

# NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK PROMISES BIGGEST YEAR YET IN 2013

# BAND ANNOUNCES THE PACKAGE TOUR

**NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK, 98 DEGREES AND BOYZ II MEN!** 

SUMMER TOUR TO KICK OFF MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>
TICKETS ON-SALE FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>/ AMEX PRE-SALE JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

NKOTB ALSO CONFIRMS NEW ALBUM AND NEW SINGLE

FIRST SINGLE "REMIX (I LIKE THE)" TO BE RELEASED ON JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

# NEW ALBUM "10" DUE APRIL 2ND

LOS ANGELES, CA (January 22, 2013) – Even though the New Year has just begun, New Kids on the Block fans already know they have a lot to look forward to in the coming months! As announced today on their total takeover of *The View*, NKOTB revealed plans of a 2013 summer headlining tour. Very special guests, multi-platinum selling artists 98 Degrees, and Grammy Award winning Boyz II Men, the best-selling R&B group of all time, will be opening for NKOTB on their tour, aptly titled **THE PACKAGE TOUR**. This is the first tour for 98 Degrees in over 12 years! NKOTB surprised *The View* audience with a special reveal of 98 Degrees and Boyz II Men, giving fans a taste of **THE PACKAGE TOUR** when all bands performed a capella, sending the audience into a frenzy. The tour kicks off on May 31<sup>st</sup> in Uncasville, CT and tickets can be purchased starting February 2 on <a href="www.ticketmaster.com">www.ticketmaster.com</a>. American Express card members can get advance tickets beginning this Friday, January 25 at 10:00 AM (local time).

The multi-platinum selling New Kids On The Block also announced plans for new music. The group will release brand new album "10" on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with the first single "Remix (I Like The)" dropping on iTunes January 28<sup>th</sup>. The group has been quietly spending the past six months working hard, writing and recording the album.

Fans caught wind of these secret studio sessions and have been clamoring for information after rumors spread about the 2013 plans of new music and a possible tour. After announcing on *The View*, NKOTB, 98 Degrees and Boyz II Men set out on a day long media blitz stopping by outlets like *Access Hollywood, CNN, E!, ET, EXTRA, OMG! Insider, VH1 Big Morning Buzz, US Weekly and Rolling Stone*. Social media has been abuzz ever since the official reveal with no signs of slowing down.

"Ladies, we're coming for you," said NKOTB member Donnie Wahlberg. "This is going to be the craziest year yet-the single, the album, the tour with 98 Degrees and Boyz II Men ... We can't wait to give fans 'The Package!"

"We are really excited to get back on the road together and tour with our friends in NKOTB and Boyz II Men. Looking forward to playing our hits and trying out some of our new tracks too," said 98 Degrees' Nick Lachey.

"We couldn't be more excited to join New Kids On The Block and 98 Degrees on 'The Package Tour.' This summer is going to be fun and fans will not want to miss it," said Shawn Stockman. Wanya Morris agreed saying, "This has been in the works for a while... 'The Package' is on its way, and we're going to deliver." Added Nate Morris, "We plan on bringing it, mark your calendars."

Please visit <u>www.ThePackage-Tour.com</u> or <u>Ticketmaster.com</u> for up to date information or join the discussion at #thepackagetour.

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May 31	Uncasville, CT	Mohegan Sun Arena
June 1	Uniondale, NY	Nassau Coliseum
June 2	Boston, MA	TD Garden
June 4	Ottawa, ON	Scotiabank Place
June 6	Montreal, QC	Bell Centre
June 7	Toronto, ON	Air Canada Centre
June 8	Auburn Hills, MI	The Palace of Auburn Hills
June 9	Cleveland, OH	Quicken Loans Arena
June 11	Pittsburgh, PA	Consol Energy Center
June 13	East Rutherford, NJ	Izod Center
June 14	Washington DC	Verizon Center
June 15	Philadelphia, PA	Wells Fargo Center
June 18	Nashville, TN	Bridgestone Arena
June 19	Charlotte, NC	Time Warner Cable Arena
June 20	Atlanta, GA	Philips Arena
June 21	Orlando, FL	Amway Center
June 22	Fort Lauderdale, FL	BB&T Center
June 25	Cincinnati, OH	US Bank Arena
June 27	Houston, TX	Toyota Center
June 28	Dallas, TX	American Airlines Center
June 29	Oklahoma City, OK	Chesapeake Energy Arena
June 30	St. Louis, MO	Scottrade Center
July 5	Los Angeles, CA	STAPLES Center Arena
July 6	Las Vegas, NV	Mandalay Bay Events Center
July 7	San Jose, CA	HP Pavilion
July 9	Tacoma, WA	Tacoma Dome
July 12	Rosemont, IL	Allstate Arena
July 13	Minneapolis, MN	Target Center

### **New Kids On The Block**

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK sold more than 80 million albums worldwide -- including back-to-back international #1 songs, 1988's Hangin' Tough and 1990's Step By Step -- and a series of crossover smash R&B, pop hits like "You Got It (The Right Stuff)," "Cover Girl," "Didn't I (Blow Your Mind This Time)," "Hangin' Tough," "I'll Be Loving You," "Step By Step" and "Tonight." The group shattered concert box office records playing an estimated 200 concerts a year, in sold out

stadiums throughout the world. They still hold many of these records to date. They were Forbes highest paid entertainers of 1990, beating out Michael Jackson and Madonna. The band boasted an extensive and highly profitable merchandise line which included everything from lunch boxes and sleeping bags to comic books, marbles and dolls. More Information is available at <a href="https://www.nkotb.com">www.nkotb.com</a>.

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