

## Hip Hop Songstress Mary J Blige is 1 in the Nation

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Since Yonkers, NY native, hip hop and R&B songstress Mary J. Blige's influential 1992 debut, "What's The 411?" on down to her career best-selling 2005 album "The Breakthrough," the very talented hip hop and R&B beauty has been awarded six (6) Grammy Awards, sold a phenomenal seven (7) multi-platinum albums and earned the adoration of millions of more fans of her firebrand music.

Now well deserved the multi-platinum selling singer/songwriter, Mary J. Blige, owns the record stores in December.

Once again Mary J. Blige certifies her rule, as her latest and (eighth) 8th studio album, "Growing Pains," comes off a stellar first and second week of release making it the #1 album in the nation. It also marks Mary's eighth (8th) #1 CD on Billboard's "Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums" chart and her 4th #1 CD in the country landing at #1 on "The Billboard 200" chart (others include: Share My World, Love & Life, and The Breakthrough). Last week, "Growing Pains" sold 204,000 albums according to Nielsen Soundscan, propelling it from its previous week at #2 to #1. "Growing Pains" in two weeks has sold more than 800,000 units (12/18 release date).

"Growing Pains" launched two singles to debut Mary's newest album. The Tricky Stewart and Jazze Pha produced "Just Fine" has been a smash hit with tens of millions of listeners at radio, heavy rotation on MTV, BET and VH1.

Mary J. Blige recently performed "Just Fine" on MTV's New Year's Eve special, The View, and the Today Show. And "Work That," was serviced to radio to support the song's strategic placement, in an Apple iPod commercial around the release as well.

Mary J Blige is also prominently featured in an ongoing print and television ad campaign for Chevrolet Automobiles. Look out for upcoming performances by Mary on The Tonight Show on January 8th and Ellen DeGeneres on January 9th.