the Billboard Hot 100 in back-to-back weeks, with "I'm the One" and "Despacito" (on charts May 20 and 27). Bieber has spent more than three years cumulatively at No. 1 on *Billboard*'s Social 50 chart, easily the most among all acts since the list's inception at the start of the decade.
* **Daddy** **Yankee** claimed his first No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 with "Despacito" (Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee featuring Justin Bieber), which tied the record for most weeks spent at No. 1: 16 weeks. “Despacito” spent 16 weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 – tying the record for the longest run at No. 1 in the chart’s history. He has tallied more than 50 hits on the Hot Latin Songs chart, including top 40-charting singles in the past year like “Hula Hoop” and “La Rompe Corazones,” with Ozuna.
* Puerto Rican singer-songwriter **Luis** **Fonsi’s** “Despacito,” with Daddy Yankee and featuring Justin Bieber, spent 16 weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 – tying the record for the longest run at No. 1 in the chart’s history. “Despacito” marked Fonsi’s third hit on the Hot 100, but he’s been charting hits on the Hot Latin Songs chart since 1998, where he’s notched 30 hits. Overall, on Hot Latin Songs, Fonsi has collected 11 top 10 hits, seven of which reached No. 1 (including “Despacito”).
* Premiercountrymusician **Keith** **Urban’s** “The Fighter,” featuring Carrie Underwood, marked the former’s 38th straight top 10 on the Hot Country Songs chart. Urban’s hit “Blue Ain’t Your Color” topped Hot Country Songs for 12 weeks from Nov. 19, 2016 – Feb. 4, 2017. His latest album, 2016’s *Ripcord,* became his fifth Top Country Albums No. 1 and sixth top 10 on the Billboard 200. “The Fighter” reached No. 40 on Billboard’s Adult Pop Songs airplay chart, his first hit on the chart since 2009’s “Kiss a Girl.” Further, the crossover track climbed to No. 15 on *Billboard’*s Adult Contemporary chart.
* Pop superstar **Rihanna** notched her 60th hit on the Billboard Hot 100 with “Wild Thoughts” (DJ Khaled featuring Rihanna and Bryson Tiller). “Wild Thoughts” became the diva’s 31st top 10 hit on the Hot 100 and seventh No. 1 on the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart. She added three new No. 1s on the Rhythmic Songs airplay chart in the past year: "Too Good" (Drake featuring Rihanna), "Loyalty." (Kendrick Lamar featuring Rihanna) and "Wild Thoughts."

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The “2017 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.

Below please find the full list of nominations for the 2017 American Music Awards®:

**2017 AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS® NOMINEES – nomination GIFs are hyperlinked to the category names**

**ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

* Bruno Mars
* The Chainsmokers
* Drake
* Kendrick Lamar
* Ed Sheeran

**NEW ARTIST OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY T-MOBILE**

* James Arthur
* Niall Horan
* Julia Michaels
* Post Malone
* Rae Sremmurd

**COLLABORATION OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY XFINITY**

* The Chainsmokers featuring Halsey “Closer”
* DJ Khaled featuring Justin Bieber, Quavo, Chance the Rapper and Lil Wayne “I’m the One”
* Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee featuring Justin Bieber “Despacito”
* Maroon 5 featuring Kendrick Lamar “Don’t Wanna Know”
* The Weeknd featuring Daft Punk “Starboy”

**TOUR OF THE YEAR**

* Garth Brooks
* Coldplay
* U2

**VIDEO OF THE YEAR**

* Bruno Mars “That’s What I Like”
* Luis Fonsi featuring Daddy Yankee “Despacito”
* Ed Sheeran “Shape of You”

**FAVORITE MALE ARTIST – POP/ROCK**

* Bruno Mars
* Drake
* Ed Sheeran

**FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST – POP/ROCK**

* Alessia Cara
* Lady Gaga
* Rihanna

**FAVORITE DUO OR GROUP – POP/ROCK**

* The Chainsmokers
* Coldplay
* Imagine Dragons

**FAVORITE ALBUM – POP/ROCK**

* Bruno Mars “24K Magic”
* Drake “More Life”
* The Weeknd “Starboy”

**FAVORITE SONG – POP/ROCK**

* The Chainsmokers featuring Halsey “Closer”
* Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee featuring Justin Bieber “Despacito”
* Ed Sheeran “Shape of You”

