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## KATY PERRY TO BE HONORED BY THE TREVOR PROJECT ON DEC. 2ND TREVOR LIVE TO BE DIRECTED BY ADAM SHANKMAN

West Hollywood, Ca. (Oct. 9, 2012) – On Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012, The Trevor Project will honor international superstar, **Katy Perry** with the Trevor Hero Award at "<u>Trevor Live</u>," presented by Audi of America and Wells Fargo (Hollywood Palladium, 6215 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles). Celebrated director, producer and choreographer **Adam Shankman** returns as Special Guest Director of this high-profile annual event benefiting the life-saving, life-affirming work of The Trevor Project, which provides crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) teens and young adults.

The Trevor Hero Award honors Katy Perry for empowering youth and increasing visibility and understanding of the LGBTQ community. As an ally for the LGBTQ community, Perry has supported equality and the freedom to marry. She inspires LGBTQ youth to find their spark through her video "Firework." Perry strives to let youth know they have value, and by being themselves, they can be anything.

"Everyone deserves a wonderful, fulfilled life. Our sexual orientation or gender identity doesn't change the spark and beauty within," said Katy Perry, Trevor Hero Award honoree. "I'm honored that The Trevor Project has selected me to receive the Trevor Hero Award. Their work has inspired me since 2010, and I know they help save lives."

"The Trevor Project is proud to honor Katy Perry with the Trevor Hero Award. Her message inspires and empowers youth to know they have value and that they are deserving of equality, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity," said Abbe Land, Executive Director and CEO of The Trevor Project.

Trevor Live presented by Audi of America and Wells Fargo is a signature annual event of The Trevor Project, bringing together top entertainers and corporate leaders to support the organization's life-saving, life-affirming work for LGBTQ youth in crisis. This high-profile event has honored actors, musicians and comedians including Susan Sarandon, Lady Gaga, Daniel Radcliffe, Kathy Griffin, Neil Patrick Harris and Vanessa Williams for their support of LGBTQ youth. To purchase tickets to the event, visit TheTrevorProject.org/TrevorLive.

The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning young people under 24. Every day, The Trevor Project saves young lives through its free and confidential lifeline and instant messaging services, in-school workshops, educational materials, online resources and advocacy. Honored by the White House as a Champion of Change, The Trevor Project is a leader and innovator in suicide prevention. Learn more at <u>TheTrevorProject.org</u>.

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