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THE GRAMMY FOUNDATION® ANNOUNCES 2013 GRAMMY® SIGNATURE SCHOOLS

Grants Awarded to 10 Top U.S. Public High Schools for Music Excellence Including Six Enterprise Awards Granted to Economically Underserved Schools

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***Special GRAMMY Signature Schools Community Awards Given Throughout The Year
In Partnership With Best Buy And The Hot Topic Foundation***

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (March 28, 2013) — The GRAMMY Foundation® (www.grammyfoundation.org) announced today that 10 schools nationwide have been selected as GRAMMY® Signature Schools (www.grammyintheschools.com) for 2013 and have been awarded cash grants totaling \$56,000. Created in 1998, the GRAMMY Signature Schools program recognizes top U.S. public high schools that are making an outstanding commitment to music education during an academic school year. **Each of the 10 GRAMMY Signature Schools will receive a custom award and a monetary grant to benefit its music program.** The **top three schools** are designated **Gold** recipients. The **best** of the Gold recipients is named the **National GRAMMY Signature School**. The **National GRAMMY Signature School** will receive **\$10,000**, and the two remaining **Gold schools** each will receive **\$5,500**. One remaining **GRAMMY Signature School** recipient will receive a grant of **\$2,000** to benefit its music programs. In the **Enterprise Award** category, which recognizes efforts made by schools that are **economically underserved**, **six schools** will receive a grant of **\$5,500 each**. **GRAMMY Signature Schools are made possible in part through the generous support of Best Buy, the Ford Motor Company Fund, and the Hot Topic Foundation.**

The GRAMMY Foundation also offers the **GRAMMY Signature Schools Community Award**, an extension of the GRAMMY Signature Schools program in partnership with **Best Buy** and **the Hot Topic Foundation**. Through this alliance, the GRAMMY Foundation identifies deserving public high school music programs to receive the award and a \$2,000 grant. During the past year, approximately 86 schools have received the GRAMMY Signature Schools Community Award, and total dollars granted exceeded \$172,000.

"For the past 15 years, our GRAMMY Signature Schools program has been providing much-needed financial resources and recognizing excellence in schools across the U.S. whose music programs have a positive impact on the lives of their students," said Neil Portnow, President/CEO of The Recording Academy® and the GRAMMY Foundation. "We're extremely grateful to our sponsors, whose generous support has allowed this initiative to grow. This program also was one source of inspiration behind the new Music Educator Award being presented by The Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation that will honor music's unsung heroes — the teachers who spend their days in classrooms encouraging music's next generation."

2013 GRAMMY Signature Schools:

2013 National GRAMMY Signature School (\$10,000)
Neuqua Valley High School — Naperville, Ill.

2013 GRAMMY Signature Schools Gold (\$5,500 each)
Marcus High School — Flower Mound, Texas
York Community High School — Elmhurst, Ill.

2013 GRAMMY Signature Schools (\$2,000)
Northwood High School — Irvine, Calif.

2013 GRAMMY Signature Schools Enterprise Award (\$5,500 each)
Colony High School — Palmer, Alaska
Compton High School — Compton, Calif.
John Marshall High School — Los Angeles
North Central High School — Spokane, Wash.
Palacios High School — Palacios, Texas
Sahuarita High School — Sahuarita, Ariz.

The selection process for GRAMMY Signature Schools begins each year in August when the GRAMMY Foundation mails notification to more than 20,000 public high schools from districts large and small, urban, suburban and rural, requesting information about each school's music program. Applications are completed and submitted online in October at www.grammyintheschools.com. After the applications are scored, finalists are identified and asked to submit additional documentation, such as recordings of school concerts, sample concert programs and repertoire, which is then reviewed by an independent blue-ribbon committee of top music educators and professionals to determine the schools that merit GRAMMY Signature School status.

The GRAMMY Foundation was established in 1989 to cultivate the understanding, appreciation and advancement of the contribution of recorded music to American culture. The Foundation accomplishes this mission through programs and activities that engage the music industry and cultural community as well as the general public. The Foundation works in partnership year-round with its founder, The Recording Academy, to bring national attention to important issues such as the value and impact of music and arts education and the urgency of preserving our rich cultural heritage. In recognition of the significant role of teachers in shaping their students' musical experiences, the GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy are partnering to present our first Music Educator Award. Open to current U.S. music teachers in kindergarten through college, the Music Educator Award will be given out during GRAMMY Week 2014. The nomination process is online at grammymusicteacher.com and the **deadline for submissions is April 15**. For more information about the Foundation, please visit www.grammyfoundation.org. For breaking news and exclusive content, please "like" GRAMMY in the Schools® on Facebook at www.facebook.com/grammyintheschools, follow the GRAMMY Foundation on Twitter @GRAMMYFdn at www.twitter.com/GRAMMYFdn and join us on Instagram @GRAMMYFdn at www.instagram.com/GRAMMYfdn.

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