**FAVORITE MALE ARTIST – COUNTRY**

* Sam Hunt
* Thomas Rhett
* Keith Urban

**FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST – COUNTRY**

* Miranda Lambert
* Maren Morris
* Carrie Underwood

**FAVORITE DUO OR GROUP – COUNTRY**

* Florida Georgia Line
* Little Big Town
* Old Dominion

**FAVORITE ALBUM – COUNTRY**

* Jason Aldean “They Don’t Know”
* Chris Stapleton “From A Room: Volume 1”
* Keith Urban “Ripcord”

**FAVORITE SONG – COUNTRY**

* Sam Hunt “Body Like A Back Road”
* Jon Pardi “Dirt On My Boots”
* Keith Urban “Blue Ain’t Your Color”

**FAVORITE ARTIST – RAP/HIP-HOP**

* Drake
* Kendrick Lamar
* Migos

**FAVORITE ALBUM – RAP/HIP-HOP**

* Drake “More Life”
* Kendrick Lamar “DAMN.”
* Migos “Culture”

**FAVORITE SONG – RAP/HIP-HOP**

* DJ Khaled featuring Justin Bieber, Quavo, Chance the Rapper and Lil Wayne “I’m the One”
* Kendrick Lamar “HUMBLE.”
* Rae Sremmurd featuring Gucci Mane “Black Beatles”

**FAVORITE MALE ARTIST – SOUL/R&B**

* Bruno Mars
* Childish Gambino
* The Weeknd

**FAVORITE FEMALE ARTIST – SOUL/R&B**

* Beyoncé
* Kehlani
* Rihanna

**FAVORITE ALBUM – SOUL/R&B**

* Bruno Mars “24K Magic”
* Childish Gambino “Awaken, My Love!”
* The Weeknd “Starboy”

**FAVORITE SONG – SOUL/R&B**

* Bruno Mars “That’s What I Like”
* Khalid “Location”
* The Weeknd “Starboy”

**FAVORITE ARTIST – ALTERNATIVE ROCK**

* Imagine Dragons
* Linkin Park
* twenty one pilots

**FAVORITE ARTIST – ADULT CONTEMPORARY**

* Bruno Mars
* Shawn Mendes
* Ed Sheeran

**FAVORITE ARTIST - LATIN**

* Daddy Yankee
* Luis Fonsi
* Shakira

**FAVORITE ARTIST – CONTEMPORARY INSPIRATIONAL**

* Lauren Daigle
* MercyMe
* Chris Tomlin

**FAVORITE ARTIST – ELECTRONIC DANCE MUSIC (EDM)**

* The Chainsmokers
* DJ Snake
* Calvin Harris

**TOP SOUNDTRACK**

* Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2: Awesome Mix Vol. 2
* Moana
* Trolls

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**About the American Music Awards**

The American Music Awards, the world’s biggest fan-voted award show, features performances from today’s hottest artists and presents fan-voted awards in the music genres of Pop/Rock, Alternative Rock, Country, Rap/Hip-Hop, Soul/R&B, Adult Contemporary, Contemporary Inspirational, Latin, EDM and Soundtrack, and the categories of Artist of the Year, New Artist of the Year presented by T-Mobile, Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, Tour of The Year and Video 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 200 countries around the world. For more information, visit [www.theamas.com](http://www.theamas.com/), [www.dickclark.com](http://www.dickclark.com/) or [abc.go.com/shows/american-music-awards](http://abc.go.com/shows/american-music-awards).

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**NOMINATIONS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER (BY FIRST NAME):**

**Alessia Cara (1):** Favorite Female Artist – Pop/Rock

**Beyoncé (1):** Favorite Female Artist – Soul/R&B

**Bruno Mars (8):** Artist of the Year, Video of the Year, Favorite Male Artist – Pop/Rock, Favorite Album – Pop/Rock, Favorite Male Artist – Soul/R&B, Favorite Album – Soul/R&B, Favorite Song – Soul/R&B, Favorite Artist – Adult Contemporary

**Calvin Harris (1):** Favorite Artist – Electronic Dance Music (EDM)

**Carrie Underwood (1):** Favorite Female Artist – Country

**Chance the Rapper (2):** Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, Favorite Song – Rap/Hip-Hop

**Childish Gambino (2):** Favorite Male Artist – Soul/R&B, Favorite Album – Soul/R&B

**Chris Stapleton (1):** Favorite Album – Country

**Chris Tomlin (1):** Favorite Artist – Contemporary Inspirational

**Coldplay (2):** Tour of the Year, Favorite Duo or Group – Pop/Rock

**Daddy Yankee (4):** Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, Video of the Year, Favorite Song – Pop/Rock, Favorite Artist – Latin

