



**MARIAH CAREY, KHALID AND KIRK FRANKLIN
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH
NEW SONG
“FALL IN LOVE AT CHRISTMAS”**

New York, NY (November 5, 2021) – Today, superstar, award-winning artists, **Mariah Carey**, **Khalid** and **Kirk Franklin**, debuted their new song, **“Fall in Love at Christmas.”** The all-star collaboration was released by Carey’s imprint, **MARIAH**, in partnership with **RCA Records** and **RCA Inspiration**.

Written and produced by Carey, Franklin and **Daniel Moore, II**, and recorded in Atlanta and Los Angeles at Carey’s Butterfly Lounge recording studios, the R&B and Gospel infused ballad arrives just in time for the season. What promises to be a new holiday classic, “Fall in Love at Christmas” is streaming on all digital platforms. Today, the three artists also premiered the video for “Fall in Love at Christmas,” which was directed by **Carey** and **Bryan Tanaka**. Filmed at Carey’s home and the Butterfly Lounge in LA, the visual features her twins, Monroe and Moroccan, and evokes the warm and loving spirit of the holidays. For those who like CDs, a special, three-track CD can be purchased at Target and the official Mariah Carey Store (mariahcareyshop.com). It is available for pre-order now at mariahcareyshop.com and Target.com and will be in Target stores on December 3rd.

Following the release of “Fall in Love at Christmas,” Mariah Carey will continue celebrating the season with a new holiday event on Apple TV+ in December, featuring the first and only exclusive performance of “Fall in Love at Christmas” with Carey, Khalid and Franklin.

Listen to “Fall in Love at Christmas” at: <https://smarturl.it/FILAC>

Watch the “Fall in Love at Christmas” video at: <https://smarturl.it/FILAC/YouTube>

About Mariah Carey:

Mariah Carey is the best-selling female artist of all time with more than 200 million albums sold to date and 19 Billboard Hot 100 #1 singles (18 self-penned), more than any solo artist in history. An inductee to the Songwriters Hall of Fame, Carey is a singer/songwriter/ producer recognized with multiple Grammy Awards, numerous American Music Awards, three Guinness World Record titles, Billboard’s “Artist of the Decade” Award, Billboard’s “Icon Award,” the World Music Award for “World’s Best Selling Female Artist of the Millennium,” the Ivor Novello Award for “PRS for Music Special International Award,” and BMI’s “Icon Award” for her outstanding achievements in songwriting, to name a few—with her distinct five-

octave vocal range, prolific songwriting, and producing talent, Carey is truly the template of the modern pop performance. Carey's ongoing impact has transcended the music industry to leave an indelible imprint upon the world at large. In 2009, Carey was recognized with the Breakthrough Performance Award at the Palm Spring International Film Festival for her critically acclaimed role in Lee Daniels' "Precious." Carey went on to appear in Daniels' ensemble piece "The Butler" (2013). A Congressional Award recipient, Carey has generously donated her time and energy to a range of philanthropic causes near to her heart including Save the Music, the Make- A-Wish Foundation, World Hunger Relief, and the Elton John AIDS Foundation, among many others. A tremendous supporter of children's charities, both domestic and international, Carey founded Camp Mariah in partnership with the Fresh Air Fund, a retreat for inner city children to explore career development. www.mariahcarey.com

About Khalid:

Multi-platinum selling global superstar Khalid, who was named one of Time's Most Influential People of 2019, has taken the world by storm since his first single, the 5x platinum "Location" (released right before his high school graduation) exploded onto the scene leading to a major label deal with Right Hand Music Group/RCA Records followed by the release of his debut album, the double platinum-certified, *American Teen*. His sophomore album *Free Spirit*, released to critical acclaim in 2019, was declared a New York Times "Critic's Pick" and was called "superb" by the Associated Press. The album, which has been certified platinum by the RIAA, debuted at #1 on the Billboard Top 200 and features the Grammy-nominated multi-format #1 single "Talk". *Free Spirit* has garnered over 11 billion streams worldwide. Khalid, who has been called a "pop prodigy" by Rolling Stone has been streamed over 30 billion times worldwide across all partners, has been nominated for 6 Grammys and has won numerous awards including 6 Billboard Music Awards, 3 American Music Awards, a Teen Choice Award, an MTV Video Music Award and an MTV Woodie Award. Khalid has collaborated with some of music's biggest stars including his #1 singles "Love Lies" (with Normani), "Eastside" (with Halsey and Benny Blanco) as well as hits with artists Billie Eilish, Shawn Mendes, Marshmello and more. The Mayor and Council of the City of El Paso honored Khalid with a "Key To The City" marking September 13th, 2018 "Khalid Day." Khalid, alongside his mother, launched The Great Khalid Foundation, which is committed to helping families by alleviating a burden of need. Khalid's "Free Spirit World Tour" took him to arenas all over the globe in 2019. In 2020, Khalid released his critically acclaimed track "Eleven" and his smash hit "Know Your Worth" with Disclosure. He was named the youngest artist to surpass 15 billion streams on Spotify alone and was named BMI's Pop Songwriter of the Year (alongside Post Malone.) Earlier this year, Khalid debuted his track "New Normal" at Virgin Galactic's "Unity 22" Spaceflight launch. Not only did "New Normal" play in the shuttle during its descent back to earth, but Khalid was also on hand to perform for the crew, including Sir Richard Branson, after they completed their mission. Khalid just released his newest track "Present" and announced that his tape "Scenic Drive" would be released on December 3rd, 2021.

About Kirk Franklin:

Kirk Franklin is a 16-time Grammy award-winning Gospel Songwriter, arranger, and producer. After over 30 years of continuous hits and tremendous success bridging Hip-hop, Pop, and Gospel together, Kirk Franklin's Love Theory bowed at #1 on Billboard's Hot Gospel Songs chart and kept the position on lock for thirty-nine weeks. The vibrant track marked the singer's record-extending seventh #1 and his second start atop the chart. Love Theory also opened at #1 on Gospel Streaming Songs as well as Gospel Digital Song Sales. The album "Long Live Love" and single "Love Theory" won two Grammys in January 2020. Kirk continuously creates a sonic compass to everyday culture and curates a gospel moment whenever and however he can to keep the message of the Gospel pushing forward. With epic collaborations with artists such as Chance the Rapper, Kanye West, Justin Timberlake, Justin Bieber, Demi Lovato, Michael Jackson, Wyclef John, and more, Franklin's impact doesn't just stop at the charts. Franklin also supports the growth and development of young artists by hosting a summer camp for aspiring artists and musicians called Camp Lotus. Franklin also supports underprivileged youth through Compassion International, St. Jude Foundation, and various community donations. While Franklin is committed to helping his communities, he is also passionate about making sure Gospel reaches new heights and entertainment mediums. Aside from Franklin's podcast Good Words- available on all digital platforms, his

satellite radio show on Sirius XM Kirk Franklin's Praise, and a phenomenal music show on Twitch, Franklin has been the Executive Producer of Kingdom Business, a scripted drama airing on the BET network, an Executive Producer and Music Producer for the new movie release, Kirk Franklin's Gospel Christmas, and has more on the horizon.

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