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THE GRAMMY FOUNDATION® SELECTS STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESTIGIOUS GRAMMY CAMP® — JAZZ SESSION PROGRAM DURING GRAMMY® WEEK 2015

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Dec. 4, 2014) — The GRAMMY Foundation® (www.grammyintheschools.com) announced today that **32 talented high school students** from across the United States have been selected for positions in the **2015 GRAMMY Camp® — Jazz Session**. Their selection launches them into the spotlight surrounding the 57th Annual GRAMMY Awards®, and provides them with unparalleled opportunities to perform for some of music's biggest names. The students, representing **31 cities** and **13 states**, will travel to Los Angeles for a weeklong musical adventure under the direction of Justin DiCioccio of the Manhattan School of Music, Dr. Ron McCurdy of the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music and associate choral director Susanna Wegner of Kansas City, Mo. This year, two students will comprise the **GRAMMY in the Schools® Media Team**, and will **document the GRAMMY® Week experience** for a range of the **GRAMMY Foundation's social media platforms**.

"Since 1993, GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session has been gathering the top high school jazz singers and instrumentalists for an extraordinary GRAMMY Week experience where young people have the opportunity to play with their peers and with GRAMMY-nominated and GRAMMY-winning artists at a range of events," said Neil Portnow, President/CEO of the GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy®. "When we look back at the students who have participated over the years, it really is the best and the brightest in the genre and this year's group is no exception."

The selected students will perform at various **GRAMMY Week** events, including — for the sixth year— an appearance at **GRAMMY In The Schools Live! — A Celebration Of Music & Education**, sponsored by **Ford Motor Company Fund** and supported by the **National Endowment for the Arts. Art Works**. This special evening, which is open to the public, will showcase the selectees, along with **special guest artists**, on Feb. 4, 2015, at Club Nokia in Los Angeles. The group will offer more **public performances with special guest artists** at **Spghettini & the Dave Koz Lounge** in Beverly Hills, Calif., and **Spghettini Fine Dining & Entertainment** in Seal Beach, Calif., on Feb. 3 and Feb. 5, respectively. GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session members will also attend the **57th Annual GRAMMY Awards** on Feb. 8 as guests of The Recording Academy and will perform at the **GRAMMY Celebration®** after-party.

On Feb. 5–7, the young musicians will again record at the legendary **Capitol Studios & Mastering** in Hollywood, Calif., courtesy of the EMI Music Group. **GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session albums** from 2007–2014 **are available for purchase** at online music outlets such as **Amazon, iTunes** and **Rhapsody**.

The GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session selectees are eligible for more than \$2 million in college scholarships made possible through the GRAMMY Foundation's college partners: Berklee College of Music, Manhattan School of Music, The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, and USC Thornton School of Music. In addition, each selectee's school will receive a professional cymbal courtesy of the Zildjian Company.

The **2015 GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session** members are listed by each student's instrument, role or voice:

Band Name		City	State	School	Part
Immanuel	Wilkins	Upper Darby	Pa.	Upper Darby High School	Alto Sax 1
Alex	Laurenzi	Mountain Lakes	N.J.	Mountain Lakes High School	Alto Sax 2
Rico	Jones	Denver		Denver School of the Arts	Tenor Sax

Santosh	Sharma	Seattle		Roosevelt High School	Tenor Sax
Ganiyu	Dauda	Las Vegas		Las Vegas Academy of the Arts	Bari Sax
Jonah	Moss	Walnut Creek	Calif.	Northgate High School	Trumpet Lead
Anthony	Hervey	Miramar	Fla.	Dillard Center for the Arts	Trumpet Jazz
Evan	Abounassar	Yorba Linda	Calif.	Los Angeles County High School for the Arts	Trumpet 3
John	Bradford	Metairie	La.	NOCCA Academic Studio	Trumpet 4
Javier	Astorga	Fresno	Calif.	Buchanan High School	Trumpet 5
Nick	Lee	Los Angeles		Los Angeles County High School for the Arts	Trombone 1
Abdulrahman	Amer	Brooklyn	N.Y.	Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts	Trombone 2
Lindsay	Dobbs	San Mateo	Calif.	Aragon High School	Trombone 3
Ethan	Santos	Fresno	Calif.	Buchanan High School	Bass Trombone
Chris	Fishman	Hermosa Beach	Calif.	Los Angeles County High School for the Arts	Piano
Kanoa	Mendenhall	Novato	Calif.	NOVA Independent Study School	Bass
Joshua	Bermudez	Miami		New World School of the Arts	Guitar
Zachary	Adleman	Montclair	N.J.	Montclair High School	Drums

Choir

Alyssa	McDoom	Weston	Fla.	Cypress Bay High School	Soprano
Sharada	Shashidhar	Painted Post	N.Y.	Corning-Painted Post High School	Soprano
Darynn	Dean	Los Angeles		Mira Costa High School	Alto
Claire	Dickson	Medford	Mass.	Homeschooled	Alto
Jared	Freiburg	West Des Moines	Iowa	Valley High School	Tenor
Maurice	Johnson	Hempstead	N.Y.	Long Island High School for the Arts	Tenor
Derrick	Bynum	West Bloomfield	Mich.	Detroit School of the Arts	Bass
Joshua	Reinier	San Francisco		The Nueva School	Bass

Combo

Isaiah	Thompson	West Orange	N.J.	Montclair Kimberley Academy	Piano
Maxwell	Schwartz	Berkeley	Calif.	Berkeley High School	Bass
Evan	Wright	Flemington	N.J.	Hunterdon Central Regional High School	Guitar
Jared	Silverstein	Hillsborough	N.J.	Hillsborough High School	Drums

Media Team

Angelie	Humbert	Geneva	Ill.	Geneva Community High School	Media Team
Angelica	Pollard	San Ramon	Calif.	California High School	Media Team

The GRAMMY Foundation was established in 1988 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 partnered to present their first Music Educator Award in 2014. Open to current U.S. music teachers in kindergarten through college, the second annual Music Educator Award will be given out during GRAMMY Week 2015. For more information about our music education programs, please visit www.grammyintheschools.com. For breaking news and exclusive content, please like "GRAMMY in the Schools" on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GRAMMYFdn), follow @GRAMMYFdn on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GRAMMYFdn) and join @GRAMMYFdn on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/GRAMMYFdn).

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