



**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT FOR APR. 21, 2015\*\***

GRAMMY FOUNDATION®

## **GRAMMY® JAZZ 23 NOW AVAILABLE AT SELECT ONLINE RETAILERS**

**WHO:** **Thirty of the nation's best high school singers and musicians**, representing **29 cities** and **12 states** from **across the United States**, who participated in the 2015 **GRAMMY Camp® —Jazz Session program**.

**WHAT:** Release of the album **GRAMMY® Jazz 23**, celebrating **Jazz Appreciation Month**.

For the last 23 years the **GRAMMY Foundation®** has provided top high school singers and musicians with a free trip to the host city of the annual GRAMMY Awards® to perform and record during GRAMMY Week as part of its **GRAMMY Camp® — Jazz Session program**. The all-star performances on *GRAMMY Jazz 23* represent just one of the many activities the students were involved in during their stay in Los Angeles in 2015, including performances at a wide range of official GRAMMY Week events. Thanks to the generosity of Capitol Recording Studios, the students were able to record at their legendary location in Hollywood, Calif., from Feb. 5-7. The album is the result of just one day of tracking for the GRAMMY choir, GRAMMY combo and GRAMMY band.

The album was produced by GRAMMY Foundation Executive Education Director **David R. Sears**, recorded by **Steve Genewick**, mixed by 20-time GRAMMY winner and engineering legend **Al Schmitt**, and mastered by multi-GRAMMY winner **Bernie Grundman**. The GRAMMY Choir and GRAMMY Combo are directed by **Dr. Ron McCurdy** of the USC Thornton School of Music. The GRAMMY Band is directed by **Justin DiCioccio** of the Manhattan School of Music.

**WHEN:** **April 21, 2015**

**WHERE:** The album will be available at select online retailers, including [iTunes](#), [Amazon](#), [Rhapsody](#), [Spotify](#), [Google Play](#), [Gracenote](#), [Shazam](#), and [Xbox Music](#). **GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session albums** from 2007–2014 **are available for purchase** at these online music outlets as well.

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 GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy partnered to present their first Music Educator Award™ in 2014. Open to current U.S. music teachers in kindergarten through college, the third annual Music Educator Award will be given out during GRAMMY Week 2016. For more information about our music education programs, please visit [www.grammyintheschools.com](http://www.grammyintheschools.com). For breaking news and exclusive content, please "like" GRAMMY in the Schools on [Facebook](#), follow @GRAMMYFdn on [Twitter](#) and join @GRAMMYFdn on [Instagram](#).

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