

**MARIAH CAREY COLLECTS 8 NOMINATIONS FOR 48th
ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS, INCLUDING RECORD OF THE
YEAR, ALBUM OF THE YEAR, AND SONG OF THE YEAR
HONORS**

**GRAMMY NOMINATIONS NEWS FOLLOWS UP FIVE BILLBOARD MUSIC
AWARDS THIS WEEK IN R&B/HIP-HOP, POP, AND OVERALL CATEGORIES,
AND NOVEMBER WINS AT AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS AND *VIBE*
AWARDS**

**THE EMANCIPATION OF MIMI: ULTRA PLATINUM EDITION HITS 5x-
PLATINUM – TIED AS RIAA’s HIGHEST CERTIFIED RECORD OF 2005**

**“Don’t Forget About Us” current single makes digital download debut on December
13th, with 5 different remixes for 5 separate online retailers: iTunes, MSN Music,
Napster, Real/Rhapsody, and Yahoo! Music Engine**

(Dec. 8, 2005 – New York, NY) Performer and songwriter **Mariah Carey** made a personal appearance at Gotham Hall in Manhattan this morning, where she joined fellow artists to announce nominees for the upcoming 48th annual Grammy Awards – and then went on to collect 8 nominations herself (tied for the highest number of nominations this year), it was announced by Antonio “L.A.” Reid, Chairman, Island Def Jam Music Group. Mariah’s Grammy Awards nominations include:

Album of the Year - *The Emancipation of Mimi*
Song of the Year - "We Belong Together"
Record of the Year - "We Belong Together"
Best Female Pop Vocal Performance - "It's Like That"
Best Female R&B Vocal Performance - "We Belong Together"
Best Traditional R&B Vocal Performance - "Mine Again"
Best R&B Song - "We Belong Together"
Best Contemporary R&B Album

Mariah’s 5x-platinum Island Records album, ***The Emancipation Of Mimi***, which has sold more than 7 million copies worldwide, generated Grammy Award nominations across the board in several areas, including the General Field (Record Of the Year and Song of the Year for **“We Belong Together,”** and Album Of the Year), and the Pop Field (Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for **“It’s Like That”**). In the R&B Field, **“We Belong Together”** was nominated for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance and Best R&B Song, **“Mine Again”** was nominated for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance, and ***Mimi*** was nominated for Best Contemporary R&B Album. Grammy winners will be announced on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at Staples Center in Los Angeles, broadcast on the CBS television network (and around the world), 8:00-11:30 p.m. (EST/PST).

Mariah's Grammy Awards nominations follow her recent string of wins at the *VIBE* Awards, the American Music Awards – and earlier this week at the 2005 Billboard Music Awards, where she was named Top R&B Singles Artist - Female, Top R&B/Hip-Hop Artist - Female, Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums Artist - Female, and Top Overall Albums Artist - Female, with **“We Belong Together”** named the #1 Hot 100 Single Of the Year.

Sights are now set on the historic December 13th Internet retail roll-out of the current #2 Hot 100 Airplay smash, **“Don't Forget About Us.”** Written by Mariah Carey and produced by Jermaine Dupri and Mariah Carey, and mixed by Phil Tan and Jermaine Dupri, **“Don't Forget About Us”** is currently available only as a physical single or one of the four new tracks on **THE EMANCIPATION OF MIMI: ULTRA PLATINUM EDITION**. In an unprecedented release, **“Don't Forget About Us”** will now be available as a digital download in five different remixes, each one exclusive to a separate digital retailer:

- iTunes: **“Don't Forget About Us Remix featuring Juelz Santana & Bone Thugs-N-Harmony”** (3:32, the original album version)
- MSN Music: **“Don't Forget About Us (Ralphie and Jody DB Anthemic Dub)”** (11:43), remix produced, programmed & engineered by Ralphie Rosario;
- Napster: **“Don't Forget About Us (Dance Floor Anthem) (Tony Moran & Warren Rigg)”** (9:32), remixed by Tony Moran & Warren Rigg;
- Real/Rhapsody: **“Don't Forget About Us (Ralphie Rosario and Craig Martini Vocal)”** (7:41), remix produced, programmed & engineered by Ralphie Rosario & Craig J. Snider;
- Yahoo! Music Engine: **“Don't Forget About Us (Quentin Shelter Anthem Mix)”** (12:29), a Quentin Harris re-production.

(Note: AOL Music will also have the exclusive stream of the iTunes remix.)

The first-time digital roll-out of **“Don't Forget About Us”** expands Mariah's sales presence on the Internet, where cumulative ring-tone downloads of **MIMI**'s three singles – **“We Belong Together,”** **“Shake It Off,”** and **“Don't Forget About Us”** – have surpassed the 2 million mark.

Mariah's sweep of the 2005 Billboard Music Awards follows her recent wins at last month's 33rd annual American Music Awards (where was voted Favorite Soul/Rhythm & Blues Female Artist by the 20,000 record-buyers whose votes determine the winners); and 3rd annual *VIBE* Awards, where Mariah won for Artist Of The Year, Album Of The Year, R&B Voice Of The Year, and Best R&B Song for **“We Belong Together,”** the most awards won by any individual artist this year.

ULTRA PLATINUM EDITION (which arrived in stores November 15th), the expanded new configuration of her 5x-platinum Island Records album, stays inside the top 10 on the pop and R&B charts in its 34th week out. **ULTRA PLATINUM EDITION** recaps all 14 tracks on **THE EMANCIPATION OF MIMI** and adds four new tracks: **“Don’t Forget About Us,”** #1 most-added at Pop, Rhythm and Urban radio formats as it moves to the top of the charts; **“So Lonely (One and Only Part 2),”** Mariah’s collaboration with Twista (with a new extra verse written by Mariah); the remix of **“We Belong Together”** featuring Jadakiss and Styles P. (previously only available digitally online); and **“Making It Last All Night (What It Do),”** featuring Jermaine Dupri. **MIMI** is currently tied as 2005’s highest certified record to date, according to the RIAA

ULTRA PLATINUM EDITION is also available as a special deluxe limited edition two-disc (CD + DVD) package. The exclusive DVD contains full-length video clips for **“It’s Like That,”** **“We Belong Together,”** **“Shake It Off,”** and **“Get Your Number”** (featuring **Jermaine Dupri**, making its U.S. debut here); a never-before-seen interview – “Mariah: In Her Own Words,” plus a link to access the brand new video for **“Don’t Forget About Us.”**

In early September, Mariah became the first female lead artist in the 47 years of the Billboard Hot 100 ***ever*** to occupy the #1 and #2 spots in the same week, with **“We Belong Together”** (her 16th #1 career single) and **“Shake It Off,”** respectively. The biggest single in the history of both Mariah and the Island Def Jam Music Group, **“We Belong Together”** hit an astonishing 14 weeks at #1. This positions Mariah as the only active artist with the potential to match or surpass the Beatles (with 20 #1’s) and Elvis Presley (18 #1’s) in the modern era.

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