

## **You Pick the Next Big Star! - Consumers Get the Chance to Vote for the Winner of the "Choice Hotels Rising Star Music Challenge"**

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The three finalist songs were selected by the Choice Hotels Music Judging Panel and were announced on The Steve Harvey Morning Show. Submissions were judged on creativity, originality and relevancy to the theme of uplifting the community. Once consumers have voted, the Grand Prize winner will receive a home recording package and exposure to millions of listeners. The winner will be announced on The Steve Harvey Morning Show March 8, 2011.

For more information or vote for your favorite song, visit [www.ChoiceHotelsRisingStarContest.com](http://www.ChoiceHotelsRisingStarContest.com) today!

#### *About Choice Hotels Music*

Choice Hotels Music, launched in August 2010, brings together the emotional power of music while supporting great causes to raise charitable funds for national non-profit organizations. Choice Hotels Music is an innovative initiative from Choice Hotels International that supports signature causes and artists by introducing new music to millions of listeners using the power of the company's leading edge marketing and distribution channels. Each song produced directly benefits a featured cause or charity through donations per download from [choicehotels.com](http://choicehotels.com), and all music is produced to the artist's creative specifications and remains the ownership of the artist.

#### *About Steve Harvey Foundation*

The mission of the Steve Harvey Foundation is to share and teach the principles of manhood to young men to enable them to achieve their dreams and become better men who are emotionally, politically and economically strong. Our signature program, The Steve Harvey Mentoring Weekend for Young Men's goal is to break the misguided traits of manhood and instill the importance of dream building that will leave an impression on boys that will carry them through the rest of their lives.

#### *About Choice Hotels*

Choice Hotels International, Inc. franchises more than 6,000 hotels, representing more than 490,000 rooms, in the United States and more than 35 other countries and territories. As of September 30, 2010, more than 540 hotels were under construction, awaiting conversion or approved for development in the United States, representing more than 44,000 rooms, and approximately 90 hotels, representing approximately 8,000 rooms, were under construction, awaiting conversion or approved for development in 20 other countries and territories. The company's Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Quality, Sleep Inn, Clarion, Cambria Suites, MainStay Suites, Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, Econo Lodge and Rodeway Inn brands serve guests worldwide. In addition, via its Ascend Collection membership program, travelers in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean have upscale lodging options at historic, boutique and unique hotels.

Additional corporate information may be found on the Choice Hotels International, Inc. Web site, which may be accessed at [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com).

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