**Daft Punk (1):** Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity

**DJ Khaled (2):** Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, Favorite Song – Rap/Hip-Hop

**DJ Snake (1):** Favorite Artist – Electronic Dance Music (EDM)

**Drake (5):** Artist of the Year, Favorite Male Artist – Pop/Rock, Favorite Album – Pop/Rock, Favorite Artist – Rap/Hip-Hop, Favorite Album – Rap/Hip-Hop

**Ed Sheeran (5):** Artist of the Year, Video of the Year, Favorite Male Artist – Pop/Rock, Favorite Song – Pop/Rock, Favorite Artist – Adult Contemporary

**Florida Georgia Line (1):** Favorite Duo or Group – Country

**Garth Brooks (1):** Tour of the Year

**Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2: Awesome Mix Vol. 2 (1):** Favorite Soundtrack

**Gucci Mane (1):** Favorite Song – Rap/Hip-Hop,

**Halsey (2):** Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, Favorite Song – Pop/Rock

**Imagine Dragons (2):** Favorite Duo or Group – Pop/Rock, Favorite Artist – Alternative Rock

**James Arthur (1):** New Artist of the Year presented by T-Mobile

**Jason Aldean (1):** Favorite Album – Country

**Jon Pardi (1):** Favorite Song – Country

**Julia Michaels (1):** New Artist of the Year presented by T-Mobile

**Justin Bieber (4):** Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity (x2), Favorite Song – Pop/Rock, Favorite Song – Rap/Hip-Hop

**Kehlani (1):** Favorite Female Artist – Soul/R&B

**Keith Urban (3):** Favorite Male Artist – Country, Favorite Album – Country, Favorite Song – Country

**Kendrick Lamar (5):** Artist of the Year, Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, Favorite Artist – Rap/Hip-Hop, Favorite Album – Rap/Hip-Hop, Favorite Song – Rap/Hip-Hop

**Khalid (1):** Favorite Song – Soul/R&B

**Lady Gaga (1):** Favorite Female Artist – Pop/Rock

**Lauren Daigle (1):** Favorite Artist – Contemporary Inspirational

**Lil Wayne (2):** Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, Favorite Song – Rap/Hip-Hop

**Linkin Park (1):** Favorite Artist – Alternative Rock

**Little Big Town (1):** Favorite Duo or Group – Country

**Luis Fonsi (4):** Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, Video of the Year, Favorite Song – Pop/Rock, Favorite Artist – Latin

**Maren Morris (1):** Favorite Female Artist – Country

**Maroon 5 (1):** Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity

**MercyMe (1):** Favorite Artist – Contemporary Inspirational

**Migos (2):** Favorite Artist – Rap/Hip-Hop, Favorite Album – Rap/Hip-Hop

**Miranda Lambert (1):** Favorite Female Artist – Country

**Moana (1):** Top Soundtrack

**Niall Horan (1):** New Artist of the Year presented by T-Mobile

**Old Dominion (1):** Favorite Duo or Group – Country

**Post Malone (1):** New Artist of the Year presented by T-Mobile

**Quavo (2):** Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, Favorite Song – Rap/Hip-Hop

**Rae Sremmurd (2):** New Artist of the Year presented by T-Mobile, Favorite Song – Rap/Hip-Hop

**Rihanna (2):** Favorite Female Artist – Pop/Rock, Favorite Female Artist – Soul/R&B

**Sam Hunt (2):** Favorite Male Artist – Country, Favorite Song – Country

**Shakira (1):** Favorite Artist – Latin

**Shawn Mendes (1):** Favorite Artist – Adult Contemporary

**The Chainsmokers (5):** Artist of the Year, Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, Favorite Duo or Group – Pop/Rock, Favorite Song – Pop/Rock, Favorite Artist – Electronic Dance Music (EDM)

**The Weeknd (5):** Collaboration of the Year presented by Xfinity, Favorite Album – Pop/Rock, Favorite Male Artist – Soul/R&B, Favorite Album – Soul/R&B, Favorite Song – Soul/R&B

**Thomas Rhett (1):** Favorite Male Artist – Country

**Trolls (1):** Top Soundtrack

**twenty one pilots (1):** Favorite Artist – Alternative Rock

**U2 (1):** Tour of the Year

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