



STAR-STUDED INITIAL PERFORMANCE LINEUP REVEALED FOR THE GRAMMY HALL OF FAME® GALA ON MAY 16

BRIAN BLADE, CINDY BLACKMAN, DANIEL LANOIS, EDDIE FLOYD, EMMYLOU HARRIS, JODY STEPHENS, JON BATISTE, LEDISI, LESLIE ODOM JR., AND ORIANTHI TO PERFORM IN TRIBUTE TO 2025 INDUCTED RECORDINGS, WITH MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (APRIL 23, 2025) — The performer lineup has been revealed for the Recording Academy® and GRAMMY Museum's® 2025 GRAMMY Hall Of Fame® Gala, taking place Friday, May 16, at The Beverly Hilton in Los Angeles. Fourteen-time GRAMMY® winner **Emmylou Harris** will be joined by GRAMMY-winning producer **Daniel Lanois** and acclaimed jazz drummer **Brian Blade** for a rare collaboration, while additional performers include celebrated percussionist and wife of Carlos Santana, **Cindy Blackman**; soul legend **Eddie Floyd**; drummer of iconic power-pop band Big Star, **Jody Stephens**; powerhouse vocalist and GRAMMY-winner **Ledisi**; GRAMMY-winning actor and singer **Leslie Odom Jr.**; and guitar virtuoso **Orianthi**; as well as previously announced performer, Grammy-winning composer and bandleader **Jon Batiste**. Notably, Harris, Floyd and Stephens all have recordings that are being newly inducted into the GRAMMY Hall Of Fame. Each performance will celebrate one of this year's GRAMMY Hall Of Fame inductees, with more performers and details surrounding specific tributes to be announced soon.

As previously revealed, the evening will also include the presentation of the inaugural Ray Charles "Architect of Sound" Award, created in partnership with The Ray Charles Foundation. This new annual honor recognizes an artist whose creative legacy reflects the visionary innovation of Ray Charles. The first recipient is multi-GRAMMY Award winner Jon Batiste, who will also perform during the Gala. The event will additionally honor this year's label honoree, Republic Records.

Returning as host is esteemed CBS News journalist Anthony Mason. The show will be produced by former GRAMMY Awards® Executive Producer Ken Ehrlich, alongside Ron Basile, Lindsay Saunders Carl and Lynne Sheridan, with musical direction by GRAMMY and Latin GRAMMY® Award-winning composer, producer and conductor Cheche Alara.

The Gala will celebrate the 2025 GRAMMY Hall Of Fame inducted recordings, which include iconic recordings such as JAY-Z's *Reasonable Doubt*, Cat Stevens' *Tea For The Tillerman*, Santana's *Supernatural*, and classics from Big Star, Clara Ward, Eddie Floyd, Emmylou Harris, Fela Kuti & Afrika 70, Geeshie Wiley, Gloria Estefan & Miami Sound Machine, J.D. Crowe & The New South, Linda Martell, and Luther Vandross.



Tickets for the GRAMMY Hall Of Fame Gala are on sale now. For more information, visit: grammymuseum.org/programs/hof-gala.

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The GRAMMY Hall Of Fame was established by the Recording Academy's National Trustees in 1973. The inducted recordings are selected annually by a special member committee of eminent and knowledgeable professionals from all branches of the recording arts with final ratification by the Recording Academy's National Board of Trustees. With 13 new titles, the GRAMMY Hall Of Fame currently totals 1,165 inducted recordings. Eligible recipients will receive an official certificate from the Recording Academy. For a full list of 2025 recordings inducted into the GRAMMY Hall Of Fame, see below or visit [here](#).

ABOUT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM

The GRAMMY Museum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating and exploring music from yesterday and today to inspire the music of tomorrow through exhibits, education, grants, preservation initiatives, and public programming. Paying tribute to our collective musical heritage, the Museum values and celebrates the dynamic connection in people's diverse backgrounds and music's many genres, telling stories that inspire us, and creative expression that leads change in our industry.

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The Recording Academy represents the voices of performers, songwriters, producers, engineers, and all music professionals. Dedicated to ensuring the recording arts remain a thriving part of our shared cultural heritage, the Academy honors music's history while investing in its future through the [GRAMMY Museum](#), [advocates on behalf of music creators](#), supports music people in times of need through [MusiCares®](#), and celebrates artistic excellence through the [GRAMMY Awards](#) — music's only peer-recognized accolade and highest achievement. As the world's leading society of music professionals, we work year-round to foster a more inspiring world for creators.

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