

ENTERTAINMENT

Hammer To Host 19th Annual "American Music Awards"

Special Airing On ABC-TV, Monday, January 27



Last year's top American Music Award winner, Hammer, will host the 19th annual "American Music Awards," airing on the ABC-Television Network

Female Vocalist, Favorite Group, Favorite Album and Single, and Favorite New Artist. In the Rap, Heavy Metal, Adult contemporary and Dance Music

as a three-hour prime-time special on Monday, January 27, 8-11 PM, Eastern & Pacific time (7-10 PM, Central).

The TV special, which is traditionally the highest rated of all music awards shows, is a presentation of Dick Clark Productions, Inc., with Clark serving as executive producer, and will originate from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, California.

In only three years, Hammer has become one of the biggest-selling and most-acclaimed recording artists in the world. His 1990 release, "Please Hammer Don't Hurt' Em," sold 15 million copies worldwide and topped the Album charts in this country for 21 weeks. Hammer is currently in the unique position of having two records in the Top 40, the title cut from his current album, "Too Legit To Quit" and "Addams Groove," one of the four songs he performs and co-wrote for the hit movie, "The Addams Family."

Nominations for the "American Music Awards" are in seven categories. In the Pop/Rock, Country and Soul/Rhythm & Blues categories, awards will be presented for Favorite Male and

categories, awards will be presented for Favorite Artist, New Artist and Album. In all, 30 awards will be presented in these seven categories.

In addition, a special "Award Of Merit" will be presented for "outstanding contributions over a long period of time, to the musical entertainment of the American Public." Nominations for the "American Music Awards" will be announced at a press conference, December 17 at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Winners of American Music Awards are selected by the public. A national sampling of approximately 20,000, taking into account geographic location, age, sex and ethnic origin, will be sent ballots by the National Family Opinion, Inc. firm. Names of the nominees on the ballot will be compiled from data supplied by the music industry trade publication, Radio & Records, and the SoundScan Inc., management information system. Results of the voting, tabulated by the KPMG Peat Marwick accounting firm, are kept secret until envelopes are opened during the presentation ceremonies.

ROOTS



"Roots," the highest-rated mini-series of all time, will air on The Family Channel at 8:00 p.m. Eastern/Pacific for six nights beginning Jan. 20, 1992. This will be the first national airing of this monumental drama since 1977. It also will air nightly at 11:30 p.m. Jan. 20-25.

Virgin Artist Endorses Safe Sex Campaign For Teens

In an effort to combat sexually transmitted diseases (STD) and create awareness of the devastating impact of AIDS among our young adults, Virgin Records' RAP artist, REDHEAD KINGPIN has launched a national "safe sex" campaign geared towards young minorities.

Statistics show that of the 12,607 adult/adolescent females with AIDS 52% are black and 20% are hispanic. In addition, over one fifth of people infected with AIDS are in their twenties. Knowing the incubation period between HIV infection and the onset of symptoms is seven to ten years, most of these people contracted HIV as teenagers. There has been a 50% increase in the AIDS rate for 13-19 years olds between 1988-90.

The campaign has a hotline (1-800-448-2007) where young people can call in and receive a "safe sex" message from Redhead. Additionally, a national mailing will be directed towards radio stations, retail outlets, media centers and large urban locales. The packet will consist of educational literature on "safe sex" behavior, information on AIDS in America, a condom, and in keeping with the theme of restraint, a cassette single or "Nice & Slow" from Redhead's latest album.

Red wants parents to understand his first word of advice to teens is to practice "abstinence" but if young people are going to be sexually active they need to be informed, educated and aware.

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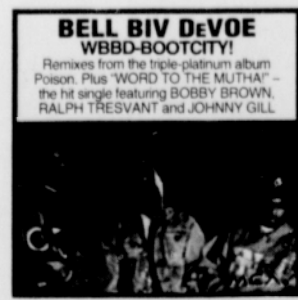
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