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MARY J. BLIGE AND ANDREA BOCELLI TO PERFORM TOGETHER LIVE IN SPECIAL FUND-RAISING SEGMENT FOR HAITI RELIEF ON THE 52ND ANNUAL GRAMMY® AWARDS

*Groundbreaking Performance of Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water"
Will Be Available for Download at iTunes and All Proceeds Will Go to the
American Red Cross Benefiting Ongoing Relief Efforts in Haiti*

Music's Biggest Night® Takes Place Live Jan. 31 Only on CBS

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Jan. 27, 2010) — Nine-time GRAMMY® winner **Mary J. Blige** and world-renowned pop tenor **Andrea Bocelli** will join forces and perform live together in a special fund-raising segment for Haiti relief on the **52nd Annual GRAMMY Awards**. This once-in-a-lifetime performance (audio and video) of the Simon & Garfunkel classic "Bridge Over Troubled Water" will be made available for download at iTunes.com/Target following the telecast, and all proceeds will go to the American Red Cross, benefiting ongoing earthquake relief efforts in Haiti. This year marks the 40th anniversary of "Bridge Over Troubled Water" receiving GRAMMY Awards for Record Of The Year, Album Of The Year, and Song Of The Year, and the song will provide a moving tribute to the survivors of the tragic events in Haiti.

The music industry's premier event will take place live on **Sunday, Jan. 31**, at STAPLES Center in Los Angeles and will be broadcast in HDTV and 5.1 Surround Sound on the **CBS Television Network** from **8 – 11:30 p.m. (ET/PT)**. The show also will be supported on radio via Westwood One worldwide, and covered online at **GRAMMY.com** and **CBS.com**, and on YouTube at www.youtube.com/thegrammys. Additional performers, presenters and special segments will be announced shortly. For GRAMMY coverage, updates and breaking news, please visit The Recording Academy®'s social networks on Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter: www.facebook.com/thegrammys, www.myspace.com/thegrammys, and www.twitter.com/thegrammys.

Current GRAMMY nominee Mary J. Blige is up for Best R&B Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocals for "Ifuleave" (with Musiq Soulchild).

This emotional performance with Blige and Bocelli joins previously announced performances by nominees **Beyoncé**, **the Black Eyed Peas**, **Bon Jovi**, **the Dave Matthews Band**, **Green Day**, **Lady Antebellum**, **Lady Gaga**, **Maxwell**, **P!nk**, **Taylor Swift**, and **the Zac Brown Band**, as well as a special 3-D GRAMMY tribute to Michael Jackson featuring **Celine Dion**, **Jennifer Hudson**, **Smokey Robinson**, **Carrie Underwood**, and **Usher**. Previously announced presenters include actress **Kristen Bell**, pop/R&B singer **Justin Bieber**, actor **Jeff Bridges**, pop singer and actress **Miley Cyrus**, actor **Josh Duhamel**, pop sensation **the Jonas Brothers**, nine-time GRAMMY winner **Norah Jones**, pop singer/songwriter **Ke\$ha**, two-time GRAMMY winner **LL Cool J**, GRAMMY winner and three-time Latin GRAMMY® winner **Ricky Martin**, 10-time GRAMMY and three-time Latin GRAMMY winner **Carlos Santana**, and nine-time GRAMMY winner **Ringo Starr**.

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All five Album Of The Year nominees are set to perform on Music's Biggest Night[®]: Beyoncé, the Black Eyed Peas, Lady Gaga, the Dave Matthews Band, and Taylor Swift.

As part of Bon Jovi's performance on the 52nd Annual GRAMMY Awards, fans will have an opportunity to decide which Bon Jovi hit the band will perform. For this "You Pick It, They Play It!" special segment, viewers can log on to www.cbs.com/grammys now and vote in the final round for one out of three of their favorite hit Bon Jovi songs: "Always," "It's My Life," and "Livin' On A Prayer." There is no registration to vote, and fans may vote as often as they wish. Additionally, a 30-second clip of each song may be viewed. Voting will continue until Bon Jovi's performance on the 52nd Annual GRAMMY Awards on Jan. 31, when the song with the most votes is revealed live during their segment.

Additionally, the 52nd Annual GRAMMY Awards Pre-Telecast ceremony will take place from 1 – 4 p.m. PT at the Los Angeles Convention Center and will be streamed live internationally on www.grammy.com beginning at 1 p.m. PT. Well-attended by nominees and industry VIPs, current GRAMMY nominees **Tia Carrere** and **Kurt Elling** will host the star-studded ceremony, which will feature performances by nominees including Montreal-based duo **Beast** (vocalist Betty Bonifassi and drummer/composer Jean-Phi Goncalves); jazz vocalist Elling; contemporary R&B singer **Lalah Hathaway**; classical guitarist **Sharon Isbin**; and R&B singer **Charlie Wilson** as well as a special bluegrass performance by nine-time GRAMMY-winning singer **Ray Benson**, country instrumentalist **Alison Brown**, two-time GRAMMY winner **Jim Lauderdale**, singer/songwriter **Michael Martin Murphey**, three-time GRAMMY winner **Bryan Sutton** and singer/fiddle player **Gabe Witcher**. Presenting GRAMMY Awards in 99 categories will be current nominees **Colbie Caillat**, **Mick Fleetwood**, **LMFAO**, and **Tonex** as well as percussionist **Sheila E.**, four-time GRAMMY winner **Roberta Flack**, and five-time GRAMMY-winning producer/songwriter and Recording Academy Chair Emeritus **Jimmy Jam**. The live stream of the Pre-Telecast will remain on GRAMMY.com as video on demand for 30 days following the event.

The 52nd Annual GRAMMY Awards are produced by John Cossette Productions and AEG Ehrlich Ventures for The Recording Academy. Ken Ehrlich and John Cossette are executive producers, Louis J. Horvitz is director.

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. 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. For breaking news and exclusive content, join the organization's social networks on Facebook (www.facebook.com/thegrammys), MySpace (www.myspace.com/thegrammys), Twitter (www.twitter.com/thegrammys), and YouTube (www.youtube.com/thegrammys).

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