ON BEHALF OF IHEART MEDIA

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**BRANDI CARLILE, DEMI LOVATO AND H.E.R. TO PERFORM DURING SPECIAL TRIBUTE HONORING ELTON JOHN WITH THE IHEARTRADIO ICON AWARD AT THE 2021 "IHEARTRADIO MUSIC AWARDS,"**

**AIRING THIS THURSDAY, MAY 27, LIVE ON FOX**

*With Special Appearances From LL Cool J, Nelly, Machine Gun Kelly,*

*French Montana, Lil Jon, Robin Thicke, Joel McHale,**Oliver Stark, Ryan Guzman*

*Gabby Barrett, Ava Max, Raphael Saadiq, AJR and More; Plus Previously Announced Appearances From Taylor Swift, Dua Lipa, Roddy Ricch,*

*twenty one pilots and Megan Thee Stallion*

*Usher To Host and Perform; With Additional Performances From The Weeknd with Special Guest Ariana Grande, Bruno Mars & Anderson .Paak (Silk Sonic), Dan + Shay and Doja Cat*

NEW YORK – May 25, 2021 – iHeartMedia and FOX announced today that **Brandi Carlile, Demi Lovato and H.E.R.** will perform during a special tribute honoring **Elton John** with the iHeartRadio Icon Award at the 2021 iHeartRadio Music Awards. The award will be presented by **Chris Martin and Lil Nas X** and will honor Elton John’s global impact on pop culture, longevity, and continued relevance as a touring and radio force with a loyal fan base worldwide. **Usher** will host and perform during the event, which will also feature previously announced performances from **The Weeknd with special guest Ariana Grande, Bruno Mars & Anderson .Paak (Silk Sonic), Dan + Shay** and **Doja Cat**. In addition, the event will feature special appearances from **LL Cool J, Nelly, Machine Gun Kelly, French Montana, Lil Jon, Robin Thicke, Joel McHale, Oliver Stark, Ryan Guzman, Gabby Barrett, Ava Max, Raphael Saadiq, AJR and more,** plus previously announced appearances from **Taylor Swift, Dua Lipa, Roddy Ricch, twenty one pilots and Megan Thee Stallion**. The event will air LIVE from The Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, Thursday, May 27 (8:00-10:00 PM ET live / PT tape-delayed) on FOX. The eighth annual event also will air live on iHeartMedia radio stations nationwide and on the iHeartRadio app.

For the 2021 **iHeartRadio Music Awards**, iHeartMedia and FOX will be giving a sneak peek at the winners of four awards leading up to the Thursday, May 27 telecast exclusively on FOX. Beginning at 9:00am ET on East Coast shows, one winner will be announced and give an acceptance speech in the 9:00 a.m. local hour across the four major time zones in the following categories:  Country Album of the Year, Country Song of the Year, Dance Album of the Year and Social Star Award. Winners will also be revealed on iHeartMedia’s radio stations and socials following FOX.

The iHeartRadio Music Awards will celebrate the most-played artists and songs on iHeartRadio stations and the iHeartRadio app throughout 2020, while also offering a preview of the upcoming hits of 2021. The show will feature award presentations in multiple categories, live performances from the biggest artists in music, surprise stage moments and will tell the stories of the winning artists’ road to #1.  Since the Awards’ inception in 2013, the show has included live performances and appearances by superstar artists, such as Alicia Keys, Bruno Mars, Garth Brooks, Rihanna, Halsey, Justin Bieber, John Legend, Kacey Musgraves, Chris Martin, Bon Jovi, Maroon 5, Camila Cabello, Taylor Swift, Katy Perry, Ed Sheeran, Big Sean, Sam Smith, Madonna, Blake Shelton, Pharrell, Pitbull and many others.

Artists receiving multiple nominations include 24kGoldn, AC/DC, AJR, All Time Low, Ariana Grande, Bad Bunny, Beyoncé, Billie Eilish, blackbear, BLACKPINK, Blake Shelton, BTS, Calibre 50, Cardi B, Charlie Puth, Chris Brown, Christian Nodal, DaBaby, Doja Cat, Drake, Dua Lipa, Future, Gabby Barrett, H.E.R., Harry Styles, J Balvin, Jhené Aiko, JP Saxe, Justin Bieber, KAROL G, Lady Gaga, Luke Bryan, Luke Combs, Maluma, Maren Morris, Megan Thee Stallion, Ozuna, Ozzy Osbourne, Pop Smoke, Post Malone, Roddy Ricch, Shawn Mendes, Snoh Aalegra, Summer Walker, Surf Mesa, Taylor Swift, The Pretty Reckless, The Weeknd, twenty one pilots and Young Thug.

In addition to paying tribute to music and artists, the 2021 iHeartRadio Music Awards will again celebrate the fans, giving iHeartRadio listeners the opportunity to decide winners in several new and established categories. Fan voting will determine this year’s Best Fan Army, Best Lyrics, Best Cover Song, Best Music Video, the Social Star Award, Favorite Music Video Choreography Award and the first-ever TikTok Bop of the Year Award.

For a full list of categories, visit [iHeartRadio.com/awards](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__news.iheart.com_featured_iheartradio-2Dmusic-2Dawards_&d=DwMGaQ&c=uw6TLu4hwhHdiGJOgwcWD4AjKQx6zvFcGEsbfiY9-EI&r=z6Y8CBxBcJCLUvfyQYqtCODe6z4QDcKuSV_gBFe-KTI&m=M7TdD-Hp3LcyVdBGuO1vgK2U0pVAM_SGAKdjBwGxC0E&s=5kcI0RzXBRux3rn8XphiKqaXCKteqlMwUuT012fyr-Y&e=). Additional categories include Label of the Year, Titanium Song of the Year and Titanium Artist of the Year, and individual winners for Album of the Year in music’s biggest genres, including Pop, Country, Alternative Rock, Rock, Dance, Hip-Hop, R&B, Latin Pop/Reggaeton and Regional Mexican formats. Nominations are based on consumption data, including streaming, album sales, song sales and radio airplay.

Proud partners of the 2021 iHeartRadio Music Awards include Taco Bell®, Dr Pepper Zero Sugar and Rémy Martin with more to be announced.

iHeartRadio and Taco Bell are once again teaming up to celebrate the fans, artists and music that kept us all connected over the past year. Fans can tune in to a memorable moment in the show, compliments of iHeartRadio and Taco Bell.

Executive producers for the iHeartRadio Music Awards are Joel Gallen for Tenth Planet and John Sykes, Tom Poleman and Bart Peters for iHeartMedia.

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**About FOX Entertainment**

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