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GRAMMY® NOMINEE ADELE TO MAKE MUCH ANTICIPATED RETURN TO THE STAGE ON THE 54TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS®

Singer Will Perform Live for the First Time Since Undergoing Vocal Cord Surgery Last Fall

*Music's Biggest Night® — Hosted by Rapper/Actor LL COOL J — Airs Live on CBS
Sunday, Feb. 12, 8 ET/PT*

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Jan. 31, 2012) — Current GRAMMY® nominee **Adele** will make her much anticipated return to the live stage on the **54th Annual GRAMMY Awards** (www.grammy.com). This will be her first time performing live in nearly five months since being forced to cancel a sold-out U.S. tour to undergo surgery on her vocal cords. **Music's Biggest Night®** — hosted by two-time GRAMMY winner **LL COOL J** — takes place live on **Sunday, Feb. 12** at STAPLES Center in Los Angeles and will be broadcast in high definition and 5.1 surround sound on the **CBS Television Network** from **8 – 11:30 p.m. (ET/PT)**. The show also will be supported on radio worldwide via Dial Global, and covered online at GRAMMY.com and CBS.com, and on YouTube at www.youtube.com/thegrammys. Additional performers, presenters and special segments will be announced soon. For GRAMMY coverage, updates and breaking news, please visit The Recording Academy®'s social networks on Twitter and Facebook: www.twitter.com/thegrammys, www.facebook.com/thegrammys.

"I'm immensely proud to have been asked to perform at this year's GRAMMY Awards," said Adele. "It's an absolute honor to be included in such a night, and for it to be my first performance in months is very exciting and of course nerve-racking, but what a way to get back into it all."

Two-time GRAMMY winner Adele has six nominations: Record Of The Year, Song Of The Year and Best Short Form Music Video for "Rolling In The Deep"; Album Of The Year and Best Pop Vocal Album for *21*; and Best Pop Solo Performance for "Someone Like You."

Previously announced performers for the 54th Annual GRAMMY Awards include **Jason Aldean** and **Kelly Clarkson**; **Glen Campbell** with **The Band Perry** and **Blake Shelton**; **Coldplay** and **Rihanna**; **Foo Fighters**; **Bruno Mars**; **Paul McCartney**; **Nicki Minaj**; and **Taylor Swift**. Aldean, The Band Perry, Minaj, and Shelton will perform on the GRAMMY telecast for the first time, while Adele, Campbell, Clarkson, Coldplay, Foo Fighters, Mars, McCartney, Rihanna, and Swift are returning to the GRAMMY stage. LL COOL J has hosted "The GRAMMY Nominations Concert Live!! — Countdown To Music's Biggest Night" since its inception in December 2008, and this is his first time hosting the annual GRAMMY Awards telecast.

The 54th Annual GRAMMY Awards are produced by John Cossette Productions and AEG Ehrlich Ventures for The Recording Academy®. Ken Ehrlich is executive producer, Louis J. Horvitz is director, and David Wild and Ken Ehrlich are the writers.

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