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Brandy and Monica Bring Sweet Sounds of Success to EBONY Magazine's June Edition

*-Black Music Month Packs June Issue with a Melody of Fashion, Politics
and Sizzling Summer Entertainment-*

Chicago, Ill. (May 15, 201XX) – EBONY Magazine hits newsstands today with a power packed June edition featuring R&B songbirds Brandy and Monica on the cover. In their first-ever combined interview, the two discuss intimate details surrounding “their rivalry, family drama and how they healed their broken hearts.” EBONY’s Atlanta-based veteran photographer Derek Blanks captures an undeniably pure aesthetic allure of the duo who are elegantly dressed wearing designs by Michael Kors and Lloyd Klein Gown. Renown stylists Jason Bolden and Ashley Sean transform the 90s teen princesses into 21st century divas who look better than ever.

The June ‘Black Music Month’ issue of EBONY is jam-packed with hot beats and soul-stirring stories including ***Sound Off***, a recap by writer and commentator Toure of the top sizzling sounds of 2012. Toure highlights an array of musical artist, capturing those in different genres from hip-hop favorite Lil Wayne to highly acclaimed lyrical wizard Azealia Banks to jazz artist and Grammy-winner for best new artist Esperanza Spalding and ends on a high note with the young, vibrant Roc Nation label star Willow Smith.

The issue also gives readers insight on experiencing the season’s hippest and hottest outdoor festivals throughout the country featured in ***Let the Music Play!*** Music lovers also get an eyeful on the latest personal wardrobe trends and style tips to keep cool during the hot summer festival season in the ***Music Lover’s Style Guide***.

Just in time for Father’s Day, ***Super Dads*** story showcases celebrity dads, where they share personal reflections on what it means to be a father. Prominent pops include actor Michael Jai White; gospel great Marvin Sapp; J-Hud’s hubby David Otunga; music mogul Master P and Laurence Thomaz featured with his son Wiz Khalifa.

EBONY's June issue also features the ubiquitous story of Trayvon Martin and a look towards what happens next in, ***After Trayvon: Black Fathers and Black Sons Speak***. Activist, writer and public speaker Kevin Powell captures the raw emotions and unbarred sentiments of three African-American fathers and their sons who reflect on the Trayvon Martin case. In a painful interview, Trayvon Martin's parents Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton reveal the unimaginable pain and difficulty in losing a son so publicly and their eternal hope that justice will be served.

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