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[Shakira and Red Hot Chili Peppers Lead the MTV Race](#)

Less than a month to go for the VMAs...

This year's edition of the Video Music Awards, coinciding with the 25th anniversary for MTV, will take place on August 31st, at New York City's Radio City Music Hall. What makes this ceremony special from the past ones is the fact that, this time, fans are able to vote for their favorite video in each category, and not just for the Viewer's Choice Award. On Monday, MTV announced the nominations for each category and sexy Latino Shakira and veteran rock band Red Hot Chili Peppers are in the lead, each getting seven nominations. They are closely followed by pop icon Madonna and the punk quartet Panic! At The Disco with five, and Christina Aguilera with four. The show announces to be an incendiary one, in the spirit of the MTV tradition. Live performances will include such various artists as Justin Timberlake, Beyonce, Panic! At The Disco, the Killers, T.I. and Ludacris. Two more awards categories have also been included, especially for the online gaming community: Best Video Game Soundtrack and Best Video Game Score, and fans can also vote for the artists nominated here. Here is the complete list of the official nominations. You can vote for your favorite videos until August 20 and, for the Viewer's Choice, from August 7 through August 31st, on the MTV website.

VIDEO OF THE YEAR Christina Aguilera: "Ain't No Other Man" Madonna: "Hung Up" Panic! at the Disco: "I Write Sins Not Tragedies" Red Hot Chili Peppers: "Dani California" Shakira f/ Wyclef Jean: "Hips Don't Lie"

BEST MALE VIDEO Busta Rhymes f/ Mary J. Blige, Rah Digga, Missy Elliott, Lloyd Banks, Papoose & DMX: "Touch It Remix" James Blunt: "You're Beautiful" Kanye West f/ Jamie Foxx: "Gold Digger" Nick Lachey: "What's Left of Me" T.I.: "What You Know"

BEST FEMALE VIDEO Christina Aguilera: "Ain't No Other Man" Kelly Clarkson: "Because of You" Madonna: "Hung Up" Nelly Furtado f/ Timbaland: "Promiscuous" Shakira f/ Wyclef Jean: "Hips Don't Lie"

BEST GROUP VIDEO The All-American Rejects: "Move Along" Fall Out Boy: "Dance, Dance" Gnarl Barkley: "Crazy" Panic! at the Disco: "I Write Sins Not Tragedies" Red Hot Chili Peppers: "Dani California"

BEST RAP VIDEO 50 Cent: "Window Shopper" Busta Rhymes f/ Mary J. Blige, Rah Digga, Missy Elliott, Lloyd Banks, Papoose & DMX: "Touch It" (remix) Chamillionaire: "Ridin'" T.I.: "What You Know" Yung Joc f/ Nitty: "It's Goin' Down"

BEST R&B VIDEO Beyoncé f/ Slim Thug: "Check on It" Chris Brown: "Yo (Excuse Me Miss)" Jamie Foxx f/ Ludacris: "Unpredictable" Mariah Carey: "Shake It Off" Mary J. Blige: "Be Without You"

BEST HIP-HOP VIDEO Black Eyed Peas: "My Humps" Common: "Testify" Daddy Yankee: "Rompe" Kanye West f/ Jamie Foxx: "Gold Digger" Three 6 Mafia: "Stay Fly"

BEST DANCE VIDEO Madonna: "Hung Up" Nelly Furtado f/ Timbaland: "Promiscuous" Pussycat Dolls f/ Snoop Dogg: "Buttons" Sean Paul: "Temperature" Shakira f/ Wyclef Jean: "Hips Don't Lie"

BEST ROCK VIDEO 30 Seconds to Mars: "The Kill" AFI: "Miss Murder" Green Day: "Wake Me Up When September Ends" Panic! at the Disco: "I Write Sins Not Tragedies" Red Hot Chili Peppers: "Dani California"

BEST POP VIDEO Christina Aguilera: "Ain't No Other Man" Madonna: "Hung Up" Nelly Furtado f/ Timbaland: "Promiscuous" Pink: "Stupid Girls" Shakira f/ Wyclef Jean: "Hips Don't Lie"

BEST NEW ARTIST IN A VIDEO Angels and Airwaves: "The Adventure" Avenged Sevenfold: "Bat Country" Chris Brown f/ Juelz Santana, "Run It!" James Blunt: "You're Beautiful" Panic! at the Disco: "I Write Sins Not Tragedies" Rihanna: "S.O.S."

VIEWER'S CHOICE Chris Brown f/ Juelz Santana: "Run It!" Fall Out Boy: "Dance, Dance" Kelly Clarkson: "Because of You" Rihanna: "S.O.S." Shakira f/ Wyclef Jean: "Hips Don't Lie"

BEST DIRECTION IN A VIDEO 10 Years: "Wasteland" (Director: Kevin Kerslake) AFI: "Miss Murder" (Director: Marc Webb) Common: "Testify" (Director: Anthony Mandler) Gnarl Barkley: "Crazy" (Director: Robert Hales) Red Hot Chili Peppers: "Dani California" (Director: Tony Kaye)

BEST CHOREOGRAPHY IN A VIDEO Christina Aguilera: "Ain't No Other Man"

Madonna: "Hung Up" Pussycat Dolls f/ Snoop Dogg: "Buttons" Sean Paul: "Temperature"
Shakira f/ Wyclef Jean: "Hips Don't Lie" **BEST SPECIAL EFFECTS IN A VIDEO** Angels and
Airwaves: "The Adventure" Beck: "Hell Yes" Missy Elliott: "We Run This" Pearl Jam: "Life
Wasted" U2: "Original of the Species" **BEST ART DIRECTION IN A VIDEO** 10 Years:
"Wasteland" Common: "Testify" Panic! at the Disco: "I Write Sins Not Tragedies" Red Hot
Chili Peppers: "Dani California" Shakira f/ Wyclef Jean: "Hips Don't Lie" **BEST EDITING IN A
VIDEO** The All-American Rejects: "Move Along" Angels and Airwaves: "The Adventure"
Gnarls Barkley: "Crazy" Red Hot Chili Peppers: "Dani California" U2: "Original of the
Species" **BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY IN A VIDEO** AFI: "Miss Murder" Ashlee Simpson:
"Invisible" James Blunt: "You're Beautiful" Red Hot Chili Peppers: "Dani California" Prince:
"Black Sweat" **BEST VIDEO GAME SOUNDTRACK** "Final Night Round 3" (Electronic Arts)
"Burnout Revenge" (Electronic Arts) "NBA 2K6" (2K Games) "Driver: Parallel Lines" (Atari)
"Mark Ecko's Getting Up" (Atari) **BEST VIDEO GAME SCORE** "Hitman: Blood Money"
(Jesper Kyd) "Ghost Recon: Advanced Warfighter" (Tom Salta) "Dreamfall: The Longest
Journey" (Even "Magnet" Johansen) "Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion" (Jeremy Soule)
"Electroplankton" (User Generated Soundtrack)