



## RECORDING ACADEMY® INVITES NEARLY 3,600 MUSIC CREATORS AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS TO JOIN ITS MEMBERSHIP

**SANTA MONICA, CALIF. (JULY 9, 2025)** — Today the Recording Academy® extended its annual membership invitations to nearly 3,600 established music professionals spanning diverse backgrounds, genres and disciplines, underscoring the Academy's commitment to recruiting qualified members from across the music landscape. This year's 2025 class of invitees is 49 percent women, 56 percent People of Color and 60 percent under the age of 40. The invitations extended today offer each potential new member an opportunity to power the Recording Academy's mission of cultivating the well-being of the music community, celebrating artistic excellence in the recording arts, advocating for human creators' rights, and more.

"For today's music creators, GRAMMY® membership opens up an incredible set of opportunities," said Harvey Mason jr., CEO of the Recording Academy. "Not only do voting members get the chance to honor their peers with GRAMMY nominations and awards, Academy members get access to hands-on experience, skill development to advance their careers, exposure to peers and mentors in the music industry and be part of an organization shaping the future of music."

Celebrating receiving an invitation today to become new Recording Academy members include **Addison Rae, Grupo Firme, Joey Bada\$\$, KATSEYE, Mariah The Scientist, and Nikki Glaser**, expressing their excitement of their new journey ahead:

- **Addison Rae:** "It is a huge honor to join the Recording Academy/GRAMMYs 2025 New Member Class. I am so lucky to be surrounded by talent and poise that inspires me to create fearlessly and help encourage others to do so as well. Thank you for this incredible opportunity!"
- **Grupo Firme:** "Nos sentimos profundamente honrados de ser parte de la nueva generación de miembros de la Recording Academy. Representar la música Mexicana en este espacio global es un sueño hecho realidad, y estamos listos para alzar la voz por nuestra cultura, y nuestras raíces. ¡Vamos con todo!"
- **Joey Bada\$\$:** "Being invited to join the Recording Academy is a true honor and a powerful acknowledgment of the work I've put into my craft. It's more than just recognition, it's an opportunity to have a voice in shaping the future of music and to stand alongside the artists and creators I respect most. I'm proud to represent not just myself, but the culture and community that raised me."
- **KATSEYE:** "We're so honored to be part of the Recording Academy/GRAMMYs 2025 New Member Class! It's exciting to stand alongside such inspiring artists and be part of a community that truly champions music, artistry, and diversity."
- **Mariah The Scientist:** "Honored to be part of the Recording Academy's 2025 New Membership Class. I've always made music from a real place — honest, vulnerable, mine. To be invited into a space that uplifts artists like me is a full-circle moment. Grateful to be seen, and ready to stand for the future of music."
- **Nikki Glaser:** "I am beyond thrilled to say I am in the Recording Academy/GRAMMYs 2025 New Member Class. I screamed when I found out. This is the greatest thing the GRAMMYs have given me since the half of Benson Boone's tuxedo I kept after last year's show. I couldn't be more honored to join this incredible roster of creatives and actually get to play a part in rewarding my favorite music and



performers. This is a role I'm going to take very seriously and as a comedian, it'll be nice to finally have one thing I do in earnest."

See [here](#) for additional invitee quotes.

New members have the opportunity to participate in many of the Academy's initiatives such as drive meaningful DEI progress and impact through the [DREAM Initiative](#), advocate and recognize the creators behind the music through federal and state [Advocacy efforts](#), engage in programming with the [Producers & Engineers Wing](#)® and [Songwriters & Composers Wing](#), support their peers across the Academy's 12 Chapter cities, and more. Recording Academy Voting Members — made up of artists, songwriters, producers, and engineers active in the music industry — are eligible to vote for the GRAMMY Awards®, ultimately determining the outcomes on Music's Biggest Night® and shaping music history.

Invitations must be formally accepted for invitees to become Recording Academy members. To participate in the [Online Entry Process](#) (OEP) for the upcoming GRAMMY Awards, invitees must accept by **July 31**. Through OEP, members can submit recordings, music videos and other eligible content for GRAMMY® Award consideration. For 68th GRAMMY Awards® key dates, visit [here](#).

To see the 2024 Membership Report highlighting the Academy's 2024 New Membership class and overall membership body, visit [here](#). To see how the Academy's membership supports its members and broader music community year-round through the Academy's networks and professional resources, visit the [2024 GRAMMY Impact Report](#).

For more information on the Academy's membership\* process and requirements, visit [here](#).

*\*GRAMMY U® is the third type of Academy membership and follows a distinct application process. Visit [here](#) for more info.*

## 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](#).

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