

## MARY J. BLIGE & JAY-Z ANNOUNCE HEART OF THE CITY TOUR

*70 MILLION ALBUMS, 12 GRAMMYS  
2 SUPERSTARS, 1 STAGE*

LOS ANGELES, CA (February 7, 2008) At long last, with over 70 million combined albums sold worldwide and 12 Grammy wins together, Mary J. Blige and JAY-Z announced today that they will embark on a historic 25-date North American co-headlining tour. The “**Mary J. Blige & JAY-Z: Heart of the City**” tour marks the first time in more than 15 years that an African American male/female bill of this stature have co-headlined a national concert tour.

The Live Nation and Haymon Events produced tour kicks off on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Miami’s American Airlines Arena and will hit major markets along the eastern seaboard as well as New Orleans, Houston, Las Vegas and Oakland. The “Mary J. Blige and JAY-Z: Heart of the City” tour will also make a special stop at L.A.’s Hollywood Bowl on April 16<sup>th</sup>. More dates will be announced in the coming weeks.

Tickets go on sale for the first shows beginning February 15<sup>th</sup> and are available through [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com). Citi cardmembers will also have access to purchase presale tickets through Citi’s Private Pass® Program, available to all Citi cardmembers at [www.privatepass.citi.com](http://www.privatepass.citi.com) beginning Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Confirmed dates are listed below.

The “Mary J. Blige & JAY-Z: Heart of the City” tour is the pinnacle of Mary and Jay’s long-time collaboration which began in 1996 with the classic “Can’t Knock The Hustle.” The multi-Grammy award winning powerhouses are two of the most successful artists of our time whose influence stretch far beyond any musical borders.



This will be JAY-Z’s first arena tour since his successful JAY-Z and Friends Tour in 2004 and the first to feature material from his 2006 **Kingdom Come** album and 2007’s critically acclaimed **American Gangster** album. A multiple Grammy, American Music Award and VMA award winner, JAY-Z has continued to set the bar for all artists and entrepreneurs. Co-founder of Roc-A-Fella Records, he currently is the president of Rocawear, part owner of the New Jersey Nets and co-owner of the successful 40/40 chain. Most recently, Shawn “JAY-Z” Carter held the title of President of Def Jam Records where he helped guide the careers of superstar artists and multiple Grammy nominees such as Rihanna, Ne-Yo, NAS, Kanye West and Young Jeezy.

Mary J. Blige is a truly iconic artist whose longevity in the music business is a rarity. Her 8<sup>th</sup> and current studio album, **Growing Pains** (released 12/18 on Matriarch/Geffen), reached platinum in three weeks and is grabbing the hearts of the critics and fans alike. People magazine says “There are three things you can count on: death, taxes and good Mary J. Blige albums.”

A six-time Grammy Award winner, Mary has won more than 25 awards in all, including NAACP Awards, American Music Awards, Billboard Awards, BET Awards, MTV’s Video Music Awards, Soul Train Awards



and more. Over the span of her 15-year career, Mary has blessed us with **8 platinum and multi-platinum studio albums** (she released a live album in 1998 and a greatest hits album in 2005 both to critical acclaim and incredible sales) **selling more than 40 million copies worldwide**. With every album she has proven that hers is a voice of healing; a voice of reckoning.

**MARY J. BLIGE & JAY-Z: HEART OF THE CITY TOUR**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
March 22	Miami, FL	American Airlines Arena
March 26	Baltimore, MD	1st Mariner Arena
March 27	Uniondale, NY	Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
March 28	East Rutherford, NJ	Izod Center
March 30	Philadelphia, PA	Wachovia Center
April 2	Toronto, ON	Air Canada Centre
April 3	Boston, MA	TD Banknorth Garden
April 5	Greensboro, NC	Greensboro Coliseum
April 6	Washington, DC	Verizon Center
April 16	Los Angeles, CA	Hollywood Bowl

**\*\*\* MORE CITIES/DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON**

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