

## GRAMMY MUSEUM HONORS LADY GAGA, JONATHAN BERNAL APRIL 4 IN BEVERLY HILLS



*2016 Jane Ortner Education Award Luncheon also featured a special performance from John Legend*

*All proceeds benefit the Museum's Jane Ortner Education Award program, which encourages teachers to utilize music as a tool to enhance the academic experience*

**LOS ANGELES (April 7, 2016)** — Six-time GRAMMY® Award winner **Lady Gaga** was the recipient of the Jane Ortner Artist Award in recognition of her dedication to education through the arts at the GRAMMY Museum®'s 2016 ***Jane Ortner Education Award Luncheon*** on April 4 at Ron Burkle's Green Acres home in Beverly Hills, Calif. Jonathan Bernal, an eighth grade English teacher from Topaz Preparatory Academy in Hesperia, Calif., was the recipient of the Jane Ortner Education Award.

During her acceptance speech, Lady Gaga thanked her early piano instructors and longtime vocal coach Don Lawrence, and expressed her gratitude for growing up with a strong foundation in music education.

"At the end of the day, it's my love of learning music and playing music that keeps me here," said Lady Gaga. "I wish so much for every young child to have the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument, or to at least have a friendship with somebody that has a strong knowledge of music history."

During his remarks, Bernal shared his unique approach to teaching and what he learned from legendary Los Angeles Dodgers broadcaster Vin Scully: "In 1974, Scully famously called Hank Aaron's 715th home run by not saying a single word after the ball left Aaron's bat. His reasoning was simple: 'I try to shut up so I can enjoy the roar of the crowd.' And as a teacher, I like to enjoy the roar of my students' voices more than I do my own voice. I don't see the classroom as MY classroom; I see it as OUR classroom. I strive to provide students with a space where they have a choice and a voice, as well as a level of autonomy."

The event also featured a special performance from GRAMMY winner John Legend, the first-ever recipient of the Jane Ortner Artist Award, whose set included a cover of The Beatles' "Here Comes The Sun" and his GRAMMY-winning song "Ordinary People," among others. Lady Gaga was backed by her jazz quintet for a special performance that included covers of Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" and Edith Piaf's "La Vie En Rose."

The 2016 Jane Ortner Education Award Luncheon was held at Ron Burkle's Green Acres home in Beverly Hills, Calif., and proceeds benefitted the expansion of the Museum's Jane Ortner Education Award program, which offers professional development for teachers and a free online library of music-integrated curricula.

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The Jane Ortner Education Award is unique in that it celebrates educators who incorporate music into the teaching of academic subjects such as English language arts, history, math, and science. Program participants recognize that making music a central part of the educational experience fosters the development of a broad range of social skills, including creative expression, confidence-building, collaboration, and social responsibility. Previous recipients include California educators Erica Amann (El Dorado High School), Sunshine Cavalluzzi (El Dorado High School), Bianca Wilson Cole (Washington Prep High School), Kylie Ko (Mark Keppel Elementary School), and Nicole Naditz (Bella Vista High School). Past recipients of the Jane Ortner Artist Award are John Legend, Janelle Monáe and Jackson Browne.

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