**KELLY CLARKSON**

Kelly Clarkson is among the most popular artists of this era with total worldwide sales of more than 25 million albums and 40 million singles. The Texas-born singer-songwriter first came to fame in 2002 as the winner of the inaugural season of American Idol. Clarkson’s debut single, “A Moment Like This,” followed and quickly went to #1 on Billboard’s Hot 100, ultimately ranking as the year’s best-selling single in the U.S. Further, Clarkson is one of pop’s top singles artists, with 19 singles boasting multi-platinum, platinum and gold certifications around the world, including such global favorites as “Miss Independent” and “Because of You.” Clarkson has released eight studio albums (Thankful, Breakaway, My December, All I Ever Wanted, Stronger, Wrapped In Red, Piece By Piece, Meaning of Life), one greatest hits album, and two children’s books (New York Times Top 10 best seller River Rose and the Magical Lullaby and the follow up River Rose and the Magical Christmas). She is the recipient of an array of awards including three GRAMMY Awards, four American Music Awards, three MTV Video Music Awards, two Academy of Country Music Awards, two American Country Awards, one Country Music Association Award, and two Daytime Emmy Awards. She is also the first artist to top each of Billboard’s pop, adult contemporary, country and dance charts.

Clarkson has captivated viewers on small and large screens alike in recent years – earning three wins as coach on NBC’s *The Voice* (to which she returned a eighth time for the show’s current 21st season), hosting the Billboard Music Awards for three consecutive years, and voicing characters in STXFilms’ *UglyDolls* & Universal Pictures’ *Trolls World Tour.* She also made the highest rated daytime debut in seven years with her very own talk show, *The Kelly Clarkson Show* (syndicated by NBCUniversal Television Distribution), which has earned six Daytime Emmy Awards (including two for “Outstanding Entertainment Talk Show Host”).