

THE GROUP THAT MADE EVERYONE SWEAT AND SAY HMMM... C&C MUSIC FACTORY RECEIVES FIVE AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS

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The 19th annual American Music Awards was, as usual, energetic and electrifying.

Just as the Metrodome, in Minneapolis, was full of screaming fans, the day before, for Super Bowl XXVI, the Shrine Auditorium, in Los Angeles, was rockin' all night.

C&C Music Factory stole the show by accepting five awards. The group, which emerged into the music scene in late 1990, took the prizes in the Favorite Dance categories of New Artist, Artist, and Single (Gonna Make You Sweat). They also accepted awards in the Favorite Pop/Rock

categories of New Artist and Band.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson addressed the crowd saying, "...whether its basketball or show business, the show must go on, so lets do this..." Johnson and former Laker girl Paula Abdul presented Michael Bolton with the Favorite Pop/Rock Album.

Color Me Badd, which had been nominated 7 times, collected only one award in the Favorite R&B Single category for their hit song off the New Jack City Soundtrack "I Wanna Sex You Up."

Veterans Luther Vandross and Natalie Cole garnered two

awards a piece.

Vandross won in the Favorite R&B Category for Male Artist and Album.

"I'm very happy, love you all very much - Thank You," said the King of love songs.

Cole received her award in the Adult Contemporary category for Favorite Female Artist and Album. Her album features a remake as well as a simulated duet, with her father, the late Nat King Cole, of the song Unforgettable. Cole accepted both awards graciously and even kidded with Whitney Houston saying, "I don't know how many times Whitney and I have been

in the same category, but I'm gonna enjoy this one," as she pointed, jokingly, to Houston. Natalie seemed to remember everyone in her acceptance speeches. except for her father, as not once, did she mention his name.

The American Music Award of Merit went to the Godfather Of Soul, James Brown.

"I'm so pleased for you, 'cause you truly, truly, truly deserve this," said Gladys Knight.

Before Hammer presented Brown with the prestigious award, Dick Clark took the stage to honor the Godfather. "James, you and I have been friends for over 30 years and have had some world class arguments. You're not an easy person to love - but you know - I Love You."

The Godfather performed a medley of his songs and before doing so he let everyone know, "God Bless America, God Bless the World and God Bless the Kids - they're the leaders of tomorrow, so keep 'em clean."

Beside the standing ovation(s) for "Magic" and Brown, the crowd showed Boyz II Men much appreciation as well as a standing ovation after the quartet sang their hit remake "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye" acapella. The four young crooners walked away with the "Favorite R&B New Artist" trophy.

The rap winners included Naughty By Nature, Hammer and DJ Jazzy Jeff and Fresh Prince.

Emcee, Hammer, showed some anxiety while hosting an awards ceremony for the first time but showed no anxiety in showing off his 8 outfits, he wore, throughout the show. The night was climaxed by Hammer & his "posse" in an exciting number that included a number of his latest cuts.

There were 31 awards presented on the show, including



JAMES BROWN RECEIVES AMERICAN MUSIC AWARD OF MERIT

James Brown's Award Of Merit. 17 of them were presented to African-Americans.

1992 AMERICAN MUSIC AWARD WINNERS

- FAVORITE ARTIST**
- ADULT CONTEMPORARY - Natalie Cole
- POP/ROCK FEMALE - Paula Abdul
- R&B FEMALE - Mariah Carey
- R&B MALE - Luther Vandross
- DANCE - C&C Music Factory
- RAP - Hammer
- FAVORITE NEW ARTISTS**
- POP/ROCK - C&C Music Factory
- DANCE - C&C Music Factory

- RAP - Naughty By Nature
- R&B - Boyz II Men
- FAVORITE ALBUM**
- ADULT CONTEMPORARY - Natalie Cole
- RAP - DJ Jazzy Jeff & Fresh Prince
- R&B - Luther Vandross
- FAVORITE BAND**
- POP/ROCK - C&C Music Factory
- R&B - Bell, Biv, Devoe
- FAVORITE SINGLE**
- DANCE - Gonna Make You Sweat (C&C Music Factory)
- R&B - I Wanna Sex You Up (Color Me Badd)
- AWARD OF MERIT**
- James Brown

Kimberly's Entertainment News

LOVE IS IN THE AIR! Yes, many of our HOLLYWOOD CELEBRITIES are breathing in the FEBRUARY LOVE ZONE. BLAIR UNDERWOOD has made that LARGE COMMITMENT to EDDIE MURPHY'S assistant, DESIRE DUCOSTA. Over the Christmas Holidays BLAIR gave DESIRE an engagement ring while they were visiting BLAIR'S family in Virginia. I GUESS IT PAYS GREATLY TO HAVE A LA-LA JOB IN HOLLYWOOD. DESIRE is originally from SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA. I know her pretty well because she use to come home in California when I had my WORLD FAMOUS "WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW PARTIES." They are planning a Spring wedding, and I guess we will be calling DESIRE, MRS. UNDERWOOD. I can remember a long time ago before BLAIR'S HOLLYWOOD SUCCESS he asked me to introduce him to JANET JACKSON. I told him that one day he would meet her own his own because I knew he was going to be a major STAR. Well, DESIRE AIN'T JANET, BUT SHE'S NO CHOP LIVER EITHER. AS VESTA WOULD SAY, "CONGRATULATIONS!" PEABO BRYSON will host a two hour GRAMMY AWARDS PREVIEW TELEVISION

SHOW. His "CAN YOU STOP THE RAIN" record has been nominated as this years best new R&B single. MICHEAL JACKSON is BACK IN THE THE BLACK. He hired "BOYZ N THE HOOD" director JOHN SINGLETON to direct his next musical video. EDDIE MURPHY IS SAID TO MAKE A CAMEO APPEARANCE IN THE "MICHEAL JACKSON VIDEO." THE SOUL TRAIN AWARDS are fast approaching. I WILL BE THERE TO TAKE YOU THERE!!! BODY SCULPT is FEATURING A NEW ANTI-DRUG VIDEO STARRING GREGORY HINES, KOOL MOE DEE, LISA LISA & CULT JAM, HEAVY DEE, KID & PLAY, M.C. LYTE. JUST TO NAME A FEW. A NEW YORK PARTY JAM recently took place to showcase

the new video at the CHINA CLUB. ALL OF THE ENTERTAINING PEOPLE WERE IN THE HOUSE LIKE: GREGORY HINES, FULL FORCE & LISA LISA, AND M.C. LYTE. Speaking of KOOL MOE DEE, HOMEBOY just recently had his MERCEDES BENZ REPOSSESSED BY THE IRS. YEAH, THAT RHYMES! Apparently, KOOL was not COOL in paying THE MAN, so they took one of his LA-LA GOODIES! BOOHOO!! The KOOL MERCEDES WAS AUCTIONED OFF FOR \$20,000.00, BUT IT IS SAID THAT KOOL PAID \$34,000.00 FOR THE MERCEDES' GOODBAR.

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