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Academy and Grammy Award Winner, Jamie Foxx to Host "BET Awards" 2018

"BET Awards" 2018 to Air Live on Sunday, June 24 from Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles at 8 P.M. ET

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **BET Networks**, a unit of Viacom Inc. (NASDAQ: VIA, VIA.B), today announced Academy Award-winning actor and Grammy Award-winning musician **Jamie Foxx** as this year's "**BET Awards**" 2018 host. Returning to the stage as host for the second time after nearly a decade, Foxx joins an A-List roster of comedians and entertainers who have lit the room, including **Leslie Jones, Anthony Anderson and Tracee Ellis Ross, Chris Rock, Mo'Nique, Kevin Hart and Chris Tucker**. This year's broadcast celebrates 18 years of dynamic performances, groundbreaking moments, the hottest talent in the game, and entertainment's most thought-provoking players. Most importantly, the "BET Awards" continues to tackle culturally relevant topics and conversations, setting the standard for one of the most intently unconventional, news-provoking and talked-about broadcasts. The "**BET Awards**" 2018 will air **LIVE on Sunday, June 24 at 8 pm ET** from the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles, CA on BET.

An award-winning actor, musical artist, and renowned comedian, Jamie Foxx is one of Hollywood's rare elite multi-faceted performers. Getting his start on the comedy circuit, Foxx burst into the mainstream with "In Living Color" and "The Jamie Foxx Show." He most recently appeared in Edgar Wright's critically acclaimed, "Baby Driver," alongside Ansel Elgort, and currently executive produces and hosts interactive game show, "Beat Shazam," now in its second season. In November, Jamie will star in Lionsgate's "Robin Hood" opposite Taron Egerton and Jamie Dornan. Foxx also recently wrapped production on his directorial debut, "All-Star Weekend," which he also wrote and stars in.

As previously announced, **DJ Khaled** dominates this year's nominations with a total of 6 including 'Video of the Year,' two for 'Best Collaboration,' with **Rihanna and Bryson Tiller** for 'Wild Thoughts,' and with **Jay-Z, Future and Beyoncé** for 'Top Off,' 'Album of the Year,' and 'Coca-Cola Viewers' Choice.' **Kendrick Lamar** follows with five nods including 'Best Collaboration,' with **Rihanna** for 'Loyalty.,' 'Video of the Year,' 'Album of the Year,' and 'Coca-Cola Viewers' Choice.' Other leading nominees include **Migos**, nominated for four awards including 'Best Group,' and 'Album of the Year,' and **SZA**, also nominated for four awards, including 'Best Female R&B/Pop Artist' and 'Best New Artist.'

BET Networks recognizes artists, entertainers, and athletes across over 19 categories with the "**BET Awards**" 2018 nominations. The nominations are selected by BET's Voting Academy, which is comprised of fans and an esteemed group of entertainment professionals in the fields of television, film, music, social media, digital marketing, sports journalism, public relations, and the creative arts.

The "**BET Awards**" 2018 will premiere around the world on BET's international networks. It will air in the UK on June 26th at 9:00PM BST, in Africa on June 26th at 8:00PM CAT, in France on June 26th at 9:00PM CEST and in South Korea on June 26th at 9:00PM KST. Internationally, fans in 100 countries can also stream the "BET Awards" 2018 live with BET Play, BET International's subscription video on demand application. The iOS and Android app, which also features current and classic BET television series, documentaries, stand-up comedy and legendary musical performances, will carry a live feed of the red carpet and the Awards, and is available for download now in the iTunes and Google Play stores for \$3.99 a month following a seven-day free trial.

Connie Orlando, Executive Vice-President, Head of Programming at BET will serve as Executive Producer for the "BET Awards" 2018 along with Jesse Collins, CEO of Jesse Collins Entertainment.

To apply for media credentials for the "BET Awards" 2018 please head to www.betpressroom.com

The "**BET Awards**" 2018 will take place along with the BET Experience at L.A. LIVE in Los Angeles from June 21-24, 2018. BET.com/betawards is the official site for the "BET Awards" and will have all the latest news and updates about this year's show. VIP Packages for the 6th year of the BET Experience weekend are better than ever and now on-sale. In addition to VIP amenities throughout the weekend and incredible seats for STAPLES Center shows, all levels of BETX VIP Packages offer guests the only opportunity to purchase tickets to the highly-anticipated BET Awards, broadcast live from Microsoft Theater. Full package amenities and pricing for the Diamond, Platinum, Gold Plus and Gold VIP Packages can be found by visiting BETExperience.com or by calling (877) 234-8425.

General tickets for the BET Experience at L.A. LIVE presented by Coca-Cola® are on sale now at <http://www.axs.com/betexperience>.

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