AVRIL LAVIGNE talks touring with husband CHAD KROEGER, Miley Cyrus' VMA performance, judging talent competition series and possible Country and Christmas albums in "Conversations with Maria Menounos"



Los Angeles, CA, 24 September 2013 –(<u>conversationswithmaria.com</u>) – Avril Lavigne appeared on Maria Menounos' new online talk show, "Conversations with Maria...." on September 24, 2013, discussing touring with husband Chad Kroeger, thoughts on Pink, Britney, Christina and Miley, whether she'd judge for shows like X Factor and remaining career goals- from horror movies to Christmas and Country albums.

Lavigne, who married Nickelback frontman Chad Kroeger this past July, revealed the thing she loves most about her husband is that "He's a really good person. He's funny. And he takes care of me."

She opened up about the ballad "Let Me Go" they co-wrote for her new album saying, "We're going to perform it together... With that song, we weren't together so we were almost writing it about like our pasts and then fast forward to the end of the record when we were already together we both felt that it was strange that we were together singing a song called 'Let Me Go.' And so we wanted to put a twist on the end, so the end of the song, the chorus and the lyrics change and then we're together."

On being a member of an elite pop generation with Pink, Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera, Lavigne says "I think Pink's a really good singer... She was signed before I was to LA Reid and he discovered me as well and so I remember when I first got signed to Arista Records when I was 15 and getting a copy of her CD. Her sound was so different back then to how it is now. Now she's more like pop rock. I've seen her change. I just feel really grateful to still be here today making music." When asked if she's friendly with any of them she simply responds "Nope (laughs) But it's kind of cool that everyone's still around."

On Miley Cyrus' controversial VMA performance, she laughs and says "A lot of people are talking about it so I guess that's a good thing for her."

When asked if she'd consider joining shows like *X Factor* or *The Voice*, like mentor LA Reid, Lavigne says "Maybe... I think it would be cool because like I'm been a musician for a while now, for the majority of my life...One time I was a guest judge on *American Idol* and actually had fun because I was surprised how many talented people there were... It made me realize I was so lucky to be able to make it because there's so many extremely talented, crazy people out there and its hard...especially now. There's so much music around and so many new artists all the time and it didn't really used to be that way."

On things she'd still love to do with her career Lavigne comments, "I'd love to be in a horror film. And I would also love to be in a comedy." When asked what she's love to do musically she reveals, "I'd LOVE to make a Christmas record. I kind of sang country music when I was really young... and I actually now kind of enjoy listening to country. I don't know if I'll make a country record, but I totally could. I'd love to have fun and experiment with stuff like that."

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Avril Lavigne's new self-titled album drops November 5th and is available for pre-order on iTunes starting September 24<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit avrillavigne.com.

*Conversations* with Maria Menounos is а one-on-one interview series featuring *Extra* Host Maria Menounos engaging stars and social influencers in long form webisode and podcast interviews. Prior guests include media mogul Perez Hilton, franchise movie stars Zoe Saldana and Vin Diesel. In 2011, she launched online broadcast network, AfterBuzzTV.com, which plays to weekly audience of 20 million people from over 75 countries and in 2013, she launched her latest online venture, "Conversations with Maria Menounos," produced by Underman/Omegagirl Productions in partnership with Telepictures Productions. Portions of Conversations with Maria Menounos will be featured on Extra and full length interviews are available on iTunes.com, extraTV.com and on all mobile platforms. For further information about the show, visit conversations with maria.com.

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