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LL COOL J RETURNS TO HOST THE 58TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS[®]

*Two-Time GRAMMY[®] Winner Hosts Music's Biggest Night[®] For The Fifth Time
Live On CBS Feb. 15, 2016*

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Dec 16, 2015) — Entertainment icon and two-time GRAMMY[®] winner **LL COOL J** is set to return as host of the **58th Annual GRAMMY Awards[®]**, marking his fifth consecutive year as master of ceremonies. Taking place at **STAPLES Center** in Los Angeles, Music's Biggest Night[®] will be broadcast live in high-definition TV and 5.1 surround sound on the **CBS Television Network, Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, from 8–11:30 p.m. (ET/PT)**.

"We are delighted to welcome back the very talented LL COOL J as our host for the 58th GRAMMYs[®]," said Recording Academy President/CEO Neil Portnow. "His unique expertise, both as a GRAMMY-winning recording artist and accomplished actor, allows him to connect with both his musical peers and the fans at home, and his dynamic personality and charismatic energy set the perfect tone for our show."

"The performances and moments that take place on the GRAMMY stage are awesome in so many ways for the audience and artists alike," said LL COOL J. "I'm honored once again to host Music's Biggest Night as we celebrate the talented music creators of today. It's going to be an incredible night and I'm excited to share this experience with the world."

The 58th 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 Ehrlich are the writers.

About The Recording Academy

Established in 1957, The Recording Academy is an organization of musicians, songwriters, producers, engineers, and recording professionals 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. For breaking news and exclusive content, follow @TheGRAMMYs on [Twitter](#), "like" The GRAMMYs on [Facebook](#) and join the GRAMMYs social communities on [Google+](#), [Instagram](#), [Tumblr](#), and [YouTube](#).

About LL COOL J

LL COOL J is an entertainment icon who has found great success crossing into multiple mediums. A two-time GRAMMY winner, recording artist, talented actor, author, NAACP Image Award winner, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, LL continues to display his wide range of talents with every project. First introduced to the world in 1984 as a Def Jam Records flagship artist, LL is the first rap artist to amass 10 consecutive platinum-plus-selling albums. LL will receive a star on the legendary Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2016 for his achievement in music. The multiplatinum artist and two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominee is currently tied for third place for most *Billboard* album chart debuts by a rapper. As an actor, LL COOL J has successfully transitioned to one of the consistently highest rated shows on television. He currently stars in the CBS hit primetime drama series "NCIS: Los Angeles," and his performance on the show garnered him a NAACP Image Award four years in a row for his role as Special Agent Sam Hanna. LL can currently be seen hosting and producing the new hit show "Lip Sync Battle" on Spike TV, which will return for season two in January 2016. A dynamic host, LL has presided over 10 GRAMMY shows, tributes and specials, and served

as a producer for "The GRAMMY Nominations Concert Live!! — Countdown To Music's Biggest Night" and "A Very GRAMMY Christmas."

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