

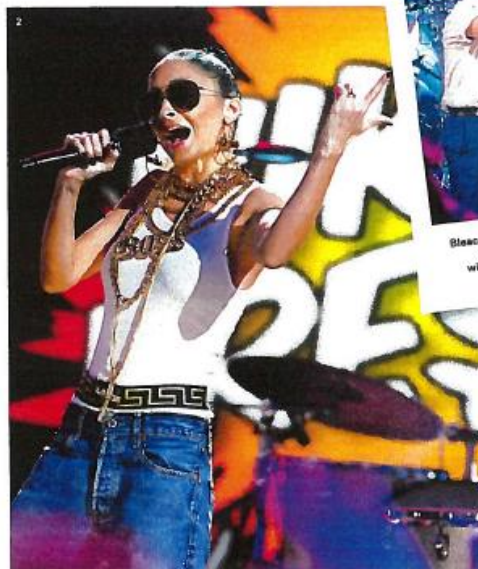
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## VH1's You Oughta Know

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ECHOSMITH'S SYDNEY SIEROTA MAY SING "I WISH that I could be like the cool kids" on her band's breakout single, and her wish came true at the taping of VH1's You Oughta Know concert at Hammerstein Ballroom, where she performed "Cool Kids" alongside a who's who of 2014's freshest faces: **Sam Smith**, **Tove Lo**, **Vance Joy**, **Bleachers**, **Chvrches**, **American Authors**, **Mary Lambert**, **A Great Big World** and **Kongos**. "We were just excited to be a part of it, to know that people were noticing our music," said Sierota. "But to see all these other amazing, equally talented artists has been awesome." Smith got his own wish fulfilled when personal hero **Chaka Khan** agreed to introduce him, having fallen in love with his music through a friend's recommendation. "It means so much to me that Sam felt my voice too. I am so thankful that VH1 is finally bringing us together," said Khan. Before the night ended, host **Nicole Richie** — who dubbed herself **Nikki Fresh** for the ceremonies — showed off her own music skills by rapping alongside **Naughty by Nature's Treach**. —ANDREW HAMPP



Bleachers' Jack Antonoff performed "I Wanna Get Better" and "Strange Desire" before wowing the crowd with a cover of Fleetwood Mac's "Go Your Own Way" with Chvrches vocalist Lauran Mayberry.



1 Smith. 2 Richie. 3 Aloe Blacc. 4 From left: Echosmith's Graham, Jamie, Sydney and Noah Sierota backstage. 5 From left: Treach, Deborah Harry and DJ Kay Gee. Harry introduced the Glasgow-based band Chvrches before its set, saying, "The Glas-region has always supported Blondie, and to have this opportunity to give something back makes me very happy." 6 Lambert.