



RECORDING ACADEMY® KICKS OFF GRAMMY® NOMINATIONS WEEK WITH MORE THAN 3,800 NEW MEMBERS

NEW CLASS REFLECTS ACADEMY'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO REPRESENTING TODAY'S VIBRANT MUSIC COMMUNITY

SANTA MONICA, CALIF. (NOV. 3, 2025) — Just days before the [2026 GRAMMY Awards® nominations](#) are announced, the Recording Academy® revealed that more than 3,800 diverse music creators and professionals who are actively working in the music industry have joined the Academy as part of its 2025 New Member Class, expanding the pool of qualified voters ahead of the [2026 GRAMMY Awards](#). Of those in the accepted class, 50 percent are 39 and under, 58 percent are People of Color, and 35 percent identify as women. For the first time ever, invitations were also extended to all [Latin Recording Academy®](#) Voting Members, helping to build a more globally representative voting body. Full statistics surrounding the demographics of the new member class can be found [here](#).

"Today marks the beginning of an exciting week — not only are we welcoming this year's incredible new class of Academy members, but we're just days away from unveiling the 2026 GRAMMY Awards nominees," said [Harvey Mason jr.](#), CEO of the Recording Academy. "This year's class reflects the vibrancy of today's diverse music landscape. The addition of many Latin Recording Academy voting members underscores that music has no borders and that our mission to serve music people, regardless of where they are from, is stronger than ever. I can't wait for our members' passion and hard work to shine through in this year's nominations."

[Recording Academy membership](#) consists of [Voting Membership](#) for recording creators and Professional Membership for music business professionals. All members have the opportunity to participate in the [organization's year-round initiatives](#), driving meaningful [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#) progress through the DREAM Initiative, advocating for creators at the federal and state [levels](#), engaging in programming with the [Producers & Engineers Wing®](#) and [Songwriters & Composers Wing™](#), mentoring the next generation of music industry talent through [GRAMMY U®](#), supporting peers across the [Academy's 12 Chapter cities](#), and more. Voting Members — made up of artists, songwriters, producers, and engineers active in the music industry — are [eligible to vote](#), ultimately [determining the GRAMMY® nominees and winners](#) of Music's Biggest Night®.

The 2026 GRAMMY Awards nominees will be [unveiled at 11:00 a.m. EST / 8:00 a.m. PST this Friday, Nov. 7](#), during a livestream event on [live.GRAMMY.com](#) and [YouTube](#). The full list of nominees will be published on [GRAMMY.com](#) immediately following the presentation. The 2026 GRAMMY Awards Nominations are proudly sponsored by City National Bank, Dove and Vaseline. Pool port information for the Nominations livestream can be found [here](#).

For more information on the Recording Academy's membership process and requirements, visit [here](#). For 2026 GRAMMY Awards key dates, visit [here](#).

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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