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CELINE DION, FOO FIGHTERS, B.B. KING, JOHN MAYER AND TAYLOR SWIFT SET TO PERFORM ON "THE GRAMMY NOMINATIONS CONCERT LIVE!! — COUNTDOWN TO MUSIC'S BIGGEST NIGHT"[®]

New One-Hour Entertainment Special — Announcing Nominations for the 51st Annual GRAMMY Awards and Celebrating the Grand Opening of the GRAMMY Museum — Airst Dec. 3 Live on CBS from NOKIA Theatre L.A. LIVE

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Oct. 22, 2008) — Five-time GRAMMY[®] winner **Celine Dion**, six-time GRAMMY winners the **Foo Fighters**, 14-time GRAMMY winner **B.B. King**, five-time GRAMMY winner **John Mayer**, and 50th GRAMMY nominee **Taylor Swift** are the first performers announced for "**The GRAMMY Nominations Concert Live!! — Countdown To Music's Biggest Night**[®]." The one-hour special — which also will celebrate the grand opening of the GRAMMY Museum at L.A. LIVE — takes place live on **Wednesday, Dec. 3**, at NOKIA Theatre L.A. LIVE, and will be broadcast in HDTV and 5.1 Surround Sound on the **CBS Television Network** from **9 – 10 p.m. ET/PT**. Additional performers and presenters will be announced shortly. Tickets to the live event will be available for sale to the public beginning Oct. 27, and proceeds will benefit the GRAMMY Museum.

"The GRAMMY Nominations Concert Live!! — Countdown To Music's Biggest Night" will announce nominations in at least six categories, feature performances by past GRAMMY winners and nominees, and will set the stage for the 51st Annual GRAMMY Awards on Feb. 8, 2009. The special also marks the first time nominations for the annual GRAMMY Awards will be announced live on primetime television. Following the one-hour live telecast, guests will experience a one-hour exclusive concert by one of the evening's performers in celebration of the grand opening of the GRAMMY Museum. Tickets to "The GRAMMY Nominations Concert Live!! — Countdown To Music's Biggest Night" will go on sale to the public on Mon., Oct. 27, at all Ticketmaster outlets, via phone at 213.480.3232, or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

"The GRAMMY Nominations Concert Live!! — Countdown To Music's Biggest Night" is produced by AEG Ehrlich Ventures, LLC and John Cossette Productions. John Cossette and Ken Ehrlich are the executive producers.

Established in 1957, The Recording Academy is an organization of musicians, 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. In its 50th year, The Academy continues to focus on its mission of recognizing musical excellence, advocating for the well-being of music makers and ensuring music remains an indelible part of our culture. For more information about The Academy, please visit www.grammy.com.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If you are interested in covering this event, you MUST request credentials for the Media Center and/or Arrivals no later than Monday, Nov. 24, 2008. Directions for credential pickup will be given upon confirmation of credential status. All satellite truck/van parking must be coordinated with Heather Lewandoski/Rogers & Cowan no later than Monday, Dec. 1, 2008. ALL MEDIA MUST BE CREDENTIALLED for this event.

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