



CONAN GRAY AND JOHN MELLENCAMP TO PERFORM REPUBLIC RECORDS TRIBUTE AT THE GRAMMY HALL OF FAME® GALA ON MAY 16 IN LOS ANGELES AT THE BEVERLY HILTON

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED PERFORMERS INCLUDE BRIAN BLADE,
CINDY BLACKMAN, DANIEL LANOIS, EDDIE FLOYD, EMMYLOU
HARRIS, JODY STEPHENS, JON BATISTE, LEDISI, LESLIE ODOM JR.,
AND ORIANTHI WITH MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (APRIL 28, 2025) — Singer-songwriter and voice of his generation **Conan Gray** and legendary GRAMMY®-winning singer-songwriter **John Mellencamp** will perform at the Recording Academy® and GRAMMY Museum's® 2025 GRAMMY Hall Of Fame® Gala as part of a special tribute to this year's label honoree, Republic Records. The music industry's most successful label of the past decade, Republic has earned Billboard's *Hot 100 Label of the Year* 10 of the past 11 years among countless other accolades, a reflection of its chart dominance, groundbreaking artist development, and culturally defining releases. From breaking global superstars to shaping genre-defying movements, Republic continues to set the standard for excellence across the music industry. The Gala will take place on Friday, May 16 at The Beverly Hilton in Los Angeles.

Monte Lipman, Chairman and CEO of Republic Records, said, "We are forever grateful for the incredible artists, songwriters, and storytellers that we've had the privilege of supporting over the years. Anytime you're recognized by your peers, it's always a humbling moment—and in this case, the significance of this award is truly exceptional."

"Republic Records has consistently shaped the sound of popular music and launched some of the most influential artists of our time," said Michael Sticka, President/CEO of the GRAMMY Museum. "Their sustained success and cultural impact make them a fitting honoree at this year's GRAMMY Hall Of Fame Gala, where we celebrate the recordings—and the industry visionaries—whose legacies continue to inspire."

Previously announced performers include celebrated percussionist and wife of Carlos Santana, **Cindy Blackman**; soul legend **Eddie Floyd**; 13-time GRAMMY® winner and Lifetime Achievement Award honoree **Emmylou Harris**, joined by multi-GRAMMY Award-winning producer **Daniel Lanois** and acclaimed multi-GRAMMY Award-winning jazz drummer **Brian Blade** for a rare collaboration; drummer of iconic power-pop band Big Star, **Jody Stephens**; multi-GRAMMY Award-winning composer and bandleader **Jon Batiste**; powerhouse vocalist and GRAMMY-winner **Ledisi**; GRAMMY-winning actor and singer **Leslie Odom Jr.**; and guitar virtuoso **Orianthi**. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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ABOUT THE GRAMMY HALL OF FAME

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.

For more information, visit www.grammymuseum.org, "like" the GRAMMY Museum on Facebook, and follow @GRAMMYMuseum on Instagram and TikTok.

ABOUT THE RECORDING ACADEMY

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.

For more information about the GRAMMY Awards and the Recording Academy, please visit [GRAMMY.com](#) and [RecordingAcademy.com](#). For breaking news and exclusive content, [follow @RecordingAcad on X](#), [“like” Recording Academy on Facebook](#), and join the Recording Academy’s social communities on [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [TikTok](#), and [LinkedIn](#). For media assets, please visit the [Recording Academy’s Press Room](#).

ABOUT REPUBLIC RECORDS

A division of Universal Music Group, the world's leading music company, Republic Records is home to an all-star roster of multi-platinum, award-winning legends such as Anitta, Ariana Grande, Billy Porter, Conan Gray, Cynthia Erivo, Daniel Caesar, Eddie Vedder, Florence + the Machine, Glass Animals, Jelly Roll, Jimmy Fallon, John Legend, John Mellencamp, Jonas Brothers, Kid Cudi, Kim Petras, Lorde, Miranda Lambert, Nicki Minaj, Pearl Jam, Shania Twain, Stevie Wonder, Taylor Swift and more. Founded by brothers and chief executives Monte and Avery Lipman, it is also comprised of innovative business ventures with chart topping artists and partners including American Recordings (Marcus King), Boominati Worldwide (Metro Boomin), Brushfire (Jack Johnson), Casablanca Records (Nelly Furtato, Martin Garrix), Cash Money (Birdman, Jaquees), HYBE (TXT), JYP Entertainment (Stray Kids, TWICE), Lava Records (Greta Van Fleet), Mavin Records (Ayra Starr), OVO (Drake), XO (The Weeknd), Young Money (Lil Wayne), among others. Additionally, Republic recently launched Federal Films, the film and TV division that aims to bring compelling stories to audiences around the world, as well as Republic Records: *Kids & Family*, the official children's division of Republic Records. Republic Records has become the music industry’s most successful label of the past decade, earning Billboard’s *Hot 100 Label of the Year* ten of the past eleven years among countless other accolades, including claiming iHeart’s *Label of the Year* 8 years in a row, five of Variety’s *Hitmaker Label of the Year Awards*, 4 Clio Awards, #1 Mediabase label for over 10 years, and most recently, the highly acclaimed 2025 Grammy Hall of Fame’s Label Honoree.

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