



Foo Fighters to receive MTV VMAs' first-ever US Global Icon Award

SINGAPORE (August 20, 2021) - After a long and storied history with MTV, **Foo Fighters** will receive the first ever MTV “VMAs” Global Icon Award at this year’s show, airing LIVE from Barclays Center on Sunday, September 12 at 8PM ET/PT.



High-resolution headshots [here](#).

Previous “VMAs” stats:

First nominated in 1996 for “Big Me” in four categories (Video of the Year, Best Group Video, Best Alternative Video, Best Direction); a total of two “VMAs” wins (1996 won Best Group Video “Big Me”; 2011 won Best Rock “Walk”).

o Most recently took home a Moon Person in 2011 for “Walk” (Best Rock Video)

Foo Fighters have had many memorable “VMAs” moments over the years, including:

- “VMAs” debut performance in 1997, performing "Monkey Wrench" and "Everlong" during the pre-show.
- 2007 – Foo Fighters Fantasy Suite show; performing multiple hits which also included guest stars Cee-Lo, Motorhead's Lemmy and System of the Down’s Serj Tankian.
- **BIO:** The 1995 release of Foo Fighters' self-titled first album began the ascent of Dave Grohl, Taylor Hawkins, Nate Mendel, Chris Shiflett, Pat Smear and Rami Jaffee to their current standing as the last great American arena/stadium rock band. Along the way they’ve won 12 Grammy Awards, sold tens of millions of records and created anthems like “This Is A Call,” “Everlong,” “Monkey Wrench,” “My Hero,” “Learn To Fly,” “All My Life,” “Times Like These,” “Best Of You,” “The Pretender,” “Walk,” “These Days,” “The Sky Is A Neighborhood” and more. Foo Fighters’ monolithic catalogue includes *The Colour and the Shape*, *There Is Nothing Left To Lose*, *One By One*, *In Your Honor*, *Echoes, Silence, Patience and Grace*, *Wasting Light*, *Sonic Highways* (which shared its title with the double-Emmy-winning Grohl-directed HBO docuseries), and *Concrete and Gold*. Foo Fighters' globally anticipated 10th album, *Medicine at Midnight*, was released February 5, 2021 on Roswell Records/RCA Records—Preceded by the chart-topping groove of “Shame Shame,” the brain-rattling “No Son of Mine,” and the epic swell of “Waiting on a War,” *Medicine at Midnight* has been hailed as "Brighter and more optimistic than anything they’ve ever done" (ROLLING STONE), “One of Foo Fighters’ best albums of this century” (WALL STREET JOURNAL) and "another winner” (MERCURY NEWS).

Previously Announced “VMAs” News:

TUNE IN:

The 2021 “VMAs” will take place at Barclays Center on Sunday, September 12 starting from 8PM ET/PT. Fans in Southeast Asia can catch the awards show on the MTV Asia channel in a same-day delayed primetime premiere at 7pm (WIB) and 8pm (SG/MY/PH) on Monday, September 13.

PERFORMERS:

- Camila Cabello, Lil Nas X, LORDE, Machine Gun Kelly and Olivia Rodrigo are set to take the 2021 “VMAs” stage. Additional performers to be announced soon.
- Can’t-miss world premiere performances from Lil Nas X (“Industry Baby”), LORDE and Machine Gun Kelly (“papercuts”)
- Camila Cabello returns to the “VMAs” stage for a performance of “Don’t Go Yet”
- Olivia Rodrigo will make her “VMAs” debut with “good 4 u.”

NOMINATIONS:

- Justin Bieber (7) and Megan Thee Stallion (6) lead this year’s nominations, closely followed by Billie Eilish, BTS, Doja Cat, Drake, Giveon, Lil Nas X and Olivia Rodrigo (5 each). Full nominee list here.

VOTING: Fans can vote for their favorites across 14 gender-neutral categories, including “Video of the Year,” “Artist of the Year,” “Best Collaboration” and more by visiting vma.mtv.com through Friday, September 3, 2021 – thanks to Burger King®, the presenter of this year’s award voting. Voting for “Best New Artist,” Presented by Facebook, will remain active into the show on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Nominations for social categories including “Best Group” and “Song of Summer” will be announced at a later date.

PRODUCTION CREDITS Bruce Gillmer and Den of Thieves co-founder Jesse Ignjatovic are Executive Producers for the 2021 “VMAs.” Barb Bialkowski is Co-Executive Producer. Alicia Portugal and Jackie Barba serve as Executives in Charge of Production. Wendy Plaut is Executive in Charge of Celebrity Talent. Lisa Lauricella is Music Talent Executive.

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