



Nicki Minaj, Janelle Monáe, Migos, H.E.R., and Ella Mai Set to Perform at the “BET Awards” 2018

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Jamie Foxx to Host the 18th Annual Awards Show Airing Live on Sunday, June 24 from Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles at 8 p.m. ET

BET Experience at L.A. Live Presented by Coca-Cola® Takes Place June 21 – 24, 2018

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 30, 2018-- **BET Networks**, a unit of Viacom Inc. (NASDAQ: VIA, VIA.B listed NYSE: VIA, VIA.B), today announced the first group of performers set to take the stage at the “**BET Awards**” 2018. The iconic annual show will feature performances by some of music’s biggest stars including **Nicki Minaj, Janelle Monáe, Migos, H.E.R., and Ella Mai**. Now in its 18th year, the “**BET Awards**” continues to break boundaries for creating culturally relevant and brilliantly entertaining broadcasts. Hosted by **Jamie Foxx**, the “**BET Awards**” 2018 will air **LIVE on Sunday, June 24 at 8 p.m. ET** from the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles, CA on BET.

As previously announced, **DJ Khaled** dominates this year’s nominations with a total of six 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.’

The “**BET Awards**” 2018 will premiere around the world on BET’s international networks. It will air in the U.K. on June 26th at 9:00 p.m. BST, in Africa on June 26th at 8:00 p.m. CAT, in France on June 26th at 9:00 p.m. CEST and in South Korea on June 26th at 9:00 p.m. 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 sixth 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 the 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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ABOUT BET NETWORKS

BET Networks, a subsidiary of Viacom Inc. (NASDAQ: VIA, VIA.B), is the nation’s leading provider of quality entertainment, music, news and public affairs television programming for the African-American audience. The primary BET channel reaches more than 90 million households and can be seen in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, the United Kingdom and sub-Saharan Africa. BET is the dominant African-American consumer brand with a diverse group of business extensions: BET.com, a leading Internet destination for Black entertainment, music, culture, and news; CENTRIC, a 24-hour entertainment network targeting the African-American Woman; BET Music Networks - BET Jams, BET Soul and BET Gospel; BET Home Entertainment; BET Live, BET’s growing festival business; BET Mobile, which provides ringtones, games and video content for wireless devices; and BET International, which operates BET around the globe.

ABOUT “BET AWARDS”

The “**BET Awards**” is one of the most watched award shows on cable television according to the Nielsen Company. The “**BET Awards**” franchise remains as the #1 program in cable TV history among African-Americans, and it is BET’s #1 telecast every year. It recognizes the triumphs and successes of artists, entertainers, and athletes in a variety of categories.

ABOUT JESSE COLLINS ENTERTAINMENT

Jesse Collins Entertainment is a full service television and film production company founded by entertainment industry veteran Jesse Collins. For more than a decade, Collins has played an integral role in producing some of television’s most memorable moments in music entertainment. Formerly Executive Producer/EVP of Cossette Productions, Collins has produced ground-breaking and award winning television programming including the BET Awards, the GRAMMY Awards, Soul Train Awards, BET Honors, UNCF An Evening of Stars, ABFF Awards and the BET Hip Hop Awards. Collins is an executive producer of the hit TV series, *Real Husbands of Hollywood* starring Kevin Hart and the upcoming original miniseries based on the

iconic music group New Edition that will debut on BET in 2017. He has worked with a myriad of superstar talent including Will Smith, Chris Rock, Jay-Z, Rihanna, Kanye West, Kendrick Lamar, Drake, Prince and Mariah Carey. Follow Jesse Collins Entertainment @JesseCollinsEnt on Twitter and Instagram and go to <http://www.jessecollinsent.com/> for more information on the company.

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