



**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT FOR DEC. 21\*\*\***

## **THE GRAMMY FOUNDATION® AND MUSICARES® ANNOUNCE THIRD ANNUAL EXCLUSIVE VIP EXPERIENCE-ONLY ONLINE AUCTION**

*Auction Offers Incredible Range Of Celebrity, Entertainment And Business VIP Experiences  
To Benefit The GRAMMY Foundation And MusiCares*

**WHO:** *GRAMMY Foundation® and MusiCares®*

**WHAT:** The GRAMMY® Charity Online Auctions' third annual celebrity, entertainment and business VIP Experiences online auction featuring more than 30 lots. All proceeds raised through this special auction will benefit programs and services of the GRAMMY Foundation and MusiCares.

**WHEN:** The auction runs **now** through **Jan. 7, 2016**

**WHERE:** [www.charitybuzz.com/support/grammy](http://www.charitybuzz.com/support/grammy)

**Featured VIP celebrity, entertainment and business experiences include:**

- **VIP Concert and Meet & Greet Experiences** with: **Mindi Abair**, **Carly Rae Jepsen**, **Nils Lofgren** (E Street Band), **Ziggy Marley**, and more
- Various **studio sessions** with **Ed Cherney** (Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan); **Joe Fitz** (B.o.B, *Furious 7* soundtrack); GRAMMY Award®-winning producer **Rodney "Darkchild" Jerkins**; **Harry Maslin** (David Bowie, Michael Jackson); **Tyler Stone** (Aether, Colorful Karma)
- An **"Eat and Greet" VIP Experience** with the **Zac Brown Band**
- **One-on-one interview** with international superstar **Yoshiki** (X Japan) following X Japan World Tour show at **SSE Arena, Wembley**
- **Songwriting sessions** with **John Driskell Hopkins** (Zac Brown Band), and **Sue Ennis** (Heart)
- **NASCAR ride-along experience** with driver **Julia Landauer**
- **One-on-one mentoring sessions** with **Evan "Kidd" Bogart**, **Portia Sabin**, **Michele Vice-Maslin**, **Chris Walden**
- **Abbey Road Studios Experience** with the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** and GRAMMY Award winner **Christopher Tin**
- **Executive business experiences** with **Jack Conte** (YouTube star, Pomplamoose), **Gabe McDonough**, **Mike Mowery** (Outerloop Management), **Rachel Stilwell**

- **Paramount Theatre Experiences** featuring **Anderson Cooper** (CNN) with **Andy Cohen** (BRAVO), and **Joe Satriani**
- **58th GRAMMY® seat filler experience**
- **2016 MusiCares Person of the Year honoring Lionel Richie VIP Experience** with rehearsals

**WHY:**

Proceeds from **GRAMMY Charity Online Auctions** provide essential support for the GRAMMY Foundation and MusiCares. Under the banner of **GRAMMY in the Schools®**, the GRAMMY Foundation produces a range of distinct education programs — across the country throughout the year — that serve high school students and their schools, including **GRAMMY Camp®**, **GRAMMY Career Day**, **GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session**, and **GRAMMY Signature Schools**. The GRAMMY Foundation also offers preservation and advancement initiatives, fosters dialogue about compelling issues facing the music industry, supports projects that increase the understanding of music and its role in society, and raises public awareness about the urgent need to preserve our nation's recorded sound legacy. These programs include the **Entertainment Law Initiative®**, the **Grant Program** with funding generously provided by The Recording Academy®, the **GRAMMY Living Histories** program, and the **GRAMMY Foundation Legacy Concert** (formerly the Music Preservation Project).

MusiCares ensures that music people have a place to turn in times of financial, medical and personal need by providing programs and services, including **emergency financial assistance**, **educational workshops**, and **flu shots, hearing tests**, and **medical/dental screenings**. The **MusiCares MAP Fund®** allows access to addiction recovery treatment and sober living resources for members of the music community. **Safe Harbor Rooms**, **weekly addiction support groups** and the **MusiCares Sober Touring Network** provide ongoing recovery support.

The GRAMMY Foundation was established in 1988 to cultivate the understanding, appreciation and advancement of the contribution of recorded music to American culture. The Foundation accomplishes this mission through programs and activities that engage the music industry and cultural community as well as the general public. The Foundation works in partnership year-round with its founder, The Recording Academy, to bring national attention to important issues such as the value and impact of music and arts education and the urgency of preserving our rich cultural heritage. In recognition of the significant role of teachers in shaping their students' musical experiences, The Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation partnered to present their first Music Educator Award in 2014. Open to current U.S. music teachers in kindergarten through college, the Music Educator Award recipient will be recognized during GRAMMY Week 2016. For more information about the Music Educator Award, please visit **GRAMMYMusicTeacher.com**. For more information about the Foundation, please visit **www.grammyfoundation.org**. For breaking news and exclusive content, please like "GRAMMY in the Schools®" on **Facebook**, follow the GRAMMY Foundation on **Twitter** (@GRAMMYFdn) and join us on **Instagram** (@GRAMMYFdn),

Established in 1989 by The Recording Academy, MusiCares provides a safety net of critical assistance for music people in times of need. MusiCares' services and resources cover a wide range of financial, medical and personal emergencies, and each case is treated with integrity and confidentiality. MusiCares also focuses the resources and attention of the music industry on human service issues that directly impact the health and welfare of the music community. For more information, please visit **www.musicares.org**. For breaking news and exclusive content, please like "MusiCares" on Facebook at **www.facebook.com/musicares**, follow MusiCares on Twitter @MusiCares at **www.twitter.com/musicares**, and join us on Instagram at **www.instagram.com/musicares**.

**About Charitybuzz**

Charitybuzz raises funds for non-profits around the globe through online auctions with the world's most recognizable celebrities and brands. Featuring access to acclaimed actors and musicians, business and political leaders, sports stars, luxury travel, couture fashion, rare memorabilia and more. Charitybuzz brings its online community of bidders exclusive opportunities to live their dreams and make a difference. Since launching, Charitybuzz has raised more than \$150 million

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