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Foo Fighters and Shakira Join 2009 MTV Europe Music Awards Performer Line-up

**Asia Argento, Backstreet Boys, Jean Reno, Juliette Lewis,
Miranda Cosgrove and Monica Bellucci To Present**

London, Wednesday 7 October 2009: US rock legends **Foo Fighters** and Colombian superstar **Shakira** were revealed as the latest in the lineup of performers at this year's MTV Europe Music Awards (EMAs), the news was announced today by MTV International (MTVNI), owned by Viacom Inc (NYSE: VIA, VIA.B). The MTV Europe Music Awards will be broadcast live from the O2 World, Berlin on **Thursday 5 November** at **9pm CET** and are sponsored by **Sony Ericsson**, MTV Games / Harmonix's **The Beatles™: Rock Band™** and **Dell**.

Foo Fighters and **Shakira** will be joined by celebrity presenters from music, TV and film including Italian actress and director **Asia Argento**, US idols **Backstreet Boys**, internationally acclaimed actor and star of *The Da Vinci Code* and *Léon* **Jean Reno**, actress and lead singer of Juliette & The New Romantics, **Juliette Lewis**, actress, musician and star of Nickelodeon's hit series *iCarly*, **Miranda Cosgrove**, and iconic Italian sex symbol and actress **Monica Bellucci**.

The **Foo Fighters**, **Shakira**, **Asia Argento**, **Backstreet Boys**, **Jean Reno**, **Juliette Lewis**, **Miranda Cosgrove** and **Monica Bellucci** will join already announced performers **Green Day**, **Leona Lewis** and **Tokio Hotel**, '2009 EMA: All Access' digital show host **Pete Wentz**

and MTV Europe Music Awards host, **Katy Perry**, at the event which will be broadcast to more than 502 million MTV homes in Europe and around the world.

14 years and 6 platinum-plus records in, **Foo Fighters** are poised to release their first ever greatest hits compilation, the cleverly titled *'Greatest Hits'*. Renowned the world over for stadium-filling anthems like *'Everlong'*, *'Learn To Fly'* and *'Best of You'*, the Foo Fighters' meteorically successful albums have included their eponymous 1995 debut, *'The Colour & The Shape'*, *'There Is Nothing Left To Lose'*, *'One By One'*, *'In Your Honor'* and *'Echoes Silence Patience & Grace'*. *'Greatest Hits'* collects highlights from every one of these classics and includes brand new future classics *'Wheels'* and *'Word Forward'*. The band will bring this legacy and energy to Berlin at this year's EMAs.

Siren **Shakira**, known for not only her impressive vocal range but her fluid, sexy dancing ability, first caught the world's attention on MTV's first ever Spanish-language MTV Unplugged in 1999. International smash hit album *'Laundry Service'* followed, as did simultaneous Spanish and English language albums *'Fijacion Oral Vol.1'* and *'Oral Fixation Vol.2'* which spawned the worldwide hits *'La Tortura'* and *'Hips Don't Lie'*. Shakira's current track *'She Wolf'* has been let loose around the world in advance of the release of her third studio album of the same name.

Added **Shakira**: *"I am very excited to perform at this year's EMAs in Berlin. Every time I perform at the EMAs I have such a great time. I can't wait to see you all in Berlin on November 5th!"*

Leading EMA 2009 nominees include **Lady GaGa** and **Kings of Leon**, with 5 nominations apiece. They are closely followed by **Beyonce** who has been nominated in 4 categories.

Commented Antonio Campo Dall'Orto, EVP, Music Brands, MTV Networks International & Executive Producer, MTV Europe Music Awards: *"With some of the most exciting names in rock and pop on one EMA stage on one very special night, this year's MTV Europe Music Awards lineup is shaping up to be one of the best yet. The 16th EMAs will not only be a night of outstanding live performances, but it will also be a celebration of music and the artists that our global audiences love."*

The MTV Europe Music Awards is one of the world's most prestigious live music events. In 2008, the EMAs generated more than 4 million unique visitors to www.mtvema.com and over 100 million online votes.

Antonio Campo Dall'Orto is EVP, Music Brands, MTV Networks International and Executive Producer for the MTV Europe Music Awards. Executive Producer for Playmaker is Jane Fraser. Co-executive Producer & SVP, Talent & Music, MTV Networks International is Bruce Gillmer. Executive Producer is Richard Godfrey. Chloe Mason is Producer and Hamish Hamilton is Director.

For more information on the 2009 MTV Europe Music Awards – and to vote – please go to: www.mtvema.com

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Note to Editors

About the MTV Europe Music Awards

The 2009 MTV Europe Music Awards will be broadcast live in the following countries : Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia & Montenegro, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

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