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COUNTRY'S POWER WOMEN DOMINATE NOMINATIONS FOR THE '2012 CMT MUSIC AWARDS'

Carrie Underwood Leads with Five Nominations and Miranda Lambert Follows with Four Nominations

Voting Begins Today on CMT.com and Ends Monday, June 4

NASHVILLE – April 23, 2012 – It's proving to be Carrie Underwood's year as she picks up five nominations for the 2012 CMT MUSIC AWARDS, it was announced this morning live on NBC's "Today" show by host Hoda Kotb and guest co-host Willie Geist with guests Little Big Town, who received a nomination in the CMT PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR category. The group also announced they will perform on this year's live show.

Women lead the pack this year as Miranda Lambert follows closely behind Underwood with four nominations; two for her solo work and two as a member of country trio and first-time nominees Pistol Annies, who are up for GROUP VIDEO OF THE YEAR and USA WEEKEND BREAKTHROUGH VIDEO OF THE YEAR awards. Jason Aldean, Lady Antebellum, Rascal Flatts, Blake Shelton, Taylor Swift and Thompson Square are next in line tied for three nominations apiece. Duo The Civil Wars also received three nominations, including two for their collaboration with Taylor Swift on the hit song "Safe & Sound" from "The Hunger Games" soundtrack.

The 2012 CMT MUSIC AWARDS mark the 11th anniversary of the awards show and will air LIVE from Nashville on Wednesday, June 6 on CMT and CMT.com.

The final nominees in each of the 2012 CMT MUSIC AWARDS categories include:

VIDEO OF THE YEAR
Best video of the year; awarded to the artist (male, female, group/duo or collaboration) and the video director.?
Final nominees announced during live telecast, with final voting held online at CMT.com during the show.
• Jason Aldean – "Dirt Road Anthem"
• Kenny Chesney featuring Grace Potter – "You And Tequila"
• Toby Keith – "Red Solo Cup"
• Lady Antebellum – "We Owned The Night"
• Miranda Lambert – "Over You"
• Brad Paisley with Carrie Underwood – "Remind Me"
• Rascal Flatts featuring Natasha Bedingfield – "Easy"
• Blake Shelton – "God Gave Me You"
• Taylor Swift featuring The Civil Wars – "Safe & Sound"
• Carrie Underwood – "Good Girl"

MALE VIDEO OF THE YEAR
Best video by a male artist; awarded to the artist
• Jason Aldean – "Dirt Road Anthem"
• Luke Bryan – "I Don't Want This Night To End"
• Eric Church – "Drink In My Hand"
• Toby Keith – "Red Solo Cup"
• Blake Shelton – "God Gave Me You"
• Keith Urban – "Long Hot Summer"

FEMALE VIDEO OF THE YEAR
Best video by a female artist; awarded to the artist

• Sara Evans – “My Heart Can’t Tell You No”
• Miranda Lambert – “Over You”
• Martina McBride – “I’m Gonna Love You Through It”
• Kellie Pickler – “Tough”
• Taylor Swift – “Ours”
• Carrie Underwood – “Good Girl”

GROUP VIDEO OF THE YEAR
Best video by a group; awarded to the artists
• Eli Young Band – “Crazy Girl”
• Lady Antebellum – “We Owned The Night”
• Pistol Annies – “Hell On Heels”
• Rascal Flatts – “Banjo”
• The Band Perry – “All Your Life”
• Zac Brown Band – “Keep Me In Mind”

DUO VIDEO OF THE YEAR
Best video by a duo; awarded to the artists
• Love and Theft – “Angel Eyes”
• Montgomery Gentry – “Where I Come From”
• Sugarland – “Tonight”
• The Civil Wars – “Poison & Wine”
• Thompson Square – “Glass”
• Thompson Square – “I Got You”

USA WEEKEND BREAKTHROUGH VIDEO OF THE YEAR
Best video from an artist's major breakthrough album; awarded to the artist (male, female, or group/duo)
• Lauren Alaina – “Georgia Peaches”
• Brantley Gilbert – “Country Must Be Country Wide”
• Hunter Hayes – “Storm Warning”
• Scotty McCreery – “The Trouble With Girls”
• Pistol Annies – “Hell On Heels”
• Thompson Square – “I Got You”

COLLABORATIVE VIDEO OF THE YEAR
Best video that featured a special collaborative appearance by artists; awarded to the artists (individual, group or duo)
• Kenny Chesney featuring Grace Potter – “You And Tequila”
• Brad Paisley with Carrie Underwood – “Remind Me”
• Rascal Flatts featuring Natasha Bedingfield – “Easy”
• Lionel Richie with Shania Twain – “Endless Love”
• Taylor Swift featuring The Civil Wars – “Safe & Sound”
• Zac Brown Band featuring Jimmy Buffett – “Knee Deep”

CMT PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR
Musical performance on a television show, series or variety special on CMT; awarded to the artist (individual, group or duo)
• Jason Aldean – “Tattoos On This Town” from 2011 CMT ARTISTS OF THE YEAR
• Lady Antebellum – “Dancin’ Away With My Heart” from 2011 CMT ARTISTS OF THE YEAR
• Little Big Town – “Fix You” from MUSIC BUILDS: THE CMT DISASTER RELIEF CONCERT
• Blake Shelton – “Footloose” from INVITATION ONLY: BLAKE SHELTON
• Sting and Vince Gill – “If I Ever Lose My Faith In You” from CMT CROSSROADS: STING AND VINCE GILL
• Steven Tyler and Carrie Underwood – “Just A Dream/Dream On” from CMT CROSSROADS: STEVEN TYLER & CARRIE UNDERWOOD FROM THE PEPSI SUPER BOWL FAN JAM

Fans can vote online at CMT.com, and on their mobile device at CMT Mobile or the CMT Insider app available on iPhone, iPad and Android now through June 4 to determine the winners. The five finalists for VIDEO OF THE YEAR will be announced at the beginning of the live show and fans can then vote at CMT.com, CMT mobile, on the CMT Insider app and via text message throughout the live telecast (ET/CT only) to determine the night’s big winner.

Veteran live event producer Michael Dempsey will executive produce the 2012 CMT MUSIC AWARDS alongside distinguished director Joe DeMaio. John Hamlin and Margaret Comeaux serve as executive producers for CMT.

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