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GRAMMY® PRE TELECAST CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE LIVE FOR THE FIRST TIME FROM NOKIA THEATRE L.A. LIVE ON SUNDAY, FEB. 10, STARTING AT 1 P.M. PT

Prelude to Music's Biggest Night® Will Help Kick Off The 55th Annual GRAMMY Awards® and Will Feature Performances by Nominees Krishna Das, eighth blackbird, John Fullbright, Hugh Masekela, Tyrese, and Elle Varner

David Alan Grier to Host the Star-Studded Ceremony — Which Once Again Will Be Streamed Live Online at GRAMMY.com — and Radmilla Cody, Janis Ian, Jimmy Jam, Kaskade, Britt Nicole, and Manuel Valera Will Help Present Awards in Approximately 70 Categories

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Feb. 5, 2013) — The **55th Annual GRAMMY Awards® Pre-Telecast Ceremony** will take place live for the first time at **Nokia Theatre L.A. Live** on **Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013**, from **1 – 3:30 p.m. PT**, and will be streamed live internationally at **GRAMMY.com/live** and **CBS.com** beginning at 1 p.m. PT. Attended by nominees and industry VIPs, the star-studded ceremony will be hosted by actor/singer/comedian **David Alan Grier**. The Pre-Telecast will feature performances by current nominees **Krishna Das, eighth blackbird, John Fullbright, Hugh Masekela, Tyrese, Elle Varner**. Presenting the first GRAMMY Awards of the day in approximately 70 categories will be current nominees **Radmilla Cody, Janis Ian, Kaskade, Britt Nicole, and Manuel Valera** as well as five-time GRAMMY-winning producer **Jimmy Jam**. The live stream of the Pre-Telecast will remain on GRAMMY.com as video on demand for 30 days following the event. Following the ceremony, the 55th Annual GRAMMY Awards will be broadcast live on the CBS Television Network from 8 – 11:30 p.m. ET/PT. For GRAMMY coverage, updates and breaking news, please visit The Recording Academy®'s social networks on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Host Grier is nominated for Best Musical Theater Album for *The Gershwins' Porgy And Bess*.

Performers Krishna Das, eighth blackbird, Fullbright, Masekela, Tyrese and Varner each have one nod: Krishna Das for Best New Age Album for *Live Ananda*; eighth blackbird for Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance for "Meanwhile"; Fullbright for Best Americana Album for *From The Ground Up*; Masekela for Best World Music Album for *Jabulani*; Tyrese for Best R&B Album for *Open Invitation*; and Varner for Best R&B Song for "Refill."

Presenters Cody, Ian, Kaskade, Nicole, Valera each have one nomination: Cody for Best Regional Roots Music Album for *Shi Kéyah — Songs For The People*; Ian for Best Spoken Word Album for *Society's Child: My Autobiography*; Kaskade for Best Dance/Electronica Album for *Fire & Ice*; Nicole for Best Contemporary Christian Music Album for *Gold*; and Valera for Best Latin Jazz Album for Manuel Valera New Cuban Express' *New Cuban Express*.

Established in 1957, The Recording Academy is an organization of musicians, songwriters, producers, engineers and recording professionals that is dedicated to improving the cultural condition and quality of life for music and its makers. Internationally known for the GRAMMY Awards — the preeminent peer-recognized award for musical excellence and the most credible brand in music — The Recording Academy is responsible for groundbreaking professional development, cultural enrichment, advocacy, education and human services programs. The Academy continues to focus on its mission of recognizing musical excellence, advocating for the well-being of music makers and ensuring music remains an

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