

Black Eyed Peas capture three AMAs

LOS ANGELES (AP) - They ruled the American Music Awards with three wins, but don't look for the Black Eyed Peas to score another trifecta when Grammy nominations are announced in a few weeks.

The band's most recent record, 2005's "Monkey Business," was named favorite rap/hip-hop album, but it isn't eligible for consideration for the Grammy awards in February.

Still, the hybrid hip-hop quartet, which blends rap and vocals with jazzy backdrops and groovy bass lines, is clearly one of America's favorites, winning best group in both the rap/hip hop and soul/rhythm & blues categories.

Meanwhile, "Idol" Kelly Clarkson and Mary J. Blige

may have become instant Grammy frontrunners with double wins at the American Music Awards. They both have a new album that qualifies for consideration.

Clarkson captured trophies for pop/rock female and adult contemporary artist. Blige won favorite soul/rhythm & blues album for "The Breakthrough." She was also the favorite female R&B artist.

Oscar winner Jamie Foxx was named favorite male soul/rhythm & blues artist.

"I'm like a rookie in this music thing," he said. "This means a lot more than you think, man."

Foxx performed "Wish U Were Here" from his 2005 album "Unpredictable."

Eminem took favorite male rap/hip-hop artist. The

male pop/rock artist trophy went to dancehall singer Sean Paul. Shakira won favorite Latin artist, and Kirk Franklin captured the award for contemporary inspirational music.

"I know that a lot of people that say that they're Christians — you know, we don't always represent, and we don't always live it and we do, sometimes, some very stupid things, and you know we're not doing a good job," said Franklin.

"I want to make sure that when you see my life that it's a life that I'm gonna be proud of."

The ceremony, broadcast by ABC from the Shrine Auditorium last week, was hosted by talk show host Jimmy Kimmel.

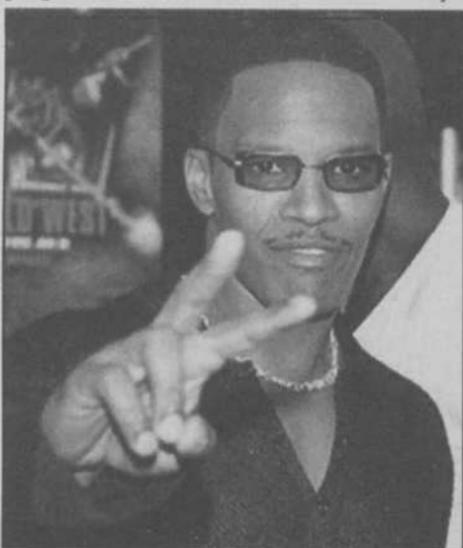
Beyonce began the show,



The multifaceted, multitalented Black Eyed Peas won three American Music Awards.

Jamie Foxx snags award as biological mom sees

LOS ANGELES (AP) - It was a more-than-unpredictable night for Oscar winner Jamie Foxx at the American Music Awards program at the Shrine Auditorium recently.



Jamie Foxx continues his stardom rise.

Not only did he snag his first AMA, for best soul-R&B male artist, but his biological mother attended the show. He hadn't seen her in years.

"I dedicate this song, y'all, to my mother in the audience and everyone. I hope you allow me to be myself," Foxx said, introducing a performance of his song "Wish U Were Here" from 2005's "Unpredictable."

Backstage, Foxx waxed poetic about his mother being present.

"My biological mother didn't raise me. A lady adopted my biological mother and then adopted me at 7 months," he said. "It feels good to have her see me doing something great."

When asked about winning an award for his music, on top of his Academy Award for his portrayal of Ray Charles in the movie "Ray," Foxx grinned.

"It's a different flow, of course. But for music, for what I want to do ...it's everything," he said.

Houston's Chamillionaire tabbed for rookie efforts

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Best new breakthrough artist nominee Chamillionaire didn't sport his usual hoodie sweatshirt and do-rag on the red carpet outside the American Music Awards.

Instead, the chart-topping rapper — with a golden grill attached to his teeth — wore a dapper brown suit and orange tie, his first.

"This is the first time in my life I've ever worn a tie, so this is big," he said. "It's just stepping out of the box a little bit. People expect me to wear a hoodie."

Other rappers, including top-ranked rhymer The Game, dressed up in suits, with their gold bling glittering around their necks. But rapper Chingy, who presented an award, traded in his posh hip-hop duds for a blazer and jeans.

"The AMAs are one of my favorite awards shows. It's casual," Chingy said.



Chamillionaire had a good rookie season.

belting out her single, "Irreplaceable," while vamping around the stage in a sparkly sequined mini dress.

Rapper Jay-Z stepped back into the spotlight, accompanied by scantily clad dancers as he performed a single, "Show Me What You Got," from his new album "Kingdom Come."

Lionel Richie made a festive return to the awards. Introduced by his daughter, Nicole Richie, the former Commodore performed a medley that included his '80s party anthem "All Night Long."

The American Music Awards honor the best in pop/rock, country, soul/

rhythm & blues, rap/hip hop, Latin, alternative, adult contemporary and contemporary inspirational music. Nominees were chosen based on record sales and winners were selected by a survey of about 20,000 listeners. Some awards were announced off camera before the broadcast presentations.

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