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**ZAC BROWN, BRITTANY HOWARD (ALABAMA SHAKES),
ELTON JOHN, MUMFORD & SONS, AND MAVIS STAPLES TO JOIN
TOGETHER FOR A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LATE LEVON HELM
ON THE 55TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS[®]**

**NOMINEE T BONE BURNETT TO SERVE AS MUSICAL DIRECTOR
FOR SPECIAL IN MEMORIAM SEGMENT**

**NOMINEES MIGUEL AND WIZ KHALIFA ALSO SET TO PERFORM
ON MUSIC'S BIGGEST NIGHT[®]**

*Dave Grohl, Ne-Yo, and Ryan Seacrest Are Set to Present
at the Music Industry's Premier Event*

*The 55th Annual GRAMMY Awards[®] — Hosted by LL COOL J — Airs Live on CBS
Sunday, Feb. 10, 8 P.M. ET/PT
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SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Feb. 6, 2013) — Nominees **Zac Brown**, **Brittany Howard** (Alabama Shakes), and **Mumford & Sons**, along with five-time GRAMMY[®] winner, GRAMMY Legend Award[™] recipient, and 2000 MusiCares[®] Person of the Year honoree **Elton John** and GRAMMY winner and Recording Academy Lifetime Achievement Award recipient (as a member of the Staples Singers) **Mavis Staples** will join together for a special tribute to the late Levon Helm as part of the annual In Memoriam segment on the **55th Annual GRAMMY Awards[®]** telecast. Current nominee **T Bone Burnett** will serve as musical director for this special tribute to Helm. Additionally, current nominees **Miguel** and **Wiz Khalifa** also are set to perform on Music's Biggest Night[®]. Thirteen-time GRAMMY winner **Dave Grohl**, three-time GRAMMY winner and current nominee **Ne-Yo**, and TV and radio host/producer (and newly appointed Honorary Chair of the GRAMMY Foundation Board) **Ryan Seacrest** will appear as presenters. The music industry's premier event will take place live on **Sunday, Feb. 10**, at STAPLES Center in Los Angeles and will be broadcast in high-definition TV and 5.1 surround sound on the **CBS Television Network** from **8 – 11:30 p.m. (ET/PT)**. The show also will be supported on radio worldwide via Dial Global, and covered online at GRAMMY.com and CBS.com, and on YouTube. Additional performers, presenters and special segments will be announced soon. For GRAMMY coverage, updates and breaking news, please visit The Recording Academy[®]'s social networks on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Current nominee Miguel is up for five awards: Song Of The Year, Best R&B Performance, and Best R&B Song for "Adorn," and Best Urban Contemporary Album for *Kaleidoscope Dream*, and Best Rap Song (along with Olubowale Akintimehin, S. Joseph Dew, Jerrin Howard, and Walker Johnson) for "Lotus Flower Bomb."

Twelve-time GRAMMY-winning producer T Bone Burnett, Brittany Howard (Alabama Shakes), and Wiz Khalifa each have two nominations: Burnett is nominated twice in Best Song Written For Visual

Media for "Abraham's Daughter" (from *The Hunger Games*) (along with Win Butler and Régine Chassagne) and "Safe & Sound" (from *The Hunger Games*) (along with Taylor Swift, John Paul White, and Joy Williams); Howard is up for Best New Artist and Best Rock Performance for "Hold On" (both with Alabama Shakes); and Wiz Khalifa is nominated for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance for "Payphone" (with Maroon 5), and Best Rap Song for "Young, Wild & Free" (along with Calvin Broadus, Chris Brody Brown, Peter Hernandez, Philip Lawrence, and Ari Levine).

Zac Brown has a Best Country Album nod for *Uncaged*.

Previously announced performers for the 55th Annual GRAMMY Awards are current nominees **Dierks Bentley** and **Miranda Lambert**, **The Black Keys**, **Kelly Clarkson**, **FUN.**, **the Lumineers**, **Mumford & Sons**, **Frank Ocean**, **Rihanna**, **Taylor Swift**, **Carrie Underwood**, and **Jack White**, as well as **Elton John** and current nominee **Ed Sheeran** performing live together for the first time, **Alicia Keys** and current nominees **Maroon 5**, current nominee **Bruno Mars**, **Rihanna**, and **Sting** in a special performance, and **Justin Timberlake**. The Black Keys, FUN., Howard, the Lumineers, Miguel, Ocean, Sheeran, and Wiz Khalifa will perform on the GRAMMY telecast for the first time. Previously announced presenters are nominees **Beyoncé**, **Hunter Hayes**, **Carly Rae Jepsen** and **Katy Perry**, actor **Kaley Cuoco**, actor and three-time Emmy® Award winner **Neil Patrick Harris**, five-time GRAMMY winner **Faith Hill**, singer/actor **Jennifer Lopez**, three-time GRAMMY winner **Tim McGraw**, actor **Pauley Perrette**, seven-time GRAMMY winner **Prince**, and four-time GRAMMY winner **Keith Urban**. Two-time GRAMMY winner **LL COOL J** returns as host of the music industry's premier event.

The 55th Annual GRAMMY Awards are produced by AEG Ehrlich Ventures for The Recording Academy. Ken Ehrlich is executive producer, Louis J. Horvitz is director, and David Wild and Ken Ehrlich are the writers.

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