

'Dreamgirls' leads Academy Awards pack with eight nominations

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America's #1 Album & #1 Soundtrack, 'Dreamgirls - Music From the Motion Picture,' on Music World /Columbia/Sony Music Soundtrax, Is First Movie Musical Soundtrack to Hit #1 on Billboard Top 200 Since 1978's 'Grease'

"Dreamgirls," the acclaimed DreamWorks and Paramount Pictures film directed by Bill Condon, leads the pack for the 79th Academy Awards with a total of eight nominations including a phenomenal three in a single category: Best Original Song.

Oscar nominations for "Dreamgirls" include:

Best Original Song:

"Listen" from "Dreamgirls" " Henry Krieger, Scott Cutler and Anne Preven

"Love You I Do," from "Dreamgirls" " Henry Krieger and Siedah Garrett

â€œPatienceâ€• from â€œDreamgirlsâ€• â€“ Henry Krieger and Willie Reale

Best Supporting Actor:

Eddie Murphy in â€œDreamgirlsâ€•

Best Supporting Actress:

Jennifer Hudson in â€œDreamgirlsâ€•

Best Art Direction: â€œDreamgirlsâ€• â€“ Art Direction: John Myhre; Set Decoration: Nancy Haigh

Best Sound Mixing: â€œDreamgirlsâ€• â€“ â€œDreamgirlsâ€• â€“ Michael Minkler, Bob Beemer and Willie Burton

Best Costume Design: "Dreamgirls" Sharen Davis

The 79th Academy Awards ceremony will be broadcast live on February 25, 2007 at 5 p.m. PST (8 p.m. EST) on ABC (check your local listings).

"Dreamgirls," the movie version of the 1981 Grammy and Tony-winning Broadway musical, took home three Golden Globes this year including Best Motion Picture -- Musical or Comedy; Best Supporting Actress (Jennifer Hudson) and Best Supporting Actor (Eddie Murphy).

DREAMGIRLS - Music From the Motion Picture, the official soundtrack album from the heralded Dreamworks and Paramount Pictures film, reached #1 for two weeks running on the Billboard Top 200 becoming the first soundtrack from a movie musical to hit the top slot since Paramount's "Grease" in 1978.

Beyonce's "Listen," the first single from DREAMGIRLS - Music From the Motion Picture, was co-written by Beyonce with "Dreamgirls" composer Henry Krieger, Anne Preven and Scott Cutler and is one of four original songs on the soundtrack not featured in the original Broadway production. "Listen" won the prestigious Broadcast Film Critics Association award for Best Song while DREAMGIRLS - Music From the Motion Picture took home the BFCA trophy for Best Soundtrack. The film also took home BFCA and Screen Actors Guild (SAG) honors for Best Supporting Actor (Eddie Murphy) and Best Supporting Actress (Jennifer Hudson).

"Music World was always excited about being involved in the 'Dreamgirls' soundtrack. When we signed on, we knew there was something very special about the music and the motion picture. There was also a certain magic with the ensemble cast of multi-talented actors/singers and being involved with the music was an incredible experience. I am excited to see history being made and to see everyone being recognized for all their hard work," says Mathew Knowles, President and CEO of Music World Entertainment.

The smash soundtrack album features an incredible line-up of award-caliber performances from Beyonce, Jamie Foxx, Eddie Murphy, Anika Noni Rose and breakout star Jennifer Hudson.

Columbia Records:

One of the oldest and most respected record labels in the world, Columbia Records traces its origins back to the late 1880s. The Columbia Records roster has boasted such superstars as Marc Anthony, Louis Armstrong, Tony Bennett, Beyonce, Mariah Carey, Cypress Hill, Miles Davis, Destiny's Child, Dixie Chicks, Bob Dylan, Duke Ellington, the Fugees, Jagged Edge, Ricky Martin, John Mayer, Patti Smith, Bruce Springsteen, Train, Pete Dinklage, and many more.

Music World Entertainment:

Music World Entertainment (MWE) is one of the world's leading entertainment and music conglomerates dedicated to bringing quality entertainment to the world. MWE worldwide business includes record labels, artist and producer management, staff producers, artist development, Master catalog series, investment and property holdings, including offices in Houston, Los Angeles, and New York with a London office opening in January 2007. MWE is the brainchild of President and CEO Mathew Knowles, the powerhouse management behind the success of Grammy Award-winners Beyonce and global phenomenon Destiny's Child, the most successful "girl group" in the history of pop music.

Music World is one of the most successful labels in the world with over 100 million records sold to date including releases by Destiny's Child, Beyonce, Solange Knowles, Michelle Williams, the "Dreamgirls," "Roll Bounce," and "Kids Rap Radio" soundtracks and the highly anticipated upcoming Music World Master Series releases.

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