## VH1 Soul Presents "Mary J. Day"

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VH1 Soul presents "Mary J. Dayâ€□ on Tuesday, December 18 beginning at 7AM.\* Known as the "Queen of Hip Hop and R&B,â€□ Mary J. Blige is taking over VH1 Soul with over six hours of music videos and special programming. Programming throughout "Mary J. Dayâ€□ will include the following:

- · "Soul Story: Mary J. Blige,â€□ premiering at 7AM\*, a chronological video celebration of the career of Mary J. Blige.
- $\hat{A} \cdot$  This special hour of the BBC original documentary, "SOUL DEEP: The Story of Black Popular Music  $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ From Ghetto to Fabulous," premiering at 10 AM\*, features a never-seen before interview by Mary J. Blige who speaks candidly about her journey from ghetto to fabulous. Her music represents the fusion of R&B and hip-hop and completes the journey that started 50 years ago with the emergence of the early soul sounds of Ray Charles and ends with black R&B artists $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$  domination of the charts today.
- $\hat{A} \cdot \hat{a} \in Urban$  Soul,  $\hat{a} \in \Box$  premiering at  $11AM^*$ , is a two-hour documentary that explores the groundbreaking journey through contemporary American music culture with a combination of rare archival footage and thought-provoking interviews with the greatest performers, producers, musicians and commentators of the genre.
- · "Life & Rhymes of Mary J. Blige,â€□ premiering at 1PM\*, is a 30-minute biographical series that takes viewers deep inside the mind of Mary J. Blige. The series will feature Mary at the top of the hip-hop game telling viewers stories behind

her lyrics.

\* All times ET/PT