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The Staples Center, site of the 2012 MTV Video Music Awards
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The MTV Video Music Awards are moving to the home of the Lakers: Staples Center in Los Angeles.

That's right. On Thursday, September 6, at 8 p.m. ET/PT, the 2012 VMAs will take over Staples for the first time, making the big show even bigger — if that's possible. The epicenter of the L.A. sports and entertainment universe is just the latest iconic venue the VMAs have called home, joining a list that includes New York's Radio City Music Hall, the Palms Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas and American Airlines Arena in Miami.

It's fitting the 2012 VMAs are moving to Staples; after all, they'll need a big house to match the big-time impact of *last* year's show, which scored MTV's biggest audience in the network's history with a record-breaking 12.4 million viewers and were also the most tweeted-about awards show ever — no doubt fueled by Lady Gaga's Jo Calderone and, of course, Beyoncé's famous onstage reveal of her baby bump.

But before you get too excited for the VMAs, don't forget the 2012 MTV Movie Awards , airing live Sunday, June 3, from Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City, California. Russell Brand — a two-time VMA host — has been tapped to helm this year's Movie Awards.

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