

## Global Superstar Nicki Minaj Returns to the "VMAs" for a Special Remote Performance from Iconic New York Location

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## THE 2018 "VMAS" WILL AIR LIVE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 PM ET/PT

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 9, 2018-- MTV today announced global superstar Nicki Minaj will return to the "VMAs" in a special performance, presented by PEPSI®, from an iconic location in New York. This will mark Minaj's debut performance after the release of her highly anticipated album, "Queen." It will also be the first time a major awards show will televise a performance from the surprise location.

As previously announced, Jennifer Lopez will be honored with the "Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award." She is also set to perform at this year's show for the first time since 2001. Additional performers include Ariana Grande, Travis Scott, Shawn Mendes, Post Malone, and Logic with Ryan Tedder. The "VMAs" will air live from Radio City Music Hall on Monday, August 20 at 9:00 p.m. ET/PT across MTV's global network of channels in more than 180 countries and territories, reaching more than half a billion households around the world.

The full list of nominees for the 2018 "VMAs" is available here.

Fans can vote for their favorites across 12 VMA categories, including "Video of the Year," "Artist of the Year," "Best Collaboration" and more by visiting vma.mtv.com until Friday, August 10. Voting for the "Best New Artist" award, presented by Taco Bell®, will remain active until the VMA broadcast.

Bruce Gillmer and Jesse Ignjatovic are Executive Producers for the 2018 "VMAs." Melanie Block serves as Executive in Charge of Production. Amani Duncan is Executive in Charge of Music. Wendy Plaut is Executive in Charge of Celebrity Talent.

Official sponsors of the 2018 "VMAs" include PEPSI®, Swiffer®, Taco Bell® and truth®.

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