

Taylor Swift Gives 'Blank Space' Dazzling Live Debut at AMAs

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Taylor Swift performs onstage at the 2014 American Music Awards at Nokia Theatre L.A. Live on November 23, 2014 in Los Angeles, California.
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Days after “Blank Space” became [Taylor Swift’s third No. 1 single on the Hot 100 chart](#), the pop superstar gave the 1989 single the splashy live debut it deserves when she opened the 2014 American Music Awards on Sunday night (Nov. 23) from the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live in Los Angeles.

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After [debuting "Shake It Off" at the MTV Video Music Awards](#) three months ago, Swift raised the curtain on the AMAs by floating down to the stage with a dashing beau and subsequently re-creating the house of luxurious horrors that comprises the "Blank Space" music video. Instead of playing the wide-eyed romantic, Swift was wild-eyed and playfully insane while setting fire to a rose and literally pushing handsome gentlemen out of her framed portraits. The performance concluded with flames bursting from the stage and a cast of dancers prancing around Swift's pronounced craziness.

After winning the [Artist of the Year trophy](#) at the AMAs last year, Swift will receive the [Dick Clark Award for Excellence](#) during the 2014 ceremony, becoming the first-ever recipient of the special award. Clark created the AMAs, now in their 42nd year.

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Earlier this month, Swift's fifth studio album, *1989*, scored the [biggest debut sales week of the year](#), moving 1.287 million units in a single sales frame, according to Nielsen SoundScan. "Shake It Off," the album's lead single, spent four weeks atop the [Hot 100](#) before its follow-up, "Blank Space," blasted from No. 13 to No. 1 last week. With that feat, Swift became the first female artist in the Hot 100's history to succeed herself at the top spot.

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