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**BILLBOARD AND NIKON LAUNCH WOMEN IN MUSIC
“CANDID COVERS” VIDEO SERIES ON BILLBOARD.COM CELEBRATING SMALL
MOMENTS THAT CHANGED
THE BIG PICTURE**

-- Video Series Features Kimbra, ZZ Ward, Tegan & Sara And Other Female Artists
Performing Songs From The Female Music Stars Who Inspire Them --

NEW YORK, November 14, 2012—Billboard and Nikon Inc. today announced the launch of its Women in Music “Candid Covers” video series presented by [Nikon 1](#) on [Billboard.com](#). The series spotlights emerging female artists performing songs from the female music stars who helped inspire their careers. “Candid Covers” launches online today ahead of the 2012 Billboard Women in Music event, presented by Nikon 1, Nikon’s system of advanced cameras with interchangeable lenses, being held on November 30 at Capitale in New York City. Katy Perry will accept Billboard’s coveted Woman of the Year Award and Carly Rae Jepsen will receive Billboard’s Rising Star Award at the event that celebrates the most powerful and talented women in the music business.

The “Candid Covers” video series shot exclusively with Nikon cameras and NIKKOR lenses, will feature artists such as Kimbra, ZZ Ward, and Tegan & Sara, and will be posted on Billboard.com every Wednesday until December 12. In addition to the performances, the videos include interviews with the artists and exclusive behind-the-scenes photos. Billboard and Nikon will bring “Candid Covers” to life at the 2012 Billboard Women in Music event with a special tribute performance that will take place on stage during the luncheon. The performance, filmed with Nikon D-SLR cameras, will be featured on Billboard.com on December 5. Nikon will also give attendees the chance to capture their own “Candid Covers” moment using Nikon 1 cameras at a photo activation area during the Women in Music red carpet reception before the luncheon.

“Women in Music is one of Billboard’s most recognized and important programs, and we’re thrilled to work with Nikon to take it to the next level this year by building on the success of the “Candid Covers” video series,” said Tommy Page, publisher of Billboard. “The series will give millions of fans the opportunity to experience inspirational performances by some of today’s best, new female artists as well as special online access to Billboard’s exclusive Women in Music event, all thanks to Nikon.”

“Nikon is excited to work with Billboard to support female artists through the 2012 Billboard Women in Music initiative,” said Lisa Baxt, senior communications manager for Nikon Inc. “Just as these amazing female artists are capturing and sharing their special musical performances with the ‘Candid Covers’ video series, the Nikon 1 system of advanced cameras is the perfect compact camera for consumers to capture and share their own small but big moments.”

To watch the Women in Music “Candid Covers” video featuring Kimbra, visit: Billboard.com

About Billboard

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