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**Gibson Brands AP MUSIC AWARDS - Fueled by Monster Energy Drink - Announces More Special Appearances by PARAMORE, YELLOWCARD and More**

 **Check Out Two Exclusive New Videos from AP Music Awards Host Mark Hoppus & Performers the Misfits**

***New Performers* Machine Gun Kelly Announced – In Addition to Fall Out Boy, Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, the Misfits, A Day To Remember, All Time Low, Brendon Urie of Panic! At The Disco, Sleeping With Sirens, twenty one pilots + more to come!**

**JULY 21, 2014 @ the Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, OH**



***New Featured Appearances Also Include***

**Billy Corgan, We Came As Romans, Chiodos + More**

***Featuring Performances* from Cleveland’s Very Own 115-Piece Contemporary Youth Orchestra**

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**Cleveland, OH —** Organizers of **the inaugural Gibson Brands AP Music Awards**, fueled by **Monster Energy Drink**, have added yet another batch of top-shelf talent to its lineup. Joining the already star-studded list of special appearances are **Paramore**, **Yellowcard**, **Billy Corgan, We Came As Romans**, **Chiodos**, **Miss May I** and **Issues**. These world-renowned artists share an impressive combined 19 Alternative Press Magazine covers and more than 5 million-plus in U.S. album sales between them. Additionally, **Machine Gun Kelly**, previously announced as a special appearance, will now be performing live at the APMAs, making this an absolutely must-see event.

New this week – APMAs host **Mark Hoppus** of **Blink-182** discusses his favorite memories and first recollections of many of this year’s performers, including **Fall Out Boy**, **All Time Low** and **Joan Jett**. Check out the video here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ud7dbRIr-8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ud7dbRIr-8)

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Also, the legendary **Misfits** have posted a new video, inviting you to vote and join them at the APMAs! Check out the video here: <http://youtu.be/AEYs9YYa5nI>

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APMAs digital media partner **AXS TV**, also recognized throughout the industry for their recent and innovative live coverage of music awards shows and events such as Coachella, Lollapalooza, Stagecoach, and New Orleans Jazz Fest, has announced the APMAs broadcast will begin at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT on July 21, and will not only feature the entirety of the APMAs, but will also include exciting highlights from the red carpet pre-show (co-hosted by **Automatic Loveletter** frontwoman/***The Voice*** season two runner-up **Juliet Simms** plus a very special guest to be announced soon). This live broadcast will also feature footage from the VIP boat party during the day, and will feature exclusive performances from rising stars **Issues**, **Ghost Town** and **Marmozets**.

While there will be loads of action onscreen, **AXS TV** will also be taking the party online. Viewers can head to [www.axs.tv/apmas/](http://www.axs.tv/apmas/) to watch exclusive behind-the-scenes videos and view photos. Fans can also take part in live polls and get involved on social media. Plus, fans can enter to win awesome prizes, such as a one-year subscription to *Alternative Press Magazine*, Gibson Brands guitars and merchandise, and Monster Energy Drink swag.

This special one-night event on July 21, 2014, held at the Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame And Museum at North Coast Harbor in AP’s hometown of Cleveland, also coincides with the collision of two of the country’s premier touring rock festivals. This rock n’ roll crossroad brings several presenters and performers to the APMAs, such as Vans Warped Tour performers **Motionless in White**, **Marmozets**, **Yellowcard**, **Issues**, and other festival performers such as **Asking Alexandria**, **Korn**, **Body Count feat. Ice T**, **Miss May I**, and **Frankie Palmeri** of **Emmure**. More are set to be announced soon!

In its inaugural year, the APMAs will be hosted by six-time AP cover star **Mark Hoppus** (**Blink-182**) and will feature performances from **A Day To Remember**, **All Time Low**, **Asking Alexandria**, **Fall Out Boy**, **Joan Jett & The Blackhearts**, **Machine Gun Kelly**, **the Misfits**, **Sleeping With Sirens**, **twenty one pilots** and **Brendon Urie of Panic! At The Disco**, with more to be announced.

Other confirmed artists making appearances (some previously stated above) include **Andy Biersack** (**Black Veil Brides**), **Billy Corgan**, **Chiodos**, **Laura Jane Grace** (**Against Me!**), **I See Stars**, **Ice-T & Coco**, **Issues,** **Korn**, **Memphis May Fire**, **Miss May I**, **Motionless In White**, **Frankie Palmeri** (**Emmure**), **Paramore**, **We Came As Romans** and **Yellowcard**,with more to be announced. Cleveland’s 115-piece **Contemporary Youth Orchestra** will be performing throughout the APMAs, both independently and through unique artist collaborations.

Tickets are on sale now for $69.99 which includes a ticket to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame And Museum to be used that same day and can be purchased online at [www.altpress.com/apmas](http://www.altpress.com/apmas)

Fourteen awards in total will be handed out, including Album Of The Year presented by Journeys, Artist Of The Year presented by Monster Energy Drink, Song of the Year presented by Epitaph Records, Best Guitarist presented by Gibson, Best Drummer presented by DW Drums, Best International Band presented by Zepeda Brothers Productions and Most Dedicated Fans presented by Fearless Records, along with an Icon Award presented by Blackstar Amps honoring **Joan Jett** and a Vanguard Award honoring **Billy Corgan**. Fans can cast their votes in 12 different categories at [www.altpress.com/apmas. Voting ends July 15](http://www.altpress.com/apmas.%20Voting%20ends%20July%2015).

