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## ASCAP'S WOMEN BEHIND THE MUSIC

Now in its third year, ASCAP Rhythm & Soul's "Women Behind the Music" series recognizes women in all facets of the industry from singer/songwriters to label and publishing executives, attorneys and managers. Held in New York, Los Angeles and Atlanta, this year's fetes were sponsored by Qream, producer Pharrell Williams' liqueur brand.

**ABOVE LEFT:** Holding court in Atlanta at Straits restaurant on Nov. 18, ASCAP paid tribute to vocal guru and 2011 Georgia Music Hall of Fame inductee **Jan Smith**, entertainment attorney **Uwonda Carter** of the Carter Law Firm and Grammy Award nominee and 2010 ASCAP Vanguard winner **Janelle Monáe**. From left are ASCAP Rhythm & Soul senior director of membership **Jay Sloan**, Smith, Carter, Monáe and ASCAP Rhythm & Soul director of membership **Jennifer Drake**. PHOTO: PRINCE WILLIAMS

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Proudly displaying their awards at Los Angeles' Beso restaurant on Nov. 10 are (from left) Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter **Siedah Garrett**, MADE Management and Consulting partner **Erica Grayson** and Universal Music Publishing Group senior VP **Donna Caseine**. PHOTO: ARNOLD TURNER

**LEFT:** ASCAP kicked off the 2011 series at New York venue Tenjune on Nov. 9. ASCAP Rhythm & Soul VP of membership **Nicole George** (far left) helped pay tribute to the evening's honorees (from left): Motown senior VP of marketing and artist development **Phyllana Williams**, Monami Entertainment owner **Mona Scott-Young** and Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter **Monica**. PHOTO: TAYLOR HILL