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THE RECORDING ACADEMY® TO CELEBRATE 60TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS® AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN IN NEW YORK CITY

*Spike Lee Pays Tribute To New York Music Scene, Welcomes Music's Biggest Night® To NYC
With "NY Stories" Short Film*

NEW YORK (May 9, 2017) — In celebration of the GRAMMY Awards® 60th anniversary, The Recording Academy®, in close collaboration with the Mayor's Office of New York City, Madison Square Garden and CBS Corporation, are pleased to announce that Music's Biggest Night® will take place at New York City's Madison Square Garden on **Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018**.

"While we're best known for Music's Biggest Night, we serve the music community year-round, and a large part of that community is alive and thriving in New York City and on the East Coast," said Recording Academy President/CEO Neil Portnow. "As a native New Yorker and lifelong supporter of the city's vibrant arts scene, I couldn't be more excited to return in 2018 and celebrate 60 years of honoring the best of the best in recorded sound in the world-class venue that is Madison Square Garden."

Madison Square Garden played host to the GRAMMY Awards last in 2003, when the Recording Academy celebrated its 45th anniversary. The GRAMMY Awards have been in Los Angeles at STAPLES Center for the past 14 years.

"Madison Square Garden is extremely honored to host the 60th anniversary of the GRAMMY Awards when they return to The Garden for the third time in their history," said James L. Dolan, executive chairman, The Madison Square Garden Company. "MSG has been the site of many of the most legendary and enduring moments in music history — and we think the 2018 GRAMMYS® will be a perfect addition to that great legacy. We are thankful to Mayor de Blasio and all of those who worked so hard to make this return possible."

To announce the show's return to New York, The Recording Academy worked with creative agency TBWA\Chiat\Day and director Spike Lee on a star-studded film, titled "NY Stories," featuring New York artists sharing New York musical stories. The film takes viewers on a musical tour of the city, from the Apollo Theater in Harlem to Jay Z's Marcy Projects in Bedford-Stuyvesant, to all the neighborhoods and musical landmarks in between.

"I'm honored to be a part of this homage to the city I love, that is welcoming the 60th anniversary of the GRAMMYS into its big warm arms," said director Spike Lee.

To view the complete film, please visit https://youtu.be/6cGh_8wuL1U.

Mayor Bill de Blasio and his office have worked tirelessly to have the show return to New York City. The GRAMMY Awards are estimated to bring \$200 million in economic benefit to the city.

"It is incredibly exciting that Music's Biggest Night will return to the world's greatest city," said New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio. "Playing host to the music industry's marquee awards show is a unique

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creative, artistic and economic boon to the rich cultural fabric of our city. We welcome the GRAMMY Awards back to New York City with open arms and we look forward to continuing to partner with a music industry that supports access and empowerment in the arts."

The 60th Annual GRAMMY Awards New York Host Committee includes the Mayor's Office of Media & Entertainment; Accenture; adidas; NYC & Company; NY is Music; Local One, IATSE; the Partnership for New York City; Related Companies; the Rudin family and Town Residential.

"It is very exciting that Music's Biggest Night will be hosted by the country's most iconic city from historic Madison Square Garden, and broadcast on America's most watched network," said Leslie Moonves, Chairman and CEO, CBS Corporation. "We greatly appreciate all the efforts of Mayor de Blasio, Jim Dolan and Neil Portnow to make this moment happen, and help us create an event that promises to be one of the biggest television broadcasts of this or any other year."

The telecast will be broadcast live on both coasts at a new time, 7:30–11 p.m. ET /4:30–8 p.m. PT on the CBS Television Network. The 60th Annual GRAMMY Awards marks the 46th consecutive year that CBS has broadcast the show, and the network has a commitment in place to host it through 2026.

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The Recording Academy represents the voices of performers, songwriters, producers, engineers, and all music professionals. Dedicated to ensuring the recording arts remain a thriving part of our shared cultural heritage, The Academy honors music's history while investing in its future through the GRAMMY Museum®, advocates on behalf of music creators, supports music people in times of need through MusiCares®, and celebrates artistic excellence through the GRAMMY Awards — music's only peer-recognized accolade and highest achievement. As the world's leading society of music professionals, we work year-round to foster a more inspiring world for creators.

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