



## **RECORDING ACADEMY® AND UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SHARES ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW MINI GLOBAL CLIMATE CONCERTS**

### **GRAMMY®-WINNING ARTISTS ANGÉLIQUE KIDJO AND JP SAXE PERFORM INTIMATE RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW CONCERT AT THE RECORDING ACADEMY NEW YORK OFFICE TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE**

**NEW YORK (SEPT. 19, 2023)** – The **Recording Academy®**, the official Music Partner of **Right Here, Right Now Music**, with the support of **United Nations Human Rights**, plan for international **Right Here, Right Now Mini Global Climate Concerts** that aim to promote climate justice and rights-based climate action.

The announcement was made during a private industry event held at the Recording Academy New York Office to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with United Nations Human Rights representatives in NYC. Five-time GRAMMY® winner **Angélique Kidjo** and GRAMMY-nominated artist **JP Saxe** performed an intimate concert and Recording Academy and UN Human Rights representatives also presented alarming new facts about the escalating human rights crisis caused by climate change.

“We are immensely proud to have celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in our Recording Academy New York office and I’m thrilled to continue our impactful partnership with the United Nations,” said Harvey Mason jr., CEO of the Recording Academy. “I look forward to working alongside UN Human Rights to showcase how the power of music can raise awareness and help promote change surrounding human rights issues around the world.”

The Recording Academy is working to harness the power of music to promote social justice around the world through several global initiatives supported by United Nations Human Rights. The multifaceted Right Here, Right Now Music initiative is designed to engage major artists to use their talents and unique platform to elevate awareness of climate justice. The first international activation, the Right Here, Right Now Mini Global Climate Concert series, will launch on Dec. 9 with a concert at the Atlantis in Dubai during COP28, the United Nations’ annual global climate change conference.

The concert series aims to bring together some of the most popular arena acts to perform in small iconic concert venues around the globe while shining a light on climate issues such as floods, droughts, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, tsunamis, clean water, ocean acidity, deforestation, as well as food insecurity, mental health, and more. Other cities being considered for Right Here, Right Now Mini Global Climate Concerts in 2024 include Berlin, London, Kigali, Seoul, and Rio de Janeiro. **Wesley Schultz** of the two-time GRAMMY-nominated band **the Lumineers** and six-time GRAMMY-nominated British singer-songwriter **YOLA** performed at the first U.S. concert held earlier this year in Boulder, Colorado.

Proceeds from Right Here, Right Now Mini Global Climate Concerts will go to United Nations Human Rights climate justice initiatives and **MusiCares®**, the leading music charity providing music professionals health and



human services across a spectrum of needs. The **Right Here, Right Now MusiCares Fund** was established this year to focus relief efforts for music communities impacted by climate crisis.

“The United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights document was created after the upheaval of WWII to outline individual human rights for everyone. As we celebrate its 75th anniversary, we are proud to use it as the foundation to bring world attention to the human rights implications resulting from climate change, as the poor and marginalized continue to bear the brunt of it. Through our upcoming Right Here, Right Now Mini Global Climate Concerts, we seek to reframe the climate crisis as the fundamental human rights crisis that it is and thank the Recording Academy and UN Human Rights for being such dedicated partners in this worldwide effort,” said **David Clark**, founder and CEO of Right Here, Right Now Global Climate Alliance, parent organization of Right Here, Right Now Music.

Since its unveiling at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, Right Here, Right Now Global Climate Alliance has emerged as the largest public-private partnership addressing climate change as a human rights issue, assembling human rights experts, scientists, corporate leaders, NGOs, academics, advocates, and people around the globe in the fight for rights-based climate action to preserve our common future. Major artists and celebrities have lent their voices in support of the alliance and United Nations Human Rights, including **Jack Black, Jeff Bridges, Camila Cabello, Cher, Dead & Company, Ellen DeGeneres, Leonardo DiCaprio, Celine Dion, Michael Franti, Quincy Jones, Kesha, Cyndi Lauper, Annie Lennox, LL Cool J, the Lumineers, Edward Norton, Pitbull, Joss Stone, Bob Weir, and Yola**, to name a few. Right Here, Right Now celebrity social media campaigns to date have collectively reached nearly a billion followers with messages about climate justice.

Photos from this event are available for editorial use [here](#).

## **ABOUT THE RECORDING ACADEMY**

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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## **ABOUT RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW GLOBAL CLIMATE ALLIANCE**

Right Here, Right Now Global Climate Alliance (Right Here, Right Now) is the world's largest public-private partnership developed by David Clark Cause with global partner UN Human Rights to address climate change as a human rights crisis. The Right Here, Right Now Global Climate Alliance is engaging governments,



policymakers, NGOs, businesses, academics, scientists, technologists, entrepreneurs, influencers, and more to foster inclusive and action-oriented dialogue to protect human rights and the environment.

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