

# BEYONCÉ DAZZLES & U2 SCORCHES AT BERLIN EDITION OF MTV EUROPE MUSIC AWARDS

**Berlin, 5 November 2009: Beyoncé** was the major winner of the evening at the 2009 MTV **Europe Music Awards (EMAs)** in Berlin. The versatile singer, writer and producer took home a total of three EMA trophies - **Best Female**, **Best Song** and **Best Video** - from the glittering music celebration, held at the O2 World on 5 November 2009.

Eminem won the coveted **Best Male** category at the Awards, which honours and celebrates Europe's contemporary music stars, while **Jay-Z** triumphed in the **Best Urban** category. **U2** clinched a well-deserved **Best Live Act** – scoring their third EMA award win since the MTV Europe Music Awards debuted in 1994.

Creative powerhouse Lady Gaga was honoured in the Best New Act category while Green Day scored a victory over the Best Rock contenders. Best Group went to German rockers Tokio Hotel, who also wowed the 9,000-strong crowd with a stunning rendition of their hit *The World Behind My Wall*, culminating in an explosive pyrotechnical display and the band's instruments consumed by flames. Placebo captured the Best Alternative prize while Turkey's maNga carried off the crown for Best European Act. Best World Stage Performance was won by Linkin Park while Pixie Lott was pronounced the first ever MTV Push Artist – both categories were added to this year's EMAs for the first time in recognition of the artists who have been championed by MTV on their global music franchises.

Held in Berlin to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the 2009 EMAs featured electrifying live performances from **Beyoncé**, **Jay-Z**, **Green Day**, **Leona** 

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Lewis, Tokio Hotel, Foo Fighters, Shakira and U2 – broadcasting to more than 500 million

households around the world.

The EMAs burst into thrilling life with an electrifying opening number by Green Day, followed

by Katy Perry's irreverent mash-up of the five Best Song contenders that included Beyoncé's

monster hit Halo and Kings of Leon's Use Somebody.

Effervescent host Katy Perry brought her trademark energy and quirky humour to the awards,

appearing in a dazzling array of costumes and looks inspired by burlesque and Liza Minnelli's

Oscar-winning appearance in Cabaret, the novel which lifted the lid on decadent 1930's

Berlin. The stunning hostess fulfilled her role with signature relish and flair, equally at home in a

stylish bowler hat covered in thousands of crystals, or reclining in a giant cocktail glass, or

soaring high above the audience on a glittering half-moon shaped swing.

Rock icons **U2** brought Berlin to a standstill with an awe-inspiring performance beamed into

the show from the city's historic Brandenburg Gate, a symbol of peace and reconciliation to

people around the world and site of the first ever MTV Europe Music Awards. In front of

10,000 music fans, the music legends performed a short set comprising some of their best

loved songs including a powerful rendition of Sunday, Bloody Sunday and an uplifting

medley of Magnificent and One - the haunting anthem inspired by the fall of the Berlin Wall

in 1989.

Among the many show highlights was a strikingly sexy performance of Happy by Leona

Lewis, an upbeat version of Sweet Dreams by Beyoncé and a high octane rock medley of

Wheels and All My Life by the Foo Fighters. Colombian siren Shakira sent temperatures rising

with a steamy performance of Did It Again, performed with dancers dressed only in skimpy

towels.

Guest presenters at the EMAs included actor, musician and international celebrity David The

Hoff Hasselhoff, hip hop star Lil' Kim, World heavyweight boxing champion Wladimir Klitschko,

actor Jesse Metcalfe, pop/rock phenomena Jonas Brothers, Backstreet Boys, Juliette Lewis,

Jean Reno, Miranda Cosgrove, Asia Argento, Bar Refaeli, Brody Jenner and Batista. Soul

singer **Joss Stone** hosted digital show 2009 EMA: Red Carpet Show while Fall Out Boy's **Pete Wentz** hosted digital show 2009 EMA: All Access. Guests at the show included *Inglorious* 

Basterds actor **Daniel Brühl**, supermodel **Franziska Knuppe**, German soccer legend **Lothar** 

Matthäus, David Guetta, Pixie Lott, Tara Reid and Daniel Merrieweather.

The winners of the 2009 MTV Europe Music Awards are:

Best Male:

Eminem

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Best Female: Beyoncé
Best Group: Tokio Hotel

Best Video: Beyoncé - Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)

Best Song:

Best Rock:

Best Rock:

Green Day

Lady Gaga

Best Live Act: U2

Best Alternative:

MTV Push Artist:

Pixie Lott

Best World Stage Performer:

Linkin Park

Best European Act:

maNga

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