

Mary J. Blige & JAY-Z

Saturday, May 3 - 7:30PM

Boardwalk Hall | Atlantic City, NJ

On Sale March 22 @ 10am

70 MILLION ALBUMS, 12 GRAMMYS 2 SUPERSTARS, 1 STAGE

At long last, with over 70 million combined albums sold worldwide and 12 Grammy wins together, **Mary J. Blige** and **JAY-Z** announced last month 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. Also announced were some of the stops on the tour, including one in Atlantic City - Saturday, May 3 at Boardwalk Hall!

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 eighth and current studio album, *Growing Pains* (released 12/18), reached platinum in three weeks and is grabbing the hearts of critics and fans alike. People Magazine said, "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 eight 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.

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Tickets for this event can be purchased at the Boardwalk Hall's Box Office, all Ticketmaster locations, Ticketmaster.com, LiveNation.com and Charge-by-Phone 800-736-1420.

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