Fans that purchased VIP and Monster Energy Drink ticket packages will be invited to a pre-show boat party on the Goodtimes III, located right behind the Rock Hall. The boat sets sail at 1:30 p.m. and will include performances by **Issues,** **Ghost Town** and **Marmozets**, three bands recently featured in AP’s 100 Bands You Need To Know In 2014 special edition issue.

In addition to Gibson Brands and Monster Energy Drink, sponsors of the AP Music Awards include AKT, Blackstar Amps, DW Drums, Epitaph Records, Fearless Records, Fueled By Ramen, Hopeless Records, idobi Radio, Journeys, Onkyo, Roadrunner Records, Sumerian Records, Tascam, Victory Records and Zepeda Brothers Productions.

The AP Music Awards are produced by Kevin Lyman (founder & CEO of 4FINI) and Josh Bernstein (Golden Gods creator and producer). Executive producers are Mike Shea, Dawn Marshman and Joe Scarpelli.

**AP MUSIC AWARDS NOMINEES**

**Artist Of The Year Presented by Monster Energy Drink**

A Day To Remember

Avenged Sevenfold

Black Veil Brides

Bring Me The Horizon

Fall Out Boy

Of Mice & Men

Panic! At The Disco

Paramore

Pierce The Veil

Sleeping With Sirens

**Album Of The Year presented by Journeys**

A Day To Remember • *Common Courtesy*

Avenged Sevenfold • *Hail To The King*

Black Veil Brides • *Wretched And Divine: The Story Of The Wild Ones*

Bring Me The Horizon • *Sempiternal*

Fall Out Boy • *Save Rock And Roll*

Paramore • *Paramore*

Sleeping With Sirens • *Feel*

Touché Amoré • *Is Survived By*

twenty one pilots • *Vessel*

The Wonder Years • *The Greatest Generation*

**Artist Philanthropic Award Presented by Sub City / Take Action**

All Time Low — Skate4Cancer

Memphis May Fire— peta2

Modern Baseball — 1BlueString

Pierce The Veil — The Keep A Breast foundation

Rise Against — Shirts For A Cure

The Used — Living The Dream Foundation

**Best Live Band**

A Day To Remember

All Time Low

Asking Alexandria

Fall Out Boy

Pierce The Veil

twenty one pilots

**Breakthrough Band**

The Color Morale

Crown The Empire

Issues

letlive.

The Story So Far

twenty one pilots

**Song of the Year Presented by Epitaph Records**

All Time Low feat. Vic Fuentes • “A Love Like War”

Bring Me The Horizon • “Shadow Moses”

Fall Out Boy • “My Songs Know What You Did In The Dark (Light Em Up)”

Falling In Reverse • “Alone”

Paramore • “Still Into You”

Sleeping With Sirens feat. Machine Gun Kelly • “Alone”

**Best International Band Presented by Zepeda Brothers Productions**

Asking Alexandria (U.K.)

Bring Me The Horizon (U.K.)

Crossfaith (Japan)

Parkway Drive (Australia)

Silverstein (Canada)

Frank Turner (U.K.)

**Most Dedicated Fans Presented by Fearless Records**

All Time Low

Avenged Sevenfold

Black Veil Brides

Mayday Parade

My Chemical Romance

Pierce The Veil

**Best Vocalist Presented by Victory Records**

Andy Biersack (Black Veil Brides)

Vic Fuentes (Pierce The Veil)

Kellin Quinn (Sleeping With Sirens)

Oli Sykes (Bring Me The Horizon)

Brendon Urie (Panic! At The Disco)

Hayley Williams (Paramore)

**Best Guitarist Presented by Gibson**

JB Brubaker (August Burns Red)

Synyster Gates (Avenged Sevenfold)

Phil Manansala (Of Mice & Men)

Jack O’Shea (Bayside)

Chris Rubey (The Devil Wears Prada)

Jacky Vincent (Falling In Reverse)

**Best Bassist**

Jeremy Davis (Paramore)

Zack Merrick (All Time Low)

Ryan Neff (Miss May I)

Jaime Preciado (Pierce The Veil)

Devin “Ghost” Sola (Motionless In White)

Pete Wentz (Fall Out Boy)

**Best Drummer Presented by DW Drums**

Jess Bowen (The Summer Set)

Josh Dun (Twenty One Pilots)

Mike Fuentes (Pierce The Veil)

Matt Greiner (August Burns Red)

Luke Holland (The Word Alive)

Ryan Seaman (Falling In Reverse)

**About Alternative Press:**

Now in its 29th year, Alternative Press continues to be the definitive and most trusted source for discovering new artists, breaking news and reporting on the latest trends in the underground music scene and youth culture. With last year's redesign, the magazine has become an essential collectors' piece, providing a passionate fan base with in-depth content on their favorite contemporary artists. In addition to a successful print edition, AP has expanded its reach to incorporate multiple platforms including iPad and mobile apps, as well as [Altpress.com](http://altpress.com/). AP has promoted its brand through such avenues as the AP Tour and APTV (which offers exclusive nationwide reporting) and now the first AP Music Awards. No matter which platform, AP prides itself on offering fans insight to the hottest artists, interviews and trends *first*.

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**About the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum:**

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc. is the nonprofit organization that exists to educate visitors, fans and scholars from around the world about the history and continuing significance of rock and roll music. It carries out this mission through its operation of a world-class museum that collects, preserves, exhibits and interprets this art form and through its library and archives as well as its educational activities. For more information, please visit [www.rockhall.com](http://www.rockhall.com/).

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