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## **FIRST-ROUND VOTING PERIOD FOR THE 57TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS<sup>®</sup> IS NOW OPEN**

*Ballots Were Mailed to Voting Members Yesterday, and Are Due to Accounting Firm Deloitte Consulting LLP on Nov. 5; Nominations to be Announced the First Week of December*

*The 57th Annual GRAMMY Awards<sup>®</sup> Airs Live on CBS Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015, 8 P.M. ET/PT*

**SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Oct. 16, 2014)** — The Awards process for the **57th Annual GRAMMY Awards<sup>®</sup>** continues as first-round ballots were mailed yesterday to nearly 12,000 voting members of The Recording Academy<sup>®</sup>. Completed ballots must be returned to the accounting firm Deloitte Consulting LLP by 5 p.m. PT on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Ballots received after the deadline will not be counted.

More than 20,000 entries were received this year, of which 17,144 remained valid. The creation of this Entry List for the 57th GRAMMY Awards included:

- 1,770 Academy members and 417 record labels and/or media companies who made entries
- 17 full-time employees and five (5) temporary employees who processed the entries over 15 weeks
- 290 volunteer genre experts from all over the country who convened during the last two weeks of September to help screen the entries into their appropriate categories.

Nominations for the 57th GRAMMY Awards will be announced the first week of December. Final ballots will go out on Dec. 17, 2014, and will be due to Deloitte on Jan. 16, 2015, 5 p.m. PT. After the final tabulation of votes, winners' names will remain confidential in sealed envelopes until the 57th Annual GRAMMY Awards. The music industry's premier event will take place live on **Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015**, 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)**.

For the upcoming 57th GRAMMY Awards, the eligibility period is Oct. 1, 2013, through Sept. 30, 2014, and includes 83 Categories in 30 Fields. For a complete list of Categories, click [here](#). Changes to this year's GRAMMY Awards process were announced earlier this year, and details can be found at: [www.grammy.org/recording-academy/57th-announcement](http://www.grammy.org/recording-academy/57th-announcement).

For more information and an infographic on the GRAMMY Awards voting process, please click [here](#).

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 indelible part of our culture. For more information about The Academy, please visit [www.grammy.com](http://www.grammy.com). For breaking news and exclusive content, follow @TheGRAMMYS on [Twitter](#), like "The GRAMMYS" on [Facebook](#), and join The GRAMMYS' social communities on [Foursquare](#), [GetGlue](#), [Google +](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), [Tumblr](#), and [YouTube](#).

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