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NINE-TIME GRAMMY® WINNER MARY J. BLIGE SET TO PERFORM ON "A VERY GRAMMY CHRISTMAS"

LL COOL J TO HOST THE ONE-HOUR EVENT DEC. 5 ON CBS

New One-Hour Special Will Feature Performances of Holiday Songs and Current Pop Hits, as well as Artists Sharing Favorite Holiday Memories and GRAMMY Moments

*Nominations for the 57th Annual GRAMMY Awards®
Will Be Announced the Morning of Dec. 5, with
Album Of The Year Nominees Revealed on the Broadcast
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SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Nov. 11, 2014) — Nine-time GRAMMY® winner **Mary J. Blige** is the latest performer announced for "A Very GRAMMY Christmas," and two-time GRAMMY winner **LL COOL J** will host the new one-hour entertainment special, which will include performances of holiday songs and current pop hits, as well as artists sharing their favorite holiday and GRAMMY memories. Previously announced performers include singer/songwriter **Ariana Grande**, three-time GRAMMY-winning group **Maroon 5**, three-time GRAMMY winner **Tim McGraw**, and seven-time GRAMMY winner **Pharrell Williams**. "A Very GRAMMY Christmas" will air on **Friday, Dec. 5, 9 – 10 p.m. ET/PT**, and will be broadcast in HDTV and 5.1 surround sound on the [CBS Television Network](#). Additional performers will be announced shortly. For updates and breaking news, please visit [GRAMMY.com](#), and The Recording Academy®'s social networks on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

In addition to performances, the nominations in the Album Of The Year category for the 57th Annual GRAMMY Awards® will be announced during the broadcast of "A Very GRAMMY Christmas." All other nominations (82 of 83 categories) will be revealed the morning of Dec. 5. Further details regarding the unveiling of 57th GRAMMY nominations will be announced shortly.

"A Very GRAMMY Christmas" will tape on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. Tickets for the general public are on sale now at www.ticketmaster.com or via Ticketmaster charge-by-phone lines at 866.448.7849.

The road to Music's Biggest Night® begins with "A Very GRAMMY Christmas" and culminates with the [57th Annual GRAMMY Awards](#), live from **STAPLES Center** in **Los Angeles** on **Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015**, and broadcast on **CBS** at **8 p.m. ET/PT**. Last year's airing of "The GRAMMY Nominations Concert Live!! — Countdown To Music's Biggest Night" helped lead to stellar ratings for the 56th Annual GRAMMY Awards, which ultimately garnered more than 30 million viewers — the second-largest audience for the awards broadcast since 1993. The telecast also was the biggest social television event at the time, with 34 million social media interactions (with statistics compiled by Facebook, Instagram, Tumblr, and Twitter).

"A Very GRAMMY Christmas" is produced by AEG Ehrlich Ventures, LLC. Ken Ehrlich is the executive producer.

Established in 1957, The Recording Academy is an organization of musicians, songwriters, producers, engineers and recording professionals that is dedicated to improving the cultural condition and quality of life for music and its makers. Internationally known for the GRAMMY Awards — the preeminent peer-recognized award for musical excellence and the most credible brand in music — The Recording Academy is responsible for groundbreaking professional development, cultural enrichment, advocacy, education and human services programs. The Academy continues to focus on its mission of recognizing musical excellence, advocating for the

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