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Taylor Swift, RedOne win BMI Awards

RedOne, who wrote three of Lady Gaga's hit singles, won his first Songwriter of the Year award, and Taylor Swift's "Love Story" claimed Song of the Year honors Tuesday during the 58th annual BMI Pop Music Awards at the Beverly Wilshire. The music rights organization recognized Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp. as publisher of the year, and John Fogerty received the BMI Icon award. Songwriter-producer RedOne was honored for his work on four songs: Sean Kingston's "Fire Burning" and Lady Gaga's "LoveGame," as well as her No. 1 hits "Just Dance" and "Poker Face." Swift, who wrote her crossover hit "Love Story," is published through Sony/ATV Tree and Taylor Swift Music. Warner-Tamerlane scored a leading 12 awarded songs including "Circus" (Britney Spears), "Dead and Gone" (T.I. featuring Justin Timberlake) and "My Life Would Suck Without You" (Kelly Clarkson). BMI also saluted writers and publishers of the past year's 50 most-performed pop songs on U.S. radio and television. The list features such chart hits as the Black Eyed Peas' "Boom Boom Pow" and "I Gotta Feeling," Beyonce's "Halo" and Kings of Leon's "Use Somebody." Former Creedence Clearwater Revival frontman Fogerty joined such past BMI Icons as Gamble & Huff, Kris Kristofferson, the Jacksons and Paul Simon. He and his band, including his teenage sons Shane and Tyler, roared through a medley of his hits including "Travelin' Band," "Green River," "Bad Moon Rising" and "Proud Mary." Orianthi opened the musical proceedings. Del Bryant, BMI's president and CEO, and Barbara Cane, vp-GM Los Angeles, hosted the evening.

TNT unveils original series in new schedule

TNT on Wednesday unveiled 11 original series for the 2010-2011 TV season and announced projects in development with such big-name talent as Don Cheadle, Jamie Foxx, Mark Gordon, Mark Burnett, Ridley Scott, Tony Scott, Steven Bochco and Dean Devlin. This summer, TNT will air seven new or returning originals: "The Closer," "Saving Grace," "Dark Blue," "Leverage," "Memphis Beat," "Rizzoli & Isles" and "Hawthorne." Later this year, "Men of a Certain Age" returns. In 2011, the network will debut a new series from Steven Spielberg and starring Noah Wyle called "Fallen Skies," with "Southland" returning as well. It has also in recent days picked up buddy lawyer series "Franklin & Bash." starring Mark-Paul Gosselaar and Breckin Meyer.

Juno Temple eyes role of 'Musketeers' queen

Rising indie actress Juno Temple is about to be crowned queen. The 21-year-old British actress is in negotiations to play the royal highness in the 3D version of the classic tale of "The Three Musketeers." The project begins shooting in September with Paul W.S. Anderson directing. Logan Lerman, Ray Stevenson, Luke Evans, Matthew Macfayden, Christoph Waltz, Mads Mikkelsen and Milla Jovovich also star in the film. Anderson also is producing with Impact Pictures' Jeremy Bolt and Constantin Film's Robert Kulzer. Constantin, with which Impact has a joint venture, will finance the production. Summit is distributing domestically and handling foreign sales. The role will reunite Temple with Jovovich, both of whom recently wrapped shooting Killer Films' "Dirty Girl," in which Temple has the title role. The actress, onscreen with Ben Stiller in "Greenberg," has been on a roll lately. In addition to

"Dirty Girl," Temple recently wrapped shooting the indie feature "Goodnight Moon" with AnnaSophia Robb and is about to start production on the indie "Jack & Diane." She is repped by UTA and Troika Talent in the U.K.

Stephen Baldwin making timely oil doc

It was arguably only a matter of time until someone got the urge to make a film about the risks of offshore drilling, but it took the recent, and still ongoing, oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico to bring money, passion -- and the right celebrity -- together. This last is actor Stephen Baldwin, who is in Cannes to talk up a documentary he has already begun lensing called "The Will to Drill." A lot of "serendipity," he said, helped get this \$1.5 million project off the ground. The focus will be the impact of the current oil spill and its devastating, and almost certainly long-lasting, effects on the people and economy of the U.S. Gulf Coast. "This is not a blame game," Baldwin said. Asked if this pic would take British Petroleum to task for its key role in the accident, the actor said he thought "everyone is to blame for this oil thing, for our over-dependence on it. Not just one company." The actor does see the project as proselytizing for the environment: "I want to talk to the world with this film. I want to create the story of the impact that then crescendos into motivating people to be pro-active in their own choices."

Deals tumbling in for Rolling Stones doc

By the eighth day of Cannes folks typically begin to flag but judging from the buzz on the Croisette a sizeable number will re-boot for the Wednesday afternoon screenings of "Stones in Exile," a one-hour doc reliving the glory days of the Rolling Stones. The exile in question, appropriately enough, was right here on the French Riviera since the band members had to leave England right after the swinging '60s in order to avoid taxes. They set up shop on the Mediterranean coast, lived a version of the French provincial life (plus sex, drugs and rock-'n-roll) for several years in the early 1970s, and produced one of their best albums, "Exile on Main Street," in the offing. The doc culls from 40 hours of musty outtakes shot by American docmeister Robert Frank for his own opus (the banned but bootlegged "Cocksucker Blues"), hidden in vaults for almost 40 years, as well as from stills done by the French photographer Dominique Tarle, who hung out with the band. There are also a few interviews and voiceovers and all the band members are present and accounted for in the piece. Mick Jagger and co. will field questions from the press immediately after the world premier screening in the Directors Fortnight section of the festival Wednesday afternoon in Cannes.

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