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RCA RECORDS TO RELEASE AMERICAN IDOL: GREATEST MOMENTS ON OCTOBER 1

On the heels of crowning Kelly Clarkson as America's newest pop superstar, RCA Records is proud to announce the release of American Idol: Greatest Moments on Oct. 1. The first full-length album of material from Fox's smash summer television hit, "American Idol," will include four songs by Clarkson, two by runner-up Justin Guarini, a song each by the remaining eight finalists, and "California Dreamin'" performed by all ten.

All 14 tracks on American Idol: Greatest Moments, produced by Steve Lipson (Backstreet Boys, Annie Lennox), were performed on "American Idol" during the final weeks of the reality-based television barnburner. In addition to Kelly and Justin, the show's remaining eight finalists featured on the album include Nikki McKibbin, Tamyra Gray, EJay Day, RJ Helton, AJ Gil, Ryan Starr, Christina Christian, and Jim Verraros.

Producer Steve Lipson, who put the compilation together in an unprecedented two-weeks time, finds a range of pop gems on the album. "I think Kelly's version of 'Natural Woman' is really strong. Her vocals are brilliant. She sold me on the song completely. I like Christina's 'Ain't No Sunshine.' I think she got the emotion of it across well. Nikki is very good as well -- very underestimated. And Tamyra is brilliant too so there's not much more to say about her."

RCA Records will follow American Idol: Greatest Moments with the debut album from "American Idol" champion Kelly Clarkson in the first quarter of 2003. Meanwhile, her debut double A-side single, "Before Your Love"/ "A Moment Like This," hit stores on Sept. 17.

American Idol: Greatest Moments Track Listing:

1. "(You Make Me Feel Like A) Natural Woman" (Kelly Clarkson)
2. "Respect" (Kelly Clarkson)
3. "For Once In My Life" (Justin Guarini)
4. "Get Here" (Justin Guarini)
5. "Piece Of My Heart" (Nikki McKibbin)
6. "A House Is Not A Home" (Tamyra Gray)
7. "Lately" (RJ Helton)
8. "Ain't No Sunshine" (Christina Christian)
9. "If You Really Love Me" (Ryan Starr)

10. "My Cherie Amour" (AJ Gil)
11. "I'll Be" (EJay Day)
12. "Easy" (Jim Verraros)
13. "California Dreamin'" (All Performers)

Bonus Tracks:

14. "A Moment Like This" (Kelly Clarkson)
15. "Before Your Love" (Kelly Clarkson